



July 2024

A Message from Mrs. Anderson

Welcome to a new school year, where every day holds the potential for discovery, growth, and transformation. It is a time to dust off the echoes of summer adventures and embark on a journey fueled by curiosity and ambition. At Mirada Leadership Academy, dreams take shape, friendships blossom, and knowledge becomes a beacon guiding us forward.

We've filled this newsletter to the brim with important information, so make sure to give it a read. It'll be a handy resource to revisit whenever you need a refresher on school policies and procedures.

There is a new drop-off time of 7:10 am. Please do not allow your children to come on campus before 7:10 as there will be no adult supervision.

Unfortunately, there are always changes that happen over the summer. This June, Annmarie Burgmeier decided to retire after 30 years in the Kyrene School District. She has moved to Iowa to be with her family. We wish her the best with her future endeavors.

I am so excited to see everyone at Meet the Teacher on Monday, July 22nd! This is going to be the best year yet!

Kindly,

Mrs. Anderson
Principal



**Every Wednesday is an Early Release Day.
Dismissal is at 12:15pm.**

**EXCEPT the first day of school is a full day.
Dismissal on Wednesday, July 24th is at 2:15pm.**

Who's My Teacher?

Student placement will be available in ParentVue on the morning of Monday, July 22nd. If you are logged into ParentVue prior to schedules being released, you may need to log out and log back in again. Please also take this time to respond to annual ParentVue acknowledgements.




Upcoming Events

July 22	Meet the Teacher 5-6:30pm 5-5:45 Students with last names beginning N-Z 5:45-6:30 Students with last names beginning A-M
July 24	First Day of School-Full Day-Dismissal at 2:15pm
July 31	Parent Connect Night for Preschool, Third, Fifth and Fourth Grades PreSchool @4:30pm 3rd Grade @5pm 5th Grade @5:45pm 4th Grade @6:30pm
August 7	Parent Connect Night for Kindergarten, Second and First Grades Kindergarten @5pm 2nd Grade @5:45pm 1st Grade @6:30pm
August 12	PTO and Principal Meet and Mingle Zzeeks 6-7pm
August 13	Governing Board Meeting @District Office 6-8pm
August 15	PTO Meeting 2:45 Media Center WATCH D.O.G.S. Kick off 6-7pm MPR
August 23	Leo's Birthday Bash 6-7:30pm MPR
September 9-13	Readathon Week
September 10	Fall Picture Day
September 11-13	Early Release for Parent Teacher Conferences
Sept. 30-Oct. 15	No School (Fall Break/Work and Prof. Dev. Days)

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JULY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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14	15	16	17	18	19 Wild about Kindergarten 9-10am	20
21	22 Meet the Teacher Last name N-Z 5-5:45pm Last name A-M 5:45-6:30pm	23	24 First Day of School Students can be on campus at 7:10am Full day- Dismissal at 2:15pm	25	26  Spirit Day	27
28	29	30	31 EARLY RELEASE 12:15			

Please take a moment and note all of the holidays and vacations for this upcoming school year. Take into consideration the Intersession breaks when planning family vacations. Our students benefit from being in school because it provides a structured environment for learning, access to resources, and opportunities for social interaction. This environment supports academic achievement, emotional development, and social skills. We appreciate your efforts to get your kids here and on time!



2024-2025 School Calendar

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Q1 Student Days: 47

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Q3 Student Days: 42

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Q4 Student Days: 47

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Q2 Student Days: 44

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Total Student Days: 180

Total Returning/New Teacher Days: 190/194

■ DATES TO REMEMBER
■ HOLIDAYS & BREAKS - NO SCHOOL
■ TEACHER & STAFF DAYS - NO SCHOOL

2 Hour Early Release Days

JULY	
4	Fourth of July
10	New Teachers Report
17	All Teachers Report
24	First Day/Start of Quarter 1
31	Wed. Early Release
AUGUST	
7, 14, 21, 28	Wed. Early Release
16	Fri. Early Release
SEPTEMBER	
2	Labor Day
4, 18, 25	Wed. Early Release
11, 12, 13	Conferences: Early Release
27	End of Quarter 1
30	Fall Break
OCTOBER	
1-11	Fall Break
14	Teacher Plan
15	Staff Development
16	Start of Quarter 2
16, 23, 30	Wed. Early Release
NOVEMBER	
6, 13, 20	Wed. Early Release
11	Veterans Day
27-29	Thanksgiving Break
DECEMBER	
4, 11, 18	Wed. Early Release
20	End of Quarter 2
23-31	Winter Break
JANUARY	
1-3	Winter Break
6	Teacher Plan
7	Start of Quarter 3
8, 15, 22, 29	Wed. Early Release
20	Martin Luther King Day
FEBRUARY	
5, 6, 7	Conferences: Early Release
12, 19, 26	Wed. Early Release
17	Presidents' Day
MARCH	
5, 26	Wed. Early Release
7	End of Quarter 3
10-21	Spring Break
24	Teacher Plan
25	Start of Quarter 4
APRIL	
2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Wed. Early Release
18	Fri. Early Release
MAY	
7, 14, 21, 29	Wed. Early Release
26	Memorial Day
28	Last Day for 8 th Grade Only
29	End of Quarter 4/Last Day PK-7
30	Teacher Plan
JUNE	
19	Juneteenth

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MEET THE TEACHER

MONDAY, JULY 22

5:00-5:45pm
Last names
N-Z

5:45-6:30pm
Last names
A-M



Parent Connect Night



We hope you will join your child's teacher for
Parent/Teacher Connect Night.

This is an opportunity for you to learn more about child's
teacher and to learn about the grade level curriculum and
expectations.

Wednesday, July 31st

Preschool @ 4:30 PM

Third Grade @ 5:00 PM

Fifth Grade @ 5:45 PM

Fourth Grade @ 6:30 PM

Wednesday, August 7th

Kindergarten @ 5:00 PM

Second Grade @ 5:45 PM

First Grade @ 6:30 PM

****This is an adult only event. Unfortunately, daycare is not provided.
Thank you for understanding.**

Third Grade Families, please note the corrected supply list below.

I apologize for the mistake.

Mirada Leadership Academy 2024-2025 Student Supply Lists

***Please label the following items with your student's name: sweaters/sweatshirts/jackets, backpack, water bottle, lunch box, folders, binders, etc.**

It is recommended that every student have the following items:

Water bottle, backpack, #2 Ticonderoga pencils and earbuds/headphones (per list below).

CCD Classes

Ms. Amy and Ms. Tracy's students will receive a separate supply list that will be sent home.

Kindergarten

- 1 - Backpack (no wheels please)
- 1 - Water bottle
- 2 - 12pk #2 Ticonderoga pencils
- 1 - Headphones - compatible with laptops
- 1 - Wide ruled spiral notebook- 70 sheets
- 1 - Box Crayola washable markers
- 2 - Box Crayola crayons
- 1 - Pair of Fiskars scissors
- 4 - Elmer's glue sticks
- 1 - Pack Expo fine tip markers
- 1 - Box of tissues
- 1 - Box Gallon sized baggies
- 1 - Ream of white copy paper
- 1 - Pack of erasers (large or pencil top)

First Grade

- 5 - Sharpened pencils (Ticonderoga)
 - 1 - Pink erasers (handheld)
 - 1 - Headphones
 - 1 - Box of Crayola crayons
 - 1 - Box of Crayola markers
 - 1 - Box of Colored pencils
 - 1 - Pair of Scissors
 - 1 - Pack black Expo dry erase low odor markers
- NOTE: Please do not label as we utilize supplies as a classroom community.**

Second Grade

- 2 - packs of Ticonderoga pencils (sharpened)
- 1 - box of 24 count Crayola crayons
- 1 - set of headphones with a storage bag - NO earbuds
- 1 - package black low odor dry erase markers
- 1 - small dry erase board eraser
- 1 - package white and/or colored copy paper
- 1 - pair of scissors
- 1 - box tissues
- 1 - quart size Ziplock bags

Third Grade **Corrected**

- 1 - Backpack and water bottle
- 1 - Pencil pouch
- 24 - #2 Ticonderoga pencils
- 1 - Spiral notebooks (one subject/wide rule)
- 1 - Earbuds/headphones
- 3 - Pack of black chisel EXPO markers low odor
- 1 - Pack of fine-tip Expo Markers
- 1 - Pack of glue sticks
- 1 - Pack of Pink Pearl or Hi-Polymer erasers
- 1 - Crayons (24 pack)
- 1 - Scissors
- 1 - Pack thin markers OR colored pencils
- 1 - Pack of broad line markers
- 2 to 3 - Boxes of tissues
- 1 - 1 ½" 3-ring binder

Fourth Grade

- 1 - Backpack and water bottle
- 1 - Pencil pouch (no boxes)
- 1 - 1" 3-ring binder
- 1 - Earbuds/headphones
- 3 - Composition notebooks
- 4 - Eraser tops/ durable eraser
- 2 - Packs #2 Ticonderoga pencils
- 2 - Single-subject SPIRAL notebooks
- 1 - Pack 24 Crayola colored pencils
- 1 - Pack black EXPO dry-erase (low odor) markers
- 1 - Yellow highlighter
- 1 - Ballpoint pen (red/ blue)
- 1 - Scissors
- 2 - Glue sticks
- 1 - Pack 24 Crayola crayons

Fifth Grade

- 1 - Backpack and water bottle
- 1 - Pencil pouch
- 12 - #2 Ticonderoga pencils-sharpened
- 1 - Earbuds/headphones
- 1 - Sharpie marker
- 4 - Single-subject spiral notebooks
- 1 - Pack of colored pencils
- 1 - Pack black EXPO dry-erase (low odor) markers
- 2 - Folders
- 2 - Glue sticks
- 1 - Pack of markers
- 1 - Pack of crayons
- 1 - Pack of eraser tops
- 2 - Highlighters
- 1 - Pair of scissors

Specials Every student please bring the following

- to be shared among specials teachers.
- 1 - Box of Ticonderoga pencils (12 count)
 - 1 - Box of tissues
 - 1 - Package of baby wipes
 - 1 - Package of disinfectant wipes
 - 1 - Box of latex free band aids
 - 2 - Glue sticks



MEET THE TEACHER

Monday, July 22

1-4 p.m.	Middle Schools & 6-8 grade students from Kyrene Traditional Academy
5-6:30 p.m.	Elementary Schools & K-5 students from Kyrene Traditional Academy, and all grades at Kyrene de las Manitas

Don't forget! The first day of school for the 2024-25 school year is July 23, 2024. State law now prohibits schools from keeping students enrolled who do not attend school during the first days of school. As you are planning your summer vacations, please be aware that **if your child does not attend school during the first few days, they could be withdrawn.** The best way to ensure your child is continuously enrolled at our school is to make sure they are back at school beginning on July 23rd.

Medications and Forms

Parents, if you have medications and forms to drop off or pick up, our health assistant will be available on Meet the Teacher Night. All prescribed and over the counter medications must be **unexpired and in original containers.**

[Medication Consent Form](#)



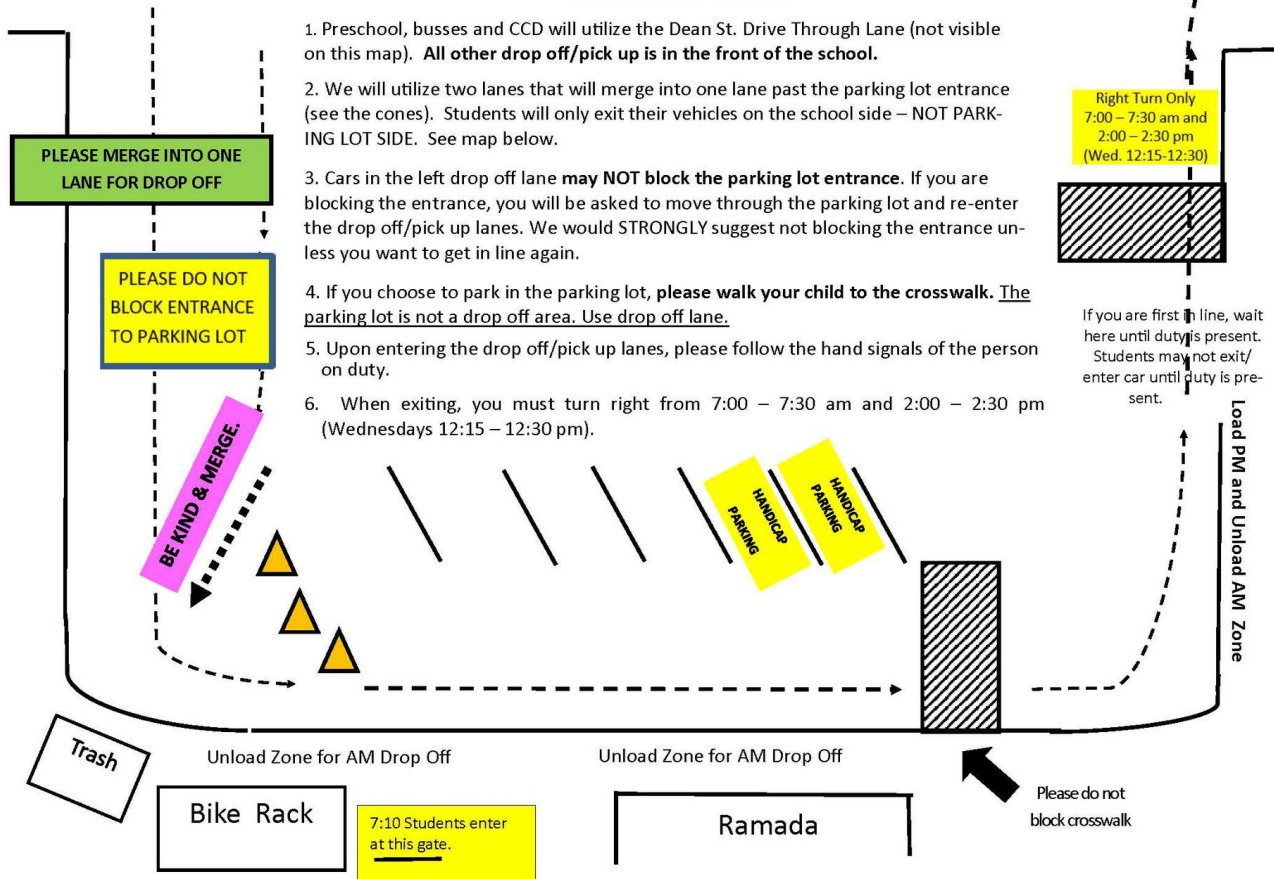
New Drop Off Time

Please note that Drop Off begins at 7:10am this year. There is no supervision of students before the playground gates open. For the safety of your child, you must remain with your child until staff reports for duty.



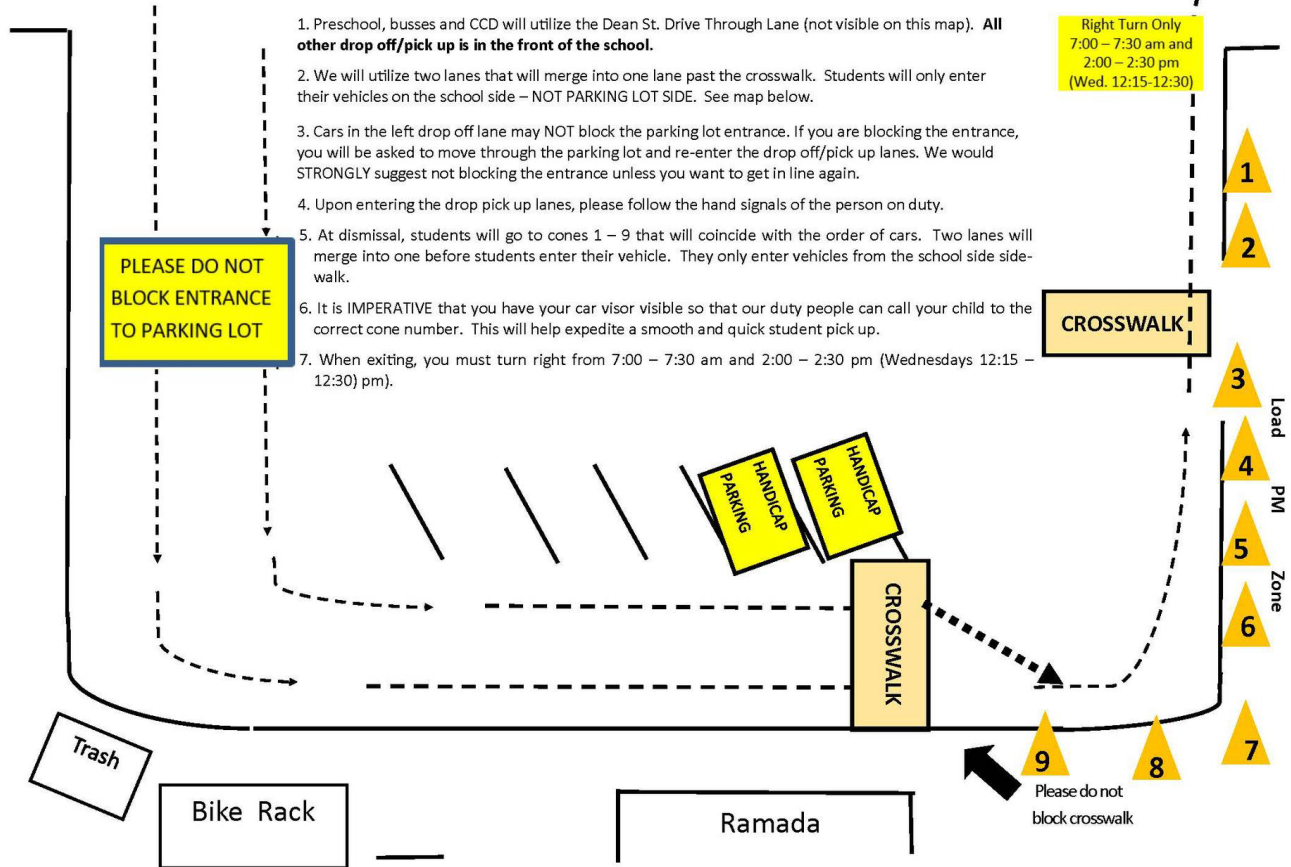
2024-2025 Drop-Off Procedures

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2024-2025 Pick-Up Procedures

Galveston Street



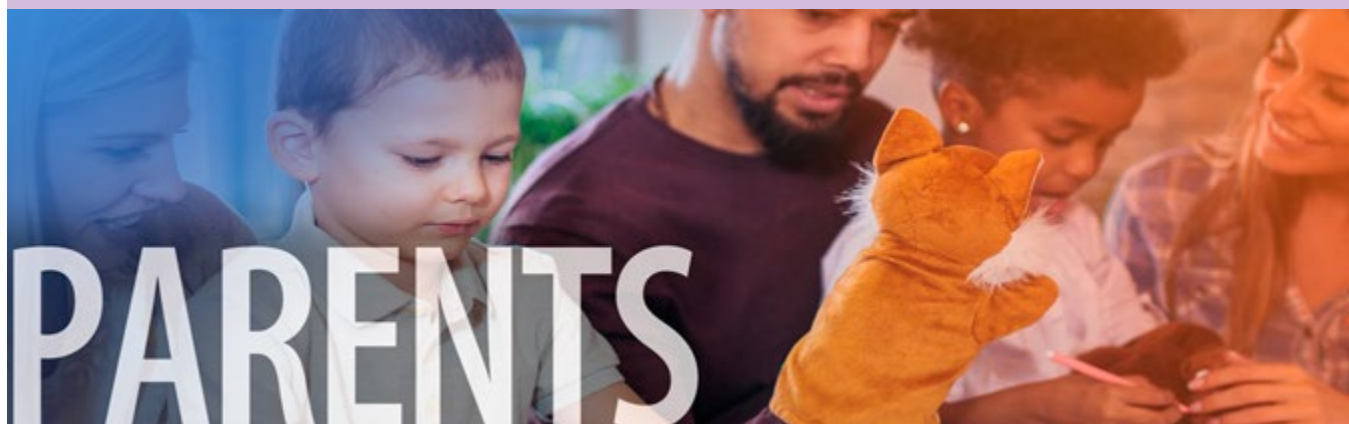
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Welcome back Monarchs! We are excited that the 2024-2025 school year is here! We look forward to making it a great one! My name is Erin Wilkinson and I am the new PTO President. My son, Teddy will be in second grade this year, and including preschool this is our fifth year at Mirada! I am as thankful we chose Mirada today as I was in year one. To all of our new Monarchs, welcome! This school is unlike any other, we are so glad you're here!

Please be sure to stop by the PTO table at Meet the Teacher for our Calendar of Events for the year, information on an amazing fundraiser opportunity through Fry's and Kroger, to meet the rest of your PTO and to check out the new Mirada merchandise.

This year we are really focusing on improving and streamlining our communication process. As a PTO we want to be able to directly deliver information about events, volunteer and other opportunities to be involved in our amazing school. Please follow the QR code below to receive our monthly PTO newsletter and stay connected!

Stay Connected!



Parent Reminders

[Opt in for text communication](#)

IMPORTANT: 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 both your child’s school and the Kyrene School District.

ParentVUE Acknowledgements

We request that families confirm the annual acknowledgements by August 21st. You will be able to log in on Monday, July 22nd at 12pm to update or acknowledge your Emergency Contact/Address Verification Form, Kyrene Family Handbook, Technology User Form, Social Emotional Survey (3-5) and Stay Connected.

Birthday Celebrations

No celebrations of individual student birthdays are to be held in classrooms, on the school campus. We understand that parents and friends like to celebrate various occasions. However, cakes, cookies, cupcakes, candy, flowers, balloons, etc. cause many distractions and cannot be allowed on campus or on the bus. These items are disruptive in the classroom and are a safety concern on the bus. If they are delivered they will be kept in the office for parents/guardians to pick up. This policy helps to ensure that instructional time is protected and that all students are treated equally. **Party invitations may not be distributed at school.**

Need to Report an Absence?

Call our 24 Hour Attendance Line at **480-541-4201** to report a student absence.

Please leave a message on the attendance line indicating the student's name, grade, date(s) and reason for absence. When your student is absent and we have not received notification, we will contact the parents. If we do not receive a return phone call, the student will be marked truant.

****Note**** Parents **MUST** call the attendance line within 24 hours of an absence, even if you spoke to the Health Office or communicated to the Teacher.

Tardy

If your child is tardy, you must park in the parking lot and walk your child to the office. Sign them in and provide the reason why they are tardy. A tardy is defined as arriving at school or class **after the scheduled start time**. Students should be in their seats and ready to learn when the bell rings at the scheduled start time. **Students are considered tardy if they are not in their seats at the scheduled start time. Mirada students need to arrive with enough time to make it to their classroom by 7:30am.** Students who are tardy must enter through the school’s front office and receive a Tardy pass.

Students and Electronic Devices

Many parents choose to have their child carry a cellular telephone or other electronic devices (such as an Apple watch or Fitbit) as a means of before and/or after school communication and for safety purposes. Electronic devices can be disruptive in an educational environment, but may also be used to enhance instruction. If parents have decided that it’s necessary for a child to carry a cell phone or electronic device, parents and students must be aware of the following: Kyrene School District Policy 3-401 states that the District does not assume responsibility for the loss of, or damage to, personal property. If your child has a cell phone on campus or on the bus and it is damaged or stolen, we will

not be able to utilize administrative time to investigate the incident, nor will the District be able to take any financial responsibility for the cell phone or cell phone charges. Cellular phones and other electronic devices must be turned off and kept in backpacks at all times on campus. If these rules are not followed, the electronic devices may be confiscated and kept in the front office for pick up after school. Please assist us in keeping our learning environment free from distractions. When it is necessary for a student to contact you during the day, we have telephones available in classrooms and in the office. If it is necessary for you to get an important message to your child during the school day, you may contact the school office and our staff will relay the message to your child.



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- Students may bring large bills to pay for their meal account - please remember no change is provided back to the student, the entire amount is applied to the student's account.
- If a student does not have enough funds on their account, after two (2) meals (breakfast or lunch) they are provided an alternate meal as per District policy. The student may still get side options and salad bar along with their milk.
- Please remember that dietary restrictions must be accompanied by a Dr's note and will be accommodated to the best of our ability. SFE is unable to honor preferences or requests.
- You may check your student's lunch balance by visiting [linqconnect](#). Linq Connect is our self-service lunch account portal, which makes it possible for Kyrene families to easily manage their student(s) lunch account. **Families may check meal balances, transfer funds, apply for free or reduced-priced meals or create spending limits for their students by visiting [linqconnect](#).** For any additional questions or assistance with your linqconnect account please call 1-844-467-4700 and follow the prompts. **Payments are applied to your student's meal account at 6:50am, 9:35am, 11:05am, 12:05pm and 11:35pm daily to update the meal account balance.**
- Kyrene and SFE want to assure you that when your child chooses to enjoy ala carte snacks from their cafeteria, they are selecting options that meet the strict nutritional standards outlined by the USDA's Smart Snack guidelines. These guidelines prioritize offering snacks that are lower in fat, sugar, and sodium, while also providing essential nutrients to support your child's overall health and well-being. The guidelines require that drinks be either unflavored water or 100% juice, and that snacks contain at least 50% whole grain or list the first ingredient as a fruit, vegetable, dairy food, or protein food.

It's also important to note that while some snack packaging may appear similar to those found in stores outside of school, each product has been carefully reformulated to comply with federal Smart Snack guidelines. Our foodservice management company, SFE, works diligently to ensure that all snacks offered to students are both delicious and nutritious, meeting or exceeding federal standards.

We encourage you to discuss with your child the importance of making mindful choices when it comes to snacking. By reinforcing healthy eating habits both at home and at school, we can collectively support our children in making nutritious choices that contribute to their overall growth and development. If you would like more resources and information about Smart Snack requirements, including activities that can be done at home, we recommend checking out the USDA's website [here](#).

Thank you for partnering with us in promoting a culture of health and wellness for our students. If you have any questions or concerns about the smart snack options available in your child's cafeteria, please don't hesitate to reach out to the foodservice office at 480-541-1660.

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Early Release Wed: 12:15 pm

[SEP] **Office Hours:** 7:00 am - 3:30 pm [SEP]
Wednesday: 7:00 am - 1:30 pm

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Attendance: 480-541-4201
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Cafeteria: 480-541-4226
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