



August 30, 2024

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Bulldog Families -

Next Week, as part of our new Leadership Class curriculum we will start to implement weekly Character Dares. The Character Dare is like a workout for your heart. It is a practical invitation for students (and adults) to exercise things like kindness, patience, and respect with themselves, peers, family, and friends. These school-wide challenges are invitations for staff and students to put their character into action. When everyone at Pueblo is collectively working together to improve their character, it not only promotes personal growth, but it can also have a positive impact on the culture and climate at school. We will share these dares with our community each week in order to help encourage family participation. Please take some time next week to discuss this dare with your child.

**Character Dare #1 - The Connector - Sometime this week, introduce 1 person you know to another person they don't know. Help those around you build some connections. Take it to the next level by finding a time for the 3 of you to hang out.**

Please know that the beginning of the year district assessment reports have been posted to ParentVUE. Families are able to access the results through ParentVue in the documents section. Need help accessing the reports? See the directions on our [website](#) with screenshots. Need help understanding the reports or how to support your child? See the family guide for each assessment or reach out to your child's teacher.

We've had some exciting games and matches these last few weeks for our Quarter 1 sports, Girls Volleyball and Wrestling. It's been fun to get out to events and see the students, families and staff members supporting and cheering on our Bulldog athletes too.

Bulldog Wrestling has put in a tremendous amount of work and are winners of their last three contests. At this rate, they'll be in peak form for the Conference Tournament in a few weeks. Great job, Bulldogs!

Both of our JV and Varsity Girls' Volleyball continue to put in the work needed to improve and grow, both individually and as a team. They continue to be a shining example of teamwork and sportsmanship for the rest of the district. Keep it up, Bulldogs!

I hope you find time to relax and enjoy long weekend.

## **PUEBLO UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **SEPTEMBER**

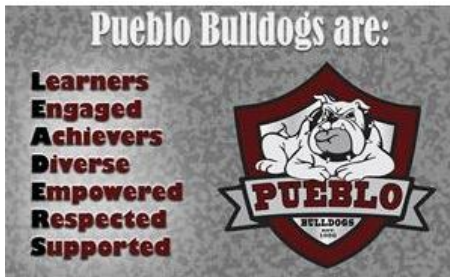
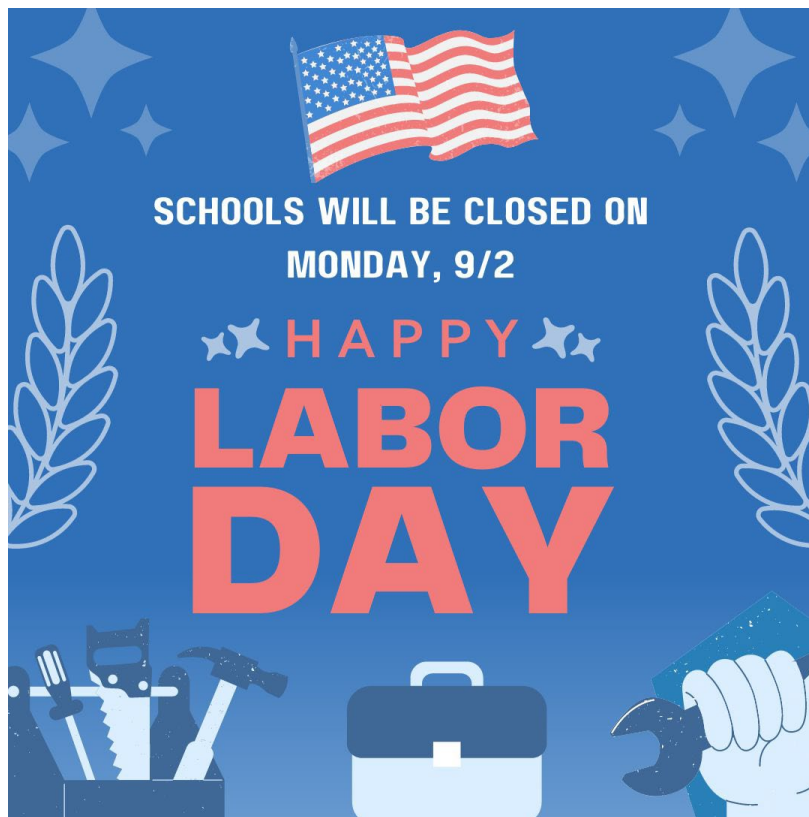
- 2: Labor Day Observed, No School/District Closed**
- 3: NJHS Meeting, Room A8, 7:50am  
Step It Up! Kickoff Assemblies  
Social Club, Library, 3:15-4:15
- 4: **EARLY RELEASE, 1:05pm**
- 5: Wrestling Meet vs Aprende @ Pueblo 4:30 pm  
JV Girls Volleyball at Altadena, 4:30 pm  
Varsity Girls Volleyball at Aprende, 5:30 pm
- 9: Wrestling Meet vs Kyrene Middle School @ Pueblo, 4:30 pm  
Girls Volleyball at Kyrene Middle School, JV: 4:30 pm, Varsity: 5:30 pm  
Online Registration opens for Quarter 2 Sports!
- 10: Social Club, Library, 3:15-4:15  
Governing Board Meeting
- 11: **Family Conferences, Early Release, 1:05pm**
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- 13: **Family Conferences, Early Release, 1:05pm**
- 16: Wrestling Meet at Centennial, 4:30 pm  
JV Girls Volleyball vs. Kyrene Traditional @ Pueblo, 4:30 pm  
Varsity Girls Volleyball vs. Centennial @ Pueblo, 5:30 pm
- 17: Social Club, Library, 3:15-4:15
- 18: **EARLY RELEASE, 1:05**
- 19: SOS presentations, 6th Grade Science classes  
Fall Band Concert, Pueblo, MPR; 6:00pm
- 20: SOS presentations, 6th Grade Science classes
- 23: Choir Concert, Pueblo MPR, 7:00pm
- 24: Social Club, Library, 3:15-4:15
- 26: Symphonic Band @ Corona del Sol, Gym, 6:30pm
- 30 - OCTOBER 11 Fall Break, No School**

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

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## **LABOR DAY - REMINDER**

In observance of Labor Day, school will be closed on Monday, September 2.



## 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.

Ryan H.   Eythan M.   Julia F.   Olivia R.   Mace M.



## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Challenge of the week is to spend time as a family discussing everyone's feelings. This can provide time for relationship building, decompression time, and time to work out those fears and anxieties. Being intentional about scheduling family conversation can keep us accountable to providing space for each member of the family to process the day and all of its positives and challenges. This week try to start with a scheduled 10 minute reconnect time as a family. Starting with small attainable goals to grow family relationships can, over time, build trust and emotional health within the family environment. For those who struggle with teens and tweens that do not share often, this schedule can be a valuable tool. Adults starting the conversation with honesty and

vulnerability can help open the door for establishing a safe place for teen and tween emotion expression. This can take time so be sure to persevere and make this time a regular habit in your daily routine.

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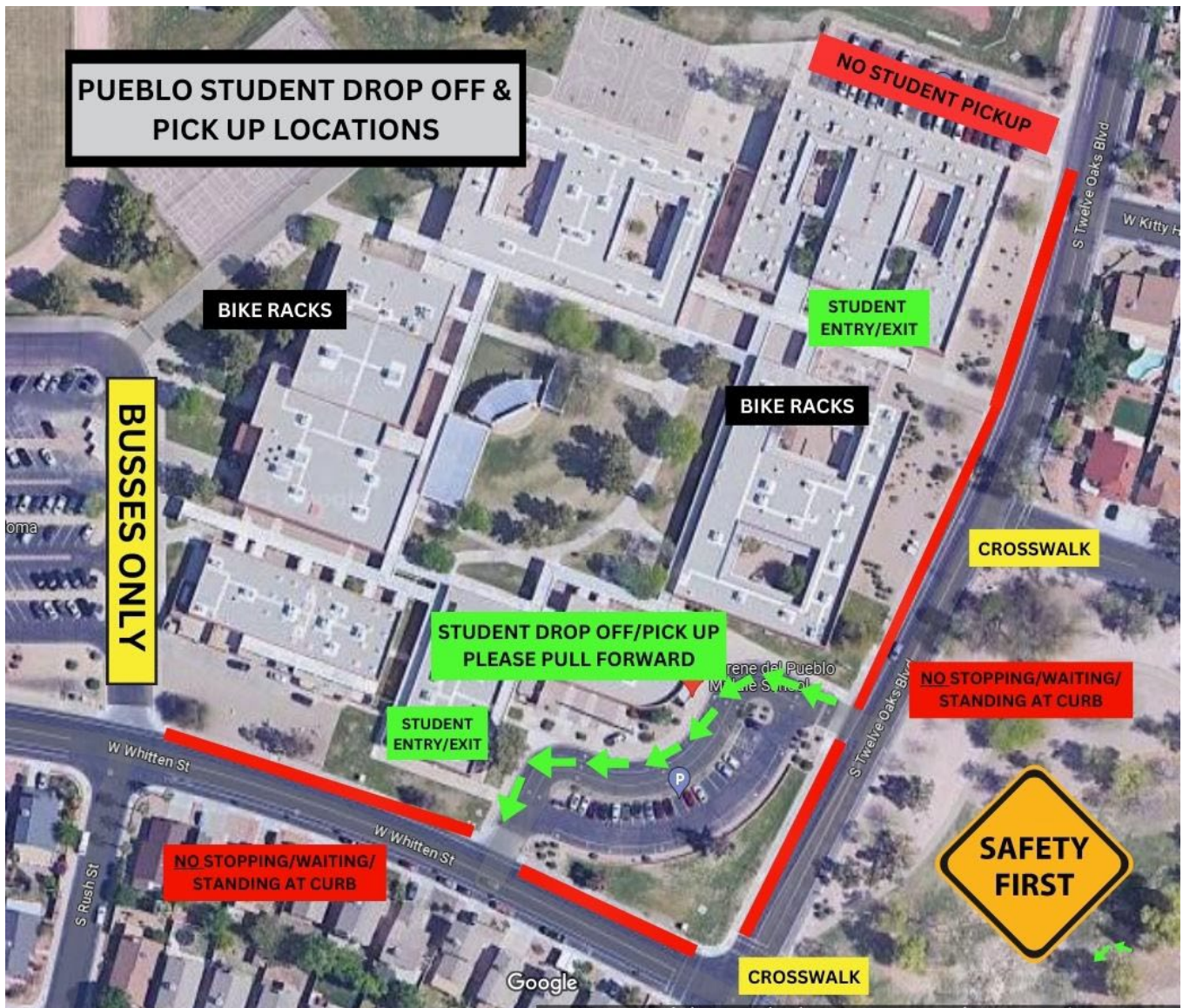
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## **SAFETY REMINDER!!**

The west parking lot (between Pueblo and Paloma) is for **BUSSES ONLY**. Please refrain from using this lot to drop off or pick up your students. Our transportation department does their best to keep on schedule and this is difficult if our busses are held up in dismissal traffic. Thank you for your help with this.

As always, anyone operating a motor vehicle in the State of Arizona is required to follow all traffic laws including posted signage and crossing guards on duty.

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



# YEARBOOK

## YEARBOOKS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

Pre-Orders are now open. Order a copy of the 2024-2025 yearbook so your student is guaranteed a copy at end of year distribution. Yearbook cost is now \$30.00.

Online orders can be accessed through the [Yearbook Order Center](#).

Our School Order Number is: 7730

MAKE TIME STAND STILL



# ORDER A YEARBOOK



KYRENE DEL PUEBLO MIDDLE SCHOOL  
USE OUR ORDER NUMBER WHEN YOU LOG ON:

**7730**



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FACES OF OUR PUEBLO

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## Kailee Nelson

*Orchestra Teacher*

PUEBLO BULLDOG SINCE: 2024!

DREAM VACATION: Trip to Europe

WHO INSPIRES ME MOST: Joy Logan

FAVORITE RESTAURANT: Que Rico

FAVORITE MOVIE: Encanto or Top Gun

GO-TO SNACK: Cheez-its

ON WEEKENDS I LIKE TO: Sleep and bake

IN MIDDLE SCHOOL I: Joined the archery team and orchestra

I CHEER FOR: Vegas Golden Knights

PERSON I WOULD LIKE TO MEET: Antoine Tamestit (viola player)

### I BECAME AN EDUCATOR BECAUSE:

I want to create the welcoming learning environment my orchestra teachers made for me.



**BA in Music  
Education:  
K-12  
Instrumental**

**Pueblo Bulldogs are:**

**Learners  
Engaged  
Achievers  
Diverse  
Empowered  
Respected  
Supported**



# FACES OF OUR SCHOOL

## Jay Rapson

*Teacher: Culinary Arts*

PUEBLO BULLDOG SINCE: 2019

DREAM VACATION: hiking, biking, & backpacking

WHO INSPIRES ME MOST: my parents

FAVORITE RESTAURANT: Yupha's Thai Kitchen

FAVORITE MOVIE: City Slickers

GO-TO SNACK: cashews

ON WEEKENDS I LIKE TO: mountain bike

IN MIDDLE SCHOOL I: was terrified

I CHEER FOR: NE Patriots

PERSON I WOULD LIKE TO MEET: Someone interesting

### I BECAME AN EDUCATOR BECAUSE:

I love learning and want to make a difference.



**B.A.  
Education &  
M.Ed.**

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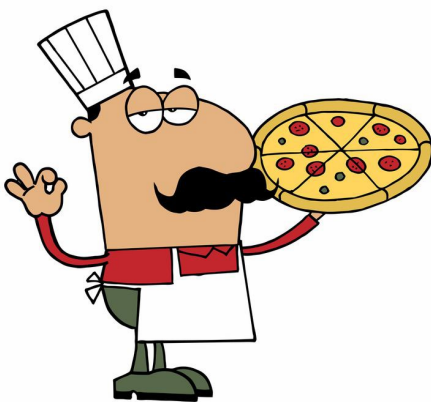
## MESSAGE FROM PUEBLO PTO

Please be sure to sign up for communications from Pueblo PTO through the Remind app. This is the quickest way to learn about important PTO fundraisers, volunteer and event information and sign-ups. 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>

We still have plenty of opportunities to help, if you are looking to get involved and help make Pueblo the best it can be:



## YOU HAVE A PIZZA OUR HEARTS!

Thank you to our families and staff who jumped in on our first restaurant night at Barro's. We apologize for it seeming to be last minute, as we didn't get confirmation from Barro's until a couple of days before. However, it all worked out and we had a great turn out of Pueblo families. The manager said they were busy and about 90% of their orders were saying they were for the Pueblo restaurant night. What a great kick off to our restaurants nights!

## 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](#)

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**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](mailto:kyrenepueblopto@gmail.com)

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## **ATHLETICS**

DID YOU KNOW?

There are 4 items that the athletic office needs **BEFORE** a student can participate in tryouts, or in practices. 3 of them are completed and submitted online.

1- Athletic Packet (online)

2- Athletic Packet: Additional Information (online)

3- Brain Injury/Concussion Waiver (online)

4- Sports Physical, which **needs to be completed by a physician**. You can take your student to your family doctor, or you can also go to the CVS Minute Clinic, Fry's Little Clinic or a Next Care facility.

Blank physical forms are available in the front office, if you need one. They can also be found online at <https://www.kyrene.org/educational-opportunities/athletics/participation-forms-and-agreements>

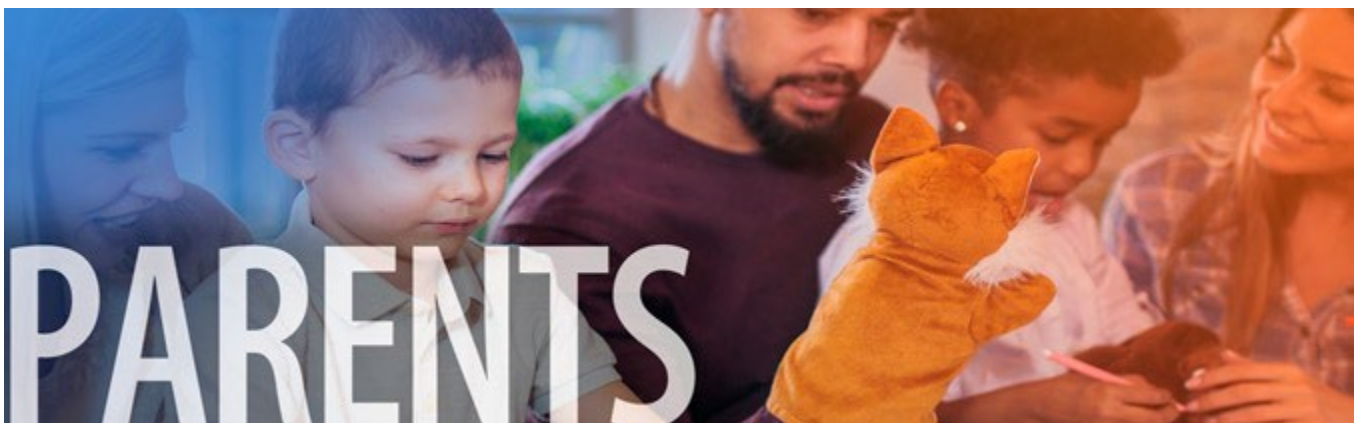
## UPCOMING SPORTS

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.

**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)



## 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.



**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](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).

## 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.

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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.](#)**

