



January, 2024

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Dear Families,

Happy New Year! January is a month of restarting and goal setting. We use this time to formally check-in with all our students academically and social-emotionally. We use this data collected to help individualize our instruction to best support all our learners.

Calling all families with incoming kindergarten children for the 24-25 school year! Colina's showcase night is January 30th from 5:30-6:30. The purpose is to give families information about our dynamic program we have here at Colina. You will also meet our kindergarten teachers, Kids Club Coordinator and hear from current kindergarten parents. Please share this information with anyone you know who will have incoming kindergarteners next year. We are so proud of all we have to offer at Colina! RSVP today <https://forms.gle/cGDvPUjhT9JLEyJW9>

WE NEED YOU! Our PTO is looking for new members to serve on our PTO board next year 24-25. This is a great way to give back to our amazing school. If you are interested or have any questions, please reach out to our current president Allie O'Rourke at colinapto@outlook.com OR kyrenedelacolinapto@gmail.com.

Please consider making a tax credit donation to our school. Arizona statute allows individuals/couples to claim up to \$200/\$400 for a dollar-to-dollar tax credit. The deadline for tax credit contributions each year is **April 15** of the following year. Your tax credit contribution helps students attend extracurricular activities like athletics; art and music programs; character education; and field trips. **Examples of extracurricular enhanced learning include:** lessons that come alive with author visits, experiences that demonstrate future career possibilities, programs that teach manners, work ethic and good citizenship, and inspiring educational field trips. [Donate Online Now](#)

I hope you all have a great January enjoying the cooler weather! Let's root for each other and watch each other grow!

Academically yours,
Emily Pieper, Kyrene de la Colina
Proud Principal



Important Dates:

January 19: Spring Pictures and 5th grade photo
January 20: Play Day 8AM - 12PM at Centennial Middle School
January 30: Kindergarten Orientation 2024-2025 School Year
January 30: 2nd Grade Field Trip - Tom Chapin concert
February 9: Family Dance
February 19: President's Day - **NO SCHOOL**
February 26 - March 1: Book Fair
March 11-22: Spring Break

[View Full Calendar](#)



The annual Kyrene School Quality Survey for Families opened Wednesday, January 10th. Your voice is critical to your children's education, the future of Kyrene School District, and Kyrene de la Colina. That's why we need to hear from you! Share feedback on academic preparation, student support, safety and behavior, family involvement, and school leadership in Kyrene. The results will inform targeted action plans to make sure our schools are places where every student can thrive. Parents should check their email for an invitation on January 10th, or visit www.kyrene.org/parentsqs to take the survey. The survey is offered in English and Spanish. All responses are strictly confidential.

Do you have a Kindergartener starting 2024-2025? Join us on January 30th from 5:30-6:30PM to learn more about our Kinder program. RSVP using the QR code below or this link <http://tinyurl.com/3pnm4aex>

KYRENE DE LA COLINA

Kindergarten Orientation

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Our Coyotes Howl with Character

- ENGLISH
- MATH
- TECHNOLOGY
- MUSIC
- PE
- ART

January
30th

RSVP NOW

[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/3PNM4AEX](http://tinyurl.com/3PNM4AEX)



5:30-6:30 PM
13612 S 36th St
Phoenix, AZ 85044

Important Community Education Enrollment Changes:

Planning for the 2024-25 school year is already underway, and we want to make you aware of changes to enrollment for Community Education. Beginning this year, all Community Education programming (including Kids Club, After Hours, and Community and Signature Preschool) will open registration on the same day that general enrollment begins: **January 9!**

Another change this year will ensure all Kyrene families have an equal opportunity to register for before and after school programming, which can fill up quickly. **In fairness to families who have been waitlisted in past years, there will be no pre-registration option for currently enrolled students this year.** Registration for Kids Club and After Hours for the 2024-25 school year will open for all students on **January 9 at 6:30 a.m.** in the [Community Ed registration portal](#).

Families enrolling students in Community or Signature Preschool programs will also register through the Community Ed registration portal on January 9. If you are registering a child for Integrated Preschool or looking to change Kyrene schools, that can be done through the Kyrene general enrollment portal. Please note that Summer 2024 program registration will open March 4, 2024.

Tax Credits - It's a Win-Win! Our learning is enhanced thanks to you!

Your tax credit donations help provide some of the following: Colina Spirit T-shirts, Field Trips, our Proud Principal lunches, Health Office supplies, and more.

These programs help develop well-rounded students, who in turn, build strong communities. Arizona statute allows individuals/couples to donate \$200/\$400 for a dollar-to-dollar tax credit.

The deadline for tax credit donations is April 15, 2024. You can donate online through our [Payment Portal](#). Thank you for your continued support!



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Parent Reminders

Important: Sign up for Text Messages

In the event of an emergency, text messages are the fastest and most effective way to communicate information to families. You must opt in to receive text communications! Text "Y" or "yes" to 67587 to begin receiving text messages from our school and the Kyrene School District.

[School Website](#)





Watch D.O.G.S. is an innovative, father-involvement, educational initiative of the National Center for Fathering. Their goals are to provide positive male role models for students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important and to provide an extra *set of eyes and ears to enhance school security* and reduce bullying. It's an amazing program and students are so excited when WatchDOGS are on campus!

If you're interested in being a WatchDOG, please use the following link to sign up:

<https://calendly.com/colinawatchdogs>

As a reminder, volunteers who are not the parent or guardian will need to go through a fingerprint clearance process prior to volunteering. Please contact the Colina office for more information.

Lunch Information



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Kyrene will continue the meal service model of offering free and paid breakfast and lunch. In order to determine if your student qualifies for free meals, we ask that all families complete the free and reduced meal application located at family.titank12.com. To begin your application click here. Additionally, Kyrene meal prices will remain the same as the 2022-2023 school year. Regular meal prices: Lunch-\$3.00; Breakfast-\$1.70

Lunch menus can be found [here](#).

Student Messages & Deliveries

In an attempt to preserve instructional time, messages and deliveries for students will be held in the office and an email will be sent alerting the teacher that it is there. Teachers will send the student down during a break in instruction. **If you have a change in transportation for your child, please send a note ahead of time with your child or, for last minute changes, contact the Colina office PRIOR to 1:45 pm.**

Bus Information:

Families can log into [Versatrans](#) to check their child's bus stop. You will need your student's ID number and birth date.

As a reminder, kindergartners will not be released from the bus without a parent or guardian to pick them up.



In an effort to increase efficiency, we made the following changes effective January 10, 2024 to our bus routes. A noticeable difference is the discontinuance of RED bus. All RED bus students need to board the PURPLE bus in the morning and afternoon. In addition to that the following stops have changed:

Arrival:

6:39 am	STOP (1)	300' MORMON CHURCH P/L
6:41 am	STOP (2)	S 47TH ST @ E GOLDFINCH GATE LN
6:50 am	STOP (3)	4727 E WARNER RD VISTA SURENO APT
6:52 am	STOP (4)	E KNOX AT ROCKLEDGE - NORTH SIDE - WE
7:00 am	DEST (5)	CMS/COLINA BUS BAY

Route Last Updated: 1/9/2024

Dismissal:

2:23 pm	STOP (2)	300' MORMON CHURCH P/L
2:25 pm	STOP (3)	S 47TH ST @ E GOLDFINCH GATE LN
2:30 pm	STOP (4)	4727 E WARNER RD VISTA SURENO APT
2:33 pm	STOP (5)	E KNOX AT ROCKLEDGE - NORTH SIDE - V

Wednesday EARLY RELEASE is two hours earlier for PM Drop Off times.

Student Attendance

Regular attendance and punctual arrival at school are two habits that can positively impact student learning. Parents/guardians are urged to make every possible attempt to schedule doctor, dentist, and other appointments for students outside of the school day whenever possible. This will reinforce the importance of school and allow students to participate in all aspects of the school curriculum.

It is very important that the school be notified before 8:15 am, at the latest, if a child is going to be absent. Please call our 24-hour attendance line at (480) 541-2601 to report an absence. If the school has not been contacted by 8:15 our automated phone system will call all numbers on file to determine the reason for the absence. Absences will be excused for illness, medical or family emergencies, and appointments that cannot be scheduled after school hours. Please support your child by arriving to school on time every day.

Birthday Celebration Reminder

Colina School will be following the Kyrene School District guidelines on celebrating birthdays in school. Parents/guardians are not permitted to bring cupcakes, treats, cookies, balloons, or flowers to school. With prior approval of the classroom teacher, parents may share non-edible items such as pencils or stickers for a student's birthday. Each student has his/her name announced on their birthday as recognition of their special day!



Colina Spirit Wear:

Colina has a new Spirit Wear store on-line! This store is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year! With over 100 items to choose from, there is no doubt that you will find the perfect item for your student(s). The best part is that the items are shipped directly to your home! To visit the store, click [here](#).

Contact the PTO:

The PTO always loves to hear from our parents. Please e-mail any questions, concerns, comments, or ideas to us at: colinapto@outlook.com. You can also find us on Facebook and Instagram!



Don't forget to register your Fry's card at www.fryscommunityrewards.com. Our organization number is **VE181**.

This is an easy and FREE way to earn money for our PTO, which in turn funds great activities for our kids, supplies our library with books, and supports the learning goals Colina has for our children. Please connect your card TODAY! It's easy and it's FREE!

Contact Us

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13612 S. 36th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85044

Phone: 480-541-2600

Fax: 480-541-2610

Attendance: 480-541-2601

School Hours: 7:25 am – 2:15 pm
Early Release Wednesdays: 12:15

Office Hours: 7:00 – 3:30 pm