



March 1, 2024

Family Update Volume 25

Dear Families,

Thank you for attending parent/teacher conferences, visiting our book fair and celebrating your child's progress and growth this year. Thank you to our amazing PTO for providing dinner to our teachers on Wednesday and to all the families who were able to donate snacks for staff on Thursday. We value your partnership and appreciate all you do to make sure Colina staff and students are supported!

Next week is our final week of the quarter and is filled with events! Throughout the week, we will be ending Watch DOGS volunteering for the year with Mr. Palmer, Mr. Sparks, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Wilkinson. We will no longer have Watch DOGS volunteers for the remainder of the school year due to state testing and end of year testing. We had an amazing year with our Watch DOGS volunteers and appreciate all your hard work!

We are kicking off the week with Read Across America M-F, CHEER Assemblies to celebrate student success on Monday and Proud Principal lunch on Tuesday. See below for the Read Across America spirit day schedule:

- Monday- Hats Off to Reading- Wear your favorite hat
- Tuesday- Where's Waldo- Wear stripes or dress like Waldo
- Wednesday- Wacky Day- Wear your wackiest clothes and hairstyles
- Thursday- Jammin' with a Good Book- Wear your pajamas
- Friday- Reading Helps You Grow- Wear your Colina shirt or school colors

On Friday, we will have our annual Field Day. Please see the message below for more information. You can sign up to volunteer at an activity station at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A45A4AC28A31-48020579-colina> You can contact Dave Moser at phone number (480) 541-2677 or via email at dmoser@kyrene.org if you have any questions or concerns about this event. Parents that are volunteering should bring a photo ID as you will need it to sign-in and enter the campus through the front office. Parents who are coming to watch the event and not help as a volunteer can sign-in with their photo ID at the north gate.

[Colina field day newsletter 2024.pdf](#)

Also on Friday, we are hosting our first ever, Lunch on the Lawn! Bring your own lunch or buy a school lunch (pizza), enjoy great weather and quality time with your child! **RSVP by TODAY, March 1st** to secure your spot on the lawn. You are welcome to bring blankets, chairs or sit at one of our outdoor table during your child's lunch time. Make sure to bring your ID and check in at

the North Gate. If buying a school lunch, you must bring exact change (Adult \$3.90, Child \$3.00) RSVP: <https://forms.gle/p1Qa5em4KhsTF2JB9>

Lunch Times:

2nd and 3rd Grade: 10:10-10:50 (Special Musical Performance)

Kinder and 4th Grade: 10:50-11:25

1st and 5th Grade: 11:30-12:05

[Lunch on the Lawn Flier.pdf](#)

Important Information and Reminders:

- **PTO Members Wanted!** Our Colina PTO is looking for interest in 2024-2025 board members! Please email the Colina PTO at kyrenedelacolinapto@gmail.com if you are interested.
- **Community Education Summer Programs Open March 4!** Looking for a summer of FUN? Kyrene Community Education provides high-quality opportunities for students to continue learning and exploring after the school year ends. PreK-5 students can take part in Summer Academy, which includes courses in Minecraft, STEM, arts and more. Students can also participate in Kids Club, Adventure Tours, Sports Camp and Preschool! Learn more online at www.kyrene.org/summeroptions.
- **Transportation FAQs for SY 2023-24** Below you will find the ESS Transportation FAQs, updated for the 2023-24 school year. [ESS Transportation](#)

Upcoming Important Dates:

- March 8-24th- Spring Break
- March 11-15th- Spring Intersession
- March 25th- Teacher Work Day No School for Students
- March 26th- First day of 4th Quarter
- March 28th- Site Council Meeting

Academically yours,

Emily Pieper, Principal

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