



April 2024

*Inspire. Grow. Achieve.*



Dear Families,

*Perseverance: continued effort to do or achieve something despite possible difficulties or challenges.* Our third, fourth and fifth grade students are demonstrating perseverance right now as they participate in the end of year AASA (Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment) state testing. I am so proud of how the children are taking their time and giving their best effort. It is so important for your children to get plenty of rest and eat a good breakfast. I also suggest limiting screen time in the evening since they will be on a computer during the day when testing. Writing positive notes to your children will also motivate them as they continue to persevere!

This month our PTO will be hosting our final Movie Night on April 5th, Sonic Slushy Contest April 10th and engage in a wonderful volunteering experience with Feed My Starving Children on April 20th. We appreciate your continued support in attending these events and helping our school. Thank you PTO for all you do!

As we get closer to the end of the year, we will begin the process of class placement for next year. If you would like to provide feedback prior to this process beginning, please take a moment to fill out this [environmental form](#). The information you provide helps us to create well-balanced classrooms. Because class placement is a thoughtful process that uses many criteria, we cannot honor specific requests, however, we will use your feedback as we place your children in classrooms for the 24-25 school year. To help us prepare, if you are not returning to Colina next year, please email me or your child's teacher. Thank you so much!

Thank you for your continued support. "Let's root for each other and watch each other grow!"

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

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## Important Dates:



April 19: Early Release Day - Dismissal at 12:15PM  
April 26: 5th Grade Rally at CMS  
April 30: A Day in the Life of a Kindergartener 11:30-12:30PM  
May 3: 4th Grade Field Trip - Ironwood Library  
May 7: PTO Community Meeting at The Vine @ 5:30  
May 9: BizTown - 5th Grade  
May 10: Kindergarten Mother's Day Spa  
May 10: Musical Performance for Kindergarten and 1st Grade 10:30-10:50AM  
May 14: KidsClub Talent Show 4:30-6:00  
May 16: Yearbook Signing Event at Peter Piper Pizza  
May 21: Skateland - 5th Grade Field Trip  
May 22: 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony 1:00-2:00 in MPR  
May 23: 5th Grade Clapout at 12:00PM  
May 23: Last Day for Students

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## Important Testing Dates:

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

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## 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, Health Office supplies, and our Proud Principal Lunches that celebrate our Cool Coyotes.

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!





✦ Field Day ✦  
✦ 2024 ✦





Our 2nd and 3rd grade performance was absolutely precious and brought in the sunshine. Thank you to Ms. Day and our 2nd and 3rd grade teachers for working so hard on this performance.

## Quick links:

[School Website](#)

[Colina PTO](#)

[Breakfast/Lunch Menu](#)

[Calendar](#)

[ParentVUE/StudentVUE](#)

[Bus Information](#)

[Kids Club](#)

## 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.



We would like to thank all of the WatchDOGS who volunteered and spent the day with us here at Colina.

Please watch for information to be sent at the beginning of the 2024/2025 school year for the WatchDOG Kickoff Celebration and the sign up link to volunteer to be a WatchDOG next year.

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!



Join Our Team!  
Open Positions:  
24/25  
District Substitute

**Certified Substitute Teachers**

**Hourly Support Substitutes:**

Instructional Assistant Substitutes

Registrar Substitutes

Health Assistant Substitutes



Scan the QR code for details!



## 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](https://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.



## 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 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: [kyrenedelacolinapto@gmail.com](mailto:kyrenedelacolinapto@gmail.com). You can also find us on Facebook and Instagram!



Don't forget to register your Fry's card at [www.fryscommunityrewards.com](http://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

**Kyrene de la Colina**  
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**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

*A+ School of Excellence<sup>SM</sup>*

