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Family Update Volume 18

Dear Families,

This week I started off in Flagstaff touring another school as an A+ judge. It is always so beneficial to tour schools and learn from other educators, but hard to be away from Colina for two days. Luckily we have an amazing team of support to help while I was away and the campus didn't skip a beat!

This week your children learned about the inspiring work of Martin Luther King Jr. and found ways to do the right thing. As Martin Luther King, Jr. said it best, "The time is always right to do what is right." We work tirelessly to instill this in our Colina students as we model the 4 Bs daily. Today, over the announcements our Student Council members challenged students to honor Dr. King's work by volunteering to help someone over the weekend. Please share photos if you do!

Next week we do not have school Monday, early release on Wednesday, district spelling bee cheering on our spelling bee alternate, Ryan Buzan in 5th grade, spring pictures and 5th grade picture on Friday and the Kyrene Kids Club Play Day! What a week ahead! [School Pics Flier](#)

Our Colina PTO is looking for interest in 2024-2025 board members! Please email the Colina PTO at colinapto@gmail.com if you are interested.

Important Information and Reminders:

- **Kindergarten Orientation** to all new Kinder families will be held at Colina in our library on January 30th from 5:30-6:30. Please RSVP here to attend! <https://forms.gle/8CuHHauSKeW6cJQ38>
- **Kids Club Enrollment is here!** Enroll on our website for next year's Kid's Club spot! Contact Mona with any questions you may have zyahyaei@kyrene.org
- **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.
- **Ready for a day of play?** Please join us on Saturday, January 20, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Kyrene Centennial Middle School for Kyrene Community Education's signature PlayDay event. The lineup includes over

40 booths, activities, food trucks and musical performances to keep the entire family entertained. More information can be found at <https://www.kyrene.org/playday>.

- **Camp Opportunity for Students with Special Needs-** Camp Tatiyee is a Special Needs camp located in the White Mountains of Arizona. They provide a FREE week long overnight summer camp experience for school aged individuals (7-21) with Learning Disabilities, Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Visual impairments, Intellectual disabilities, and Orthopedic disabilities. They offer archery, science, music, art, go karts, etc. as well as a themed week full of night activities including a dance on the last night. Camp Tatiyee's mission is to enrich the lives of individuals with special needs by providing a life changing summer camp experience that promotes emotional health, independence, self-esteem, and confidence, entirely free of charge. Registration is currently open for Summer 2024.
- **Related Services Providers Open House-** Kyrene Related Service Providers will be hosting informational sessions for families to understand the services they provide. Related Service Providers in attendance will include a Speech Language Pathologist (SLP), Occupational Therapist (OT), Assistive Technology (AT) Specialist, Physical Therapist, and Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ACC) Specialist.
 - January 18, 2023
 - 5:30-7:00 pm
 - Waggoner Elementary School
 - [Register Here](#) by January 18, 2024

Upcoming Important Dates:

- January 30th- 2nd Grade Field Trip and Kindergarten Orientation 5:30-6:30pm
- February 2nd- Spirit Day- Dress like your teacher day!
- February 9th- Family Dance
- February 19th- President's Day No school
- February 26th- March 1st- Spring Book Fair
- March 4th-8th- Read Across America Week
- March 8th- Field Day and Lunch on the Lawn

Academically yours,

Emily Pieper, Principal

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