



July 27, 2024

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome Back Bulldog Families!

We hope you had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to another exciting school year. Here's a snapshot of our first week back.

### FIRST WEEK HIGHLIGHTS

**WEB Orientation:** It was heartwarming to see students' smiles as they reunited with their friends and met their 8th grade WEB leaders. It was also inspiring to see our 8th grade WEB leaders mentor and guide our incoming 6th graders.

**Classroom Activities:** Teachers planned engaging activities to help students settle in and get to know each other. And, the administration team held grade level assemblies to share *The Bulldog Way* presentation to students.

**New Students:** A warm welcome to our new students and their families! We're thrilled to have you join our family.

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**School Hours and Attendance:** Please remember that school starts at 8:20 and the gates open at 7:50. It is important that our students are on time and consistently at school. Regular attendance is crucial for your child's success. Please notify the school if your child will be absent. Our 24-hour attendance line is 480-541-6801

**Drop-Off and Pick-Up:** For safety reasons, please follow the designated routes below and be patient during these times and please remember safety first.

**High Expectations for Learning:** In order to maximize student engagement and academic success, students are required to turn off and put cell phones and earbuds away during school hours. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. If you need to reach your child during the school day please call the front office. If your child needs to contact you, they can use the phone in the front office.

**Leadership Planner and Academic Success:** Every student was given a Leadership Planner to use for the first semester. The goal is to teach our students important habits in order to increase their academic success. Please read and sign page 4 of the planner this weekend. The planner is a great way

to start conversations with your students about their classwork and grades. Thank you in advance for your participation in your child's education and we look forward to working with you over the next school year.

We look forward to a fantastic year filled with leadership, teamwork, and high expectations!

Ashley Schutkowski

## PUEBLO UPCOMING EVENTS

### JULY

- 28 First Quarter Sports Tryouts/Practice Begins: Girls Volleyball & Co-Ed Wrestling
- 30 Beginning of Year NWEA Math Testing
- 31 **EARLY RELEASE, 1:05pm**

### AUGUST

- 1 Beginning of Year NWEA Reading Testing  
Theatre Club Meeting, Black Box Theatre, 3:15 - 4:15
- 6 First Quarter PTO Meeting & SITE Council Meeting, Media Center, 3:30
- 7 **EARLY RELEASE, 1:05pm**
- 8 Theatre Club Meeting, Black Box Theatre, 3:15 - 4:15
- 10 Last Day to Register for Co-Ed Wrestling

## SAFE CITY, SAFE SCHOOLS

Kyrene School District is partnering with the Chandler Police Department to spread awareness about two new city ordinances in effect as of June 2024. The new ordinances outlaw unruly gatherings and brass knuckles for people under 18 years old. These laws are proactive measures to prevent violence among teenagers, and our school is helping Chandler spread the word. To read more about the ordinances and other city efforts to address teen violence, visit the [City of Chandler website](#).



## DISTRICT AND SCHOOL TEXT COMMUNICATIONS

Families are encouraged to opt in for our Kyrene School District and school based text message for reminders and notifications. You can sign up to receive text message alerts by **texting "Y" or "yes" to 67587**. This is something that needs to be done every year.



## NWEA TESTING - NEXT WEEK

Next week, our students will be taking their beginning of the year, NWEA Math (Tuesday) and Reading (Thursday) tests. Please have your students bring **WIRED** earbuds or headphones to use during the testing. We appreciate your help with this, as we have very limited for students use here on campus.

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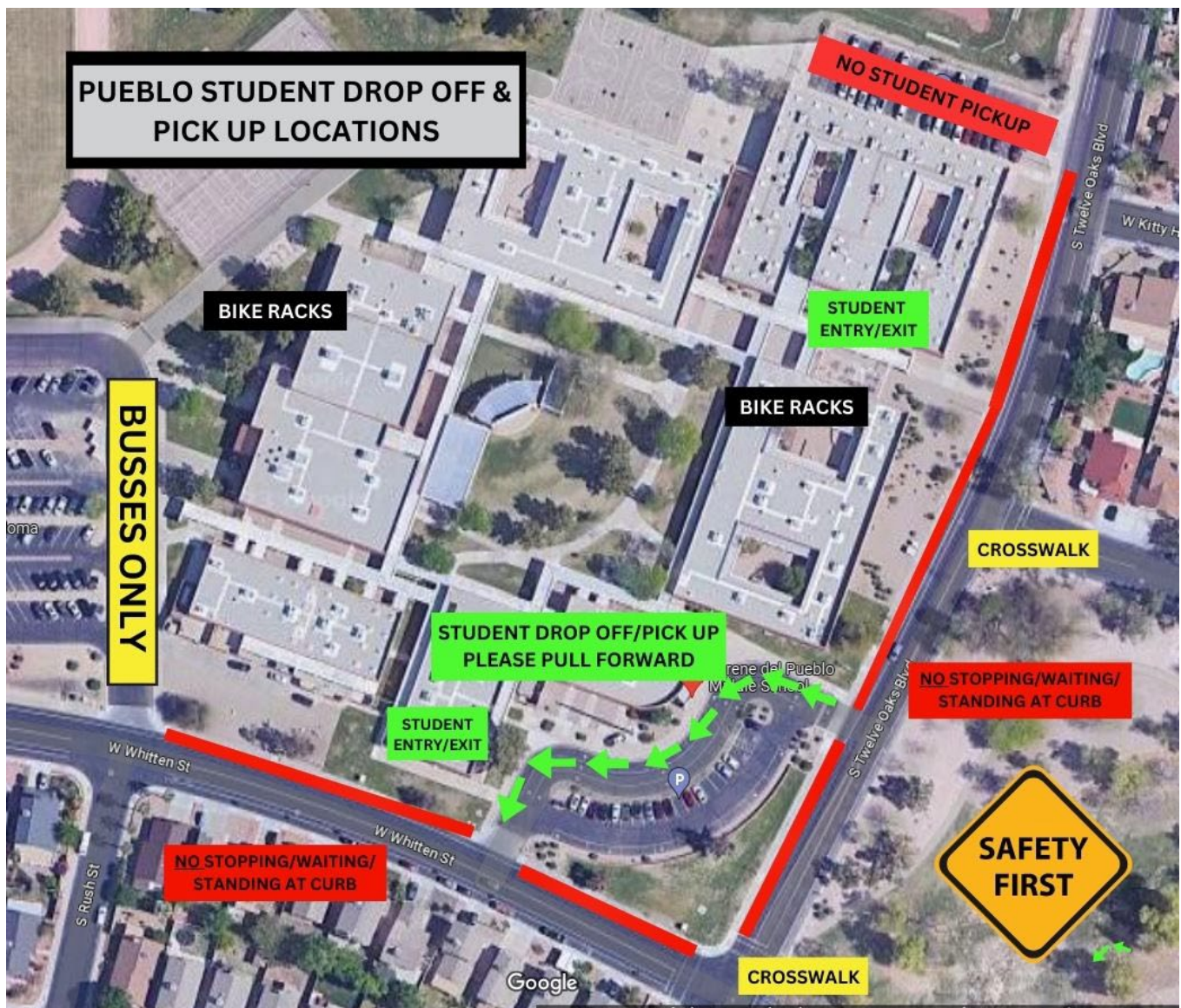
## STUDENT DROP-OFF & PICK-UP PROCEDURES

If you plan on [dropping off or picking up](#) your child from Pueblo you will use the front office parking lot. Students should not be dropped before 7:50 am, as there is no supervision before that time. Please pull all the way forward and drop your child off at the end of the parking lot. In order to keep things moving, have your child gather their supplies and say their goodbyes quickly when you are dropping off. We appreciate your help with keeping the line moving as fast as possible.

When picking your child up, please follow the same procedure and pull all the way forward to the end of the parking lot. Once your child is in the car you can move into the passing middle lane and exit the parking lot, allowing other cars to pull forward. The beginning of the school year is always busy during these times as everyone is figuring out the process and routines. Thank you in advance for your patience.

Please see our Student Drop Off/Pick Up Map under our [News and Events](#).

*Please note the signs on Twelve Oaks Blvd. which indicate that there should be no stopping or parking during school hours and remember it is unsafe to make U-turns in a school zone.*



## ATTENDANCE LINE

Pueblo Middle School is equipped with a computerized telephone attendance reporting system.

The absence reporting phone number is 480-541-6801 and may be called 24 hours a day.

Parents/guardians are asked to call the attendance office by 9:00 AM each day that their child is absent. Please leave a message on the voice mail indicating the student's name, grade, date(s) of the absence and reason for the absence. If we do not receive a parent phone call, the student's absence will be recorded as a truancy.

### Pueblo Attendance Procedures

NOTE: Parents MUST call the attendance line within 24 hours of an absence, even if they spoke to the health office, or if they told a teacher, we cannot excuse any absences until we receive a message from the parent/guardian.





## ATHLETICS/CLUBS

For information about registration for Athletics please visit the Kyrene webpage and look under the Programs and Services tab. If you have any questions about Pueblo Athletics please visit the [Pueblo Athletics homepage](#) or contact Erin Gray in student services in our Pueblo front office at 480-541-6804.

**1st Quarter Sports:** Girls Volleyball (cut), COED Wrestling (non-cut)

**2nd Quarter Sports:** Boys Basketball (cut), Girls Soccer (cut), Girls Flag Football (cut), Boys & Girls Cross Country (non-cut)

**3rd Quarter Sports:** Girls Basketball (cut), Girls Softball (cut), Boys Flag Football (cut), Boys Soccer (cut) COED Cheer (Cut)

**4th Quarter Sports:** Boys & Girls Track and field (non-cut), Boys Baseball (cut), Boys Volleyball (cut)

There will be opportunities throughout the year for students to get involved in clubs. Students can find information by way of our daily announcements and Bulldog TV. Parents can find information in the weekly Bulldog Newsletter on our school webpage. Our website will be updated soon with the available clubs for the 24-25 school year.

## ParentVUE & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The [ParentVUE](#) program helps parents stay informed and connected by providing day-to-day insight into their child's academic experience. ParentVUE Mobile for the iPhone/iPad Touch works with the Synergy™ student information system in much the same way as the ParentVUE web portal, allowing parents to access near real-time information on assignments and scores, attendance, and demographic information. ParentVUE offers parents a single sign-on to view all of their children's information regardless of school. Here is a list of frequently asked questions for ParentVue: [ParentVUE FAQs](#).

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## FACES OF OUR SCHOOL

This year we will be sharing **Faces of Our School** with our community. We are proud to have many staff members who have worked in Kyrene and at Pueblo for many years, and we are also thrilled to have many new faces at Pueblo this year.

# FACES OF OUR SCHOOL

## Marian Casias-Innocenti

*Resource Teacher 6th, 7th, 8th*

PUEBLO BULLDOG SINCE: 2005

DREAM VACATION: Antarctica then Hawaii

WHO INSPIRES ME MOST: The Dalai Lama and Spock original series

FAVORITE RESTAURANT: Maggiano's in Scottsdale

FAVORITE MOVIE: My Dinner with Andre, End Game

GO-TO SNACK: Green seedless grapes, cherries, chips

ON WEEKENDS I LIKE TO: Go to the movies, garden

IN MIDDLE SCHOOL I: first learned to speak French in 6th gr

I CHEER FOR: Humanity, Olympians in Paris 2024

PERSON I WOULD LIKE TO MEET: Jane Goodall

I BECAME AN EDUCATOR BECAUSE:

I want to help children reach their highest and their best!



**Weber State  
University - BA  
French, Spanish  
Utah State  
University - Special  
Ed, MA in Education.**

**Pueblo Bulldogs are:**

**Learners  
Engaged  
Achievers  
Diverse  
Empowered  
Respected  
Supported**



**GET  
INVOLVED!**

### **PTO - JOIN AND HELP SUPPORT PUEBLO**

If you are interested in getting involved with the Pueblo PTO, please come to our first PTO meeting of the school year on Monday, August 6 at 3:30pm. Please enter through the front office to be directed to the Media Center.

### **SITE COUNCIL**

Our first Pueblo Site Council meeting of the school year will be held following the PTO meeting on August 6.

## TRANSPORTATION

Families can access information regarding Bus Routes and Bus Safety by visiting the Kyrene webpage and looking under the Parent Tab. This [link](#) will take you directly to the transportation page.

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## FOOD SERVICES

In order to determine if your student qualifies for free or reduced-price meals, we ask that all families complete the free and reduced meal application located at [family.titank12.com](http://family.titank12.com). To begin your application, click [here](#). Meal payments can be made on the [InTouch Payment Portal](#) this year. Parents can view meal balances or pay by check/cash at schools. Free & Reduced lunch applications are available at school sites, you can complete and [application](#) on the Kyrene website or email at [kbs@kyrene.org](mailto:kbs@kyrene.org).

## ONLINE PAYMENT PORTAL

Kyrene School District has a convenient new payment portal for parents to pay for everything from athletics to field trips. The [InTouch Payment Portal](#) will provide parents with digital receipts for all transactions. You can even use it to make this year's tax credit donation to the school of your choice. Register once and use the portal all year.

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## Contact Us

**Kyrene del Pueblo**  
360 S. Twelve Oaks Blvd.  
Chandler, AZ 85226

**Phone:** 480-541-6800  
**Fax:** 480-541-6810  
**Attendance:** 480-541-6801

**School Hours:** 8:20 am – 3:05 pm  
*Every Wednesday at 1:05 pm*

**Office Hours:** 7:30 am – 4:00 pm  
*Every Wednesday at 2:00 pm*

**[Be sure to bookmark our Pueblo website.](#)**

