



April 5, 2024

Family Update Volume 28

Dear Families,

This week we welcomed a new month and some wonderful weather! 1st grade attended a field trip at the zoo and our 3rd-5th grade students completed their Writing state assessment. We ended this week with crazy hair day and Movie Night starting at 6pm; movie starts at 6:30pm.

Next week we celebrate National Assistant Principal week and want to take time to thank our AP, Ms. Hunter for all she does! Ms. Hunter has been an asset to our team this year by bringing Cheer Assemblies and helping provide a safe, respectful, responsible and kind learning environment. Thank Ms. Hunter as you see her next week! Also, next week we are having our annual Sonic fundraiser from 5-8 where teachers and students will participate in a slushy chugging contest... as the Champion from last year, I wish all contestants the best of luck!!

Our school is preparing for the total solar eclipse that will be occurring during the school day on Monday, April 8. While Arizona is not in the path of the total eclipse, a partial eclipse will be visible, beginning at 10:08 a.m. and peaking at 11:19 a.m. With proper safety precautions, an eclipse is an educational opportunity for our students.

Student safety is our highest priority, and we will be emphasizing proper safety regarding the eclipse with all students. Please make sure that your child is aware that ***it is never safe to stare directly into the sun at any time***, even during an eclipse when the sun is partially covered.

Please do not send your child to school with solar glasses to utilize during the eclipse. We are unable to ensure student safety when we cannot verify the origin and safety standards of glasses brought from home.

As a district, we will follow our regular lunch and recess schedule during this time, but we understand you may want your child to remain indoors or opt out of solar eclipse activities due to safety concerns or for spiritual/cultural reasons. If you would like your child to remain indoors during the time of the eclipse, please contact your child's teacher or call our front office at 480-541-2600. If you decline to have your child view the eclipse, an alternative activity and location will be provided.

Next week, our state testing continues with 3-5 Reading Parts 1 and 2 assessment. Please adhere to the dates below for specific testing dates. Please remember:

- It is important that your child bring his or her own set of headphones to school each day of the scheduled test. These headphones will remain at school for the testing window. Headphones may have a USB or audio

jack to connect to the computer. We will provide headphones to your child if he or she does not wish to use their own set.

- Please make note of these dates and avoid scheduling any appointments, doctors, etc. to ensure your child will be in attendance. Although it is important for your child to be in attendance on all of the dates listed, it is more important that they are well and free of any symptoms that would not allow for them to come to school for the day. Please make sure to call the attendance line at 480-541-2601 and report his or her absence. If this occurs, we will arrange for the make-up day for testing your child. If your child begins the test, then becomes ill or exhibits symptoms that require them to be sent home, they will not be able to complete the portion of the test or retake the test. Again, please do not send your child to school with any symptoms or if they are not feeling well.

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.
- **Kyrene ESS Resource Fair** Join us for a wonderful night enriching experience tailored to families navigating the journey of raising children with disabilities. Kyrene School District's Exceptional Student Services team invites you to our Resource Fair, an opportunity for families to discover local resources and create connections in the community. Click [ESS Family Resource Fair Flier \(1\).pdf](#) for details.
 - **Monday, April 15, 2024**
 - **4:30-6:00 p.m.**
 - **Kyrene Centennial Middle School**

Upcoming Important Dates:

- April 8- 4th Grade ELA Part 1 State Assessment
- April 9- 3rd Grade ELA Part 1 State Assessment
- April 10- 5th Grade Grade ELA Part 2 State Assessment; Sonic Fundraiser 5-8PM
- April 11- 4th Grade ELA Part 2 State Assessment
- April 12- 3rd Grade ELA Part 2 State Assessment, 5th Grade Math Part 1 State Assessment
- April 15- 3rd Grade Math Part 1 State Assessment
- April 16- 4th Grade Math Part 1 State Assessment
- April 17- 5th Grade Math Part 2 State Assessment
- April 18- 3rd Grade Math Part 2 State Assessment, 4th Grade Math Part 2 State Assessment
- April 19- Early Release
- April 20- Feed My Starving Children PTO Event
- April 22-26- State Assessment Make-Up Window

Academically yours,

Emily Pieper, Principal

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