



PUEBLO NEWS

August 9, 2024

PUEBLO UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

- 12 Wrestling meet at Aprende 4:30 pm
- 13 Last Day to Register for Co-Ed Wrestling
- 14 **EARLY RELEASE, 1:05pm**
- 15 JV (4:30 pm) & Varsity (5:30 pm) Volleyball games at Pueblo
- 16 **EARLY RELEASE FRIDAY, 1:05pm**
- 23 NJHS Applications are due
- 29 IEP Training, 6:00-8:00pm at C.I. Waggoner (info below)

Please see [district athletic webpage](#) for current sport schedules.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LEADERS OF THE WEEK

Our Leaders of the Week are recognized by teachers and staff for leading the way on campus by demonstrating respect, responsibility, safety and kindness.

Elaina Z. Tzipporah A. Jariah N. Davin C.



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Mindfulness is a key tool when managing emotions such as stress and anxiety. Mindfulness is a form of meditation where we can take a moment to focus on the present moment without using any judgment or interpretation. This allows us to become more aware of what is happening inside us such as muscle tension, hidden emotions, overriding thoughts, and the present world in the moment. Quieting the mind to just be present can reduce stress

and ground us in the present moment. Mindfulness is a skill that must be practiced with intentionality. Setting aside even just 5 minutes can have drastic effects on our overall emotional wellbeing.



MESSAGE FROM PUEBLO PTO

We had our first PTO meeting of the year this week and there is a lot of excitement stirring with ways that our families can help us in supporting our Pueblo students and staff for the 2024-2025 school year! Thank you to those of you that attended our meeting and to those of you who have offered to join in helping the PTO this year by joining the PTO Committee.

If you are looking to get involved and help make Pueblo the best it can be, please see all opportunities to help with the PTO below.

Also, we are once again going to be using the Remind app this year for PTO communications to families. This will include donation/event sign ups, restaurant night info, etc. Please be sure to sign up with the Remind app, so you don't miss out on any of our PTO news.

**GET
INVOLVED!**

VOLUNTEER

Calling all new and existing Pueblo families! The Pueblo PTO loves supporting our teachers, staff and students through various fundraising and hospitality efforts, but we need help to make it all happen this year. Grab a friend and join together to make it a fun experience. We have a few open positions for 2024-2025.

Fundraising: We already have our main fundraiser through Step It Up secured, but need help coordinating this event, as well as future fundraising efforts.

Hospitality: We are looking for someone to coordinate teacher meals for conferences, as well as our Teacher Appreciation Week at the end of the school year.

Please consider signing up to make sure it's a great year for all.
Email us at: kyrenepueblopto@gmail.com



DONATE

Donate to help with restocking the PBIS store this year. The PTO supports our PBIS Store every year through generous donations from our families.

WHAT IS PBIS YOU ASK?

PBIS is Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports. This is a schoolwide approach in which the goal is to establish positive student culture and individualized behavior support necessary to create a safe and effective learning environment for all students. The store is a part of this program in which students earn “dog tags” based on certain positive behavioral guidelines to “purchase” items from the store.

If you would like to donate to help restock the PBIS Store follow this link: [Help us Restock the PBIS Store](#)



SUPPORT OUR TEACHERS & STAFF

The first staff meeting of the school year is next week and we are looking for snack donations for the upcoming staff meeting on August 14. Please deliver your donations to the front office by 10 am on Wednesday, 8/14. Nothing shows our staff our appreciation like healthy snacks and sweet treats!

[Pueblo Staff Meeting: Donations Sign Ups](#)

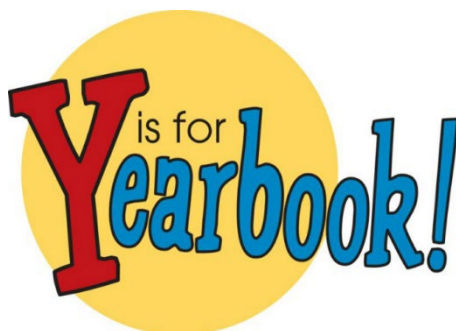


SIGN UP FOR PTO REMIND

Pueblo PTO will be using Remind to keep parents and families updated about important PTO fundraisers and event information. To sign up for Pueblo PTO Remind notification please either:

Text @pueblopt to the number: 81010

OR click this link: <https://www.remind.com/join/pueblopt>



YEARBOOK CLUB

Is your student interested in being part of the Bulldog Yearbook Club? Do they enjoy taking pictures, documenting moments and collecting memories? If they are interested in joining the Yearbook Club this year, please tell them to stop by the front office before/after school or during their lunch period to add their name to the interest list. More information about the first 24/25 Yearbook Club meeting will be available soon.



NJHS

Welcome Back to the 2024-2025 school year! Pueblo's Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society is pleased to announce that applications for membership can be found on-line [under the NJHS tab](#) beginning Monday, August 5th. This year's candidates will be required to participate in 30 hours of service and maintain a 3.0 GPA throughout the year. Any 7th or 8th grade student who is interested in joining NJHS needs to submit a completed application no later than Friday, August 23rd. Students who will be considered 2nd year NJHS members DO NEED to complete an application.

New members will receive a letter confirming their membership by Tuesday, September 3rd.

There is a \$25 membership fee for NJHS. This fee will help to cover the cost of the National Chapter dues, NJHS volunteer t-shirts and the end-of year induction ceremony.

The first NJHS meeting will be held in Mr. Selleh's room, A-8, on Thursday, September, 5th from 7:50 - 8:10 a.m. Topics will include # of service hours required, suggestions for service hours and service projects. Future meetings for NJHS will be held on the first Thursday of the month in Mr. Selleh's room A-8 from 7:50 - 8:10 a.m. Service logs will be due on April 25th, 2025 with NJHS Induction Ceremony on Tuesday, May 13, 2025.

NJHS has a long history of honor, dedication, and pride. We are pleased to be a part of this outstanding organization. Please visit our website for sign-ups for service as well as other information. We look forward to a wonderful year!

Mr. Colby Selleh and Ms. Nancy Zimmerman
NJHS Advisors

THE SOCIAL CLUB

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The Social Club is a club made for students to socialize with one another and spend time with friends. Many students don't really have time outside of school to hang out with friends or are not allowed to do things with them. This club is meant to solve that problem by providing a safe space on school grounds to spend time with one another.

Basic Information:

Sponsor: Ms. Mann

The club is weekly, from 3:15 to 4:30 PM on Tuesdays. It takes place in the school library.

Students must follow school rules in keeping conversations appropriate and must respect one another even if they are not members of the same friend groups participating in the club.

Parents must be ready to pick up their children by the time the club ends if they normally drive them to school. Students may walk or bike home if permitted to do so by parents.



THEATRE CLUB

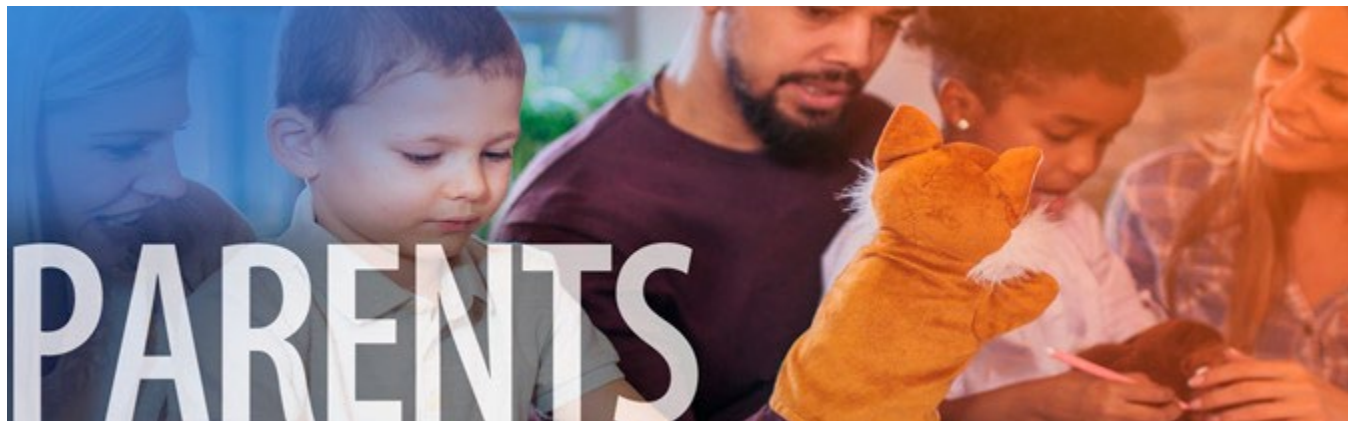
Welcome to Pueblo's Theatre Club! Theatre is a place where everyone belongs. Whether you're interested in acting, costumes, lights, stage management, or if you just need a place to be where everyone is as weird as you are, the Theatre Club welcomes you! Theatre Club is a place where you can learn more about the art of Theatre and how you can be involved in it. We play games and also work together, we sing and dance together, laugh and sometimes cry together. Our goal is to use Theatre to become more educated, kind, and productive members of society.

Please pick up a permission in room D5 or the front office to bring with you to the meeting.

Theatre Club meetings are after school from 3:15-4:15 pm in room D5.

Tentative dates for this semester are: 9/5, 10/31, 11/21, and 12/12. Please pick up your child on the west side of campus (Gate 6, in the Pueblo/Paloma lot) after the meeting.

Sponsor: Ms. Rokusek (Ms. R.)



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.

MEAL DELIVERIES

Please note that we do not allow any third party lunch deliveries to the school office. Examples would include DoorDash and Uber Eats, among others. Deliveries of this kind disrupt students' lunch schedules and the timing is often unreliable. In addition we have a food service contract with the District which specifies not having competing foods brought into school. Parents may bring their own students' lunches to the office if need be, but may not bring lunches or treats for additional students. If any 3rd party delivered lunches arrive in the office, unless arrangements have been previously made with the administration, the student will have to pick it up at the end of the day. Your cooperation is appreciated.



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.

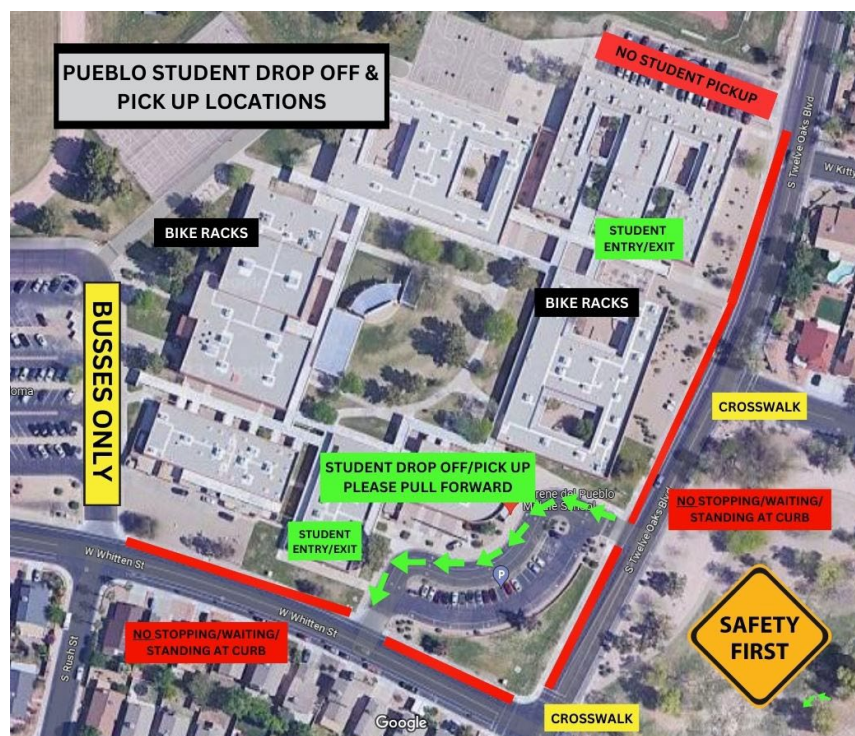
STUDENT DROP-OFF & PICK-UP PROCEDURES

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.





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.

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

Hannah Bailey

Choir and ELD Teacher

PUEBLO BULLDOG SINCE: 2024!

DREAM VACATION: Scotland/Ireland

WHO INSPIRES ME MOST: My family

FAVORITE RESTAURANT: Anything Mexican

FAVORITE MOVIE: Harry Potter

GO-TO SNACK: BBQ or Sour Cream & Onion Pringles

ON WEEKENDS I LIKE TO: Play with and spoil my nieces

IN MIDDLE SCHOOL I: Participated in Choir and Orchestra

I CHEER FOR: Diamondbacks!!

PERSON I WOULD LIKE TO MEET: John Williams

I BECAME AN EDUCATOR BECAUSE:

I want to share my love of music with a new generation of young musicians. I believe that everyone should have a chance to explore things they are passionate about, and I love to be this outlet for so many future musicians.



AA-Fine Arts



**BA-Secondary
Choral Education**

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Melissa Stawiecki

Part-time Health Assistant

PUEBLO BULLDOG SINCE: 2020 (but my 3 kids are all bulldogs.)

DREAM VACATION: Greece or Italy

WHO INSPIRES ME MOST: My children

FAVORITE RESTAURANT: La Famiglia (in Boston)

FAVORITE MOVIE: The Notebook

GO-TO SNACK: York peppermint patties, popcorn

ON WEEKENDS I LIKE TO: Hike, go on the boat with my family.

IN MIDDLE SCHOOL I: Met my best friend :)

I CHEER FOR: Red Sox, Patriots, Celtics & Bruins

PERSON I WOULD LIKE TO MEET: Princess Diana

I BECAME AN EDUCATOR BECAUSE:

I wanted to have a positive impact on the lives of children. I was a high school guidance counselor before having my kids and I enjoy working with teenagers because it is a time of such growth and development.



**B.A. in Child
Development from
Tufts University**

**M.Ed. School
counseling**

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IEP TRAINING

To Register, click <https://bit.ly/IEP-KYRENE-AUG29>



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Learn about the special education process and the Individualized Education Program (IEP). Understand who is required to attend the IEP meeting and the roles of each team member (including parents). Review the required parts of an IEP, learn how parents can prepare for and be more effective during the IEP meeting and how they can track their child's progress. Discover the options available if the IEP team does not agree.

THURSDAY
AUG 29, 2024
6:00-8:00 PM

CI WAGGONER ELEMENTARY
1050 E CARVER RD
TEMPE, AZ 85284

TO REGISTER, CLICK <https://bit.ly/IEP-KYRENE-AUG29> OR SCAN ►



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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.

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. 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.

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](#).

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.

Contact Us

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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.](#)

