



September 2024

A Message from Mrs. Anderson

It is truly astonishing to realize that we have reached the third month of the school year already. The passage of time is indeed swift, especially when surrounded by exceptional students and staff members. At the end of this month, we will be finishing our first quarter of the 2024-2025 school year.

September's Habit of the Month is Habit 1: Be Proactive. Being proactive means recognizing that we have the power to choose our attitudes and behaviors, rather than being solely influenced by circumstances. By focusing on what we can control and taking initiative to shape our own outcomes, we can effectively navigate challenges, achieve goals, and lead a more empowered and fulfilling life.

Below are a few reminders of our schoolwide W.I.G.S. and updates.

Schoolwide iReady Goal:

Grades K-2 - pass 2 or more iReady lessons a week

Grades 3-5 - pass 1 or more iReady lessons a week

Schoolwide Amplify Goal:

Students will be on Amplify for 45 minutes or more a week.

iReady and Amplify are personalized computer programs that adapt to your child's needs in math and in reading. They are great tools in closing any learning gaps your child may still experience. The expectation is for students to complete the lessons and time at home or at an appropriate time at school.

It can be quite challenging to gather and organize work for students when they are out of school, as it requires careful planning and coordination to ensure continuity in their learning. To minimize disruptions and maximize educational opportunities, we encourage students and families to plan vacations during our scheduled two week breaks. By aligning vacation plans with these designated periods, students can fully immerse themselves in their studies without the added stress of catching up on missed work. This strategic approach not only supports academic progress but also promotes a more balanced and effective learning experience for all.

Parent Teacher Conferences begin Wednesday, September 11- Friday, September 13th. **ALL three days are Early Release Days.** Teachers have emailed you a sign up form for your child's fall conference. It is imperative that you sign up to meet with the teacher. Research from the National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education shares

that “no matter their income or background, students with involved parents are more likely to have higher grades and test scores, attend school regularly, have better social skills, show improved behavior and adapt well to school.”

AM Drop Off: Our student safety is our #1 priority. Please do not allow your child to exit the car until 7:10 am. We have had a handful of students being dropped off in the parking lot with no adult supervision. Adults must walk their students to the crosswalk.

Read-A-Thon- We have our school wide assembly on Friday, September 6th and our Read-A-Thon starts the week of September 9th. This is our **only big** fundraiser of the year and the support of our entire Mirada community is essential in order for PTO to provide all the wonderful financial support to Mirada Leadership Academy. PTO supports many extras for our students, classrooms, teachers, and the entire school. I encourage our families to participate if you are able.

Staff Member of the Month

The Mirada Staff Member of the Month Program is designed to recognize outstanding teachers/support staff for their contributions to Mirada Leadership Academy. Each month, one teacher/support staff will be recognized. Nominations may be submitted by the school staff, students, or parents. Regardless of the outcome, Mirada administration would like to stress that the real tribute of this award is the nomination. The nomination symbolizes the esteem and appreciation that everyone has for our staff.

Please use this link to nominate a staff member [Staff Member of the Month Form](#) Nominations are due by the last Thursday of every month.

We value your partnership and involvement in your child’s education. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact our school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kindly,
Michelle Anderson



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

Wednesday 9/11

Thursday 9/12

Friday 9/13

**Early Dismissal is at 12:15pm
for Teacher Conferences.**

**There will not be any after school Community Ed
classes on Conference Days.**

Upcoming Events

August 26-Sep 1 Monarch WEEK Out at Culver's
September 2 No School - Labor Day
September 4 Jeremiah's Ice after school
September 9-13 Readathon Week
September 10 Fall Picture Day
September 11-13 Early Release for Parent Teacher Conferences and Book Fair
No After school Community Ed classes on Conference Days
September 18 Monarch Night Out @ Zesty Zzeeks Warner and McClintock ALL DAY Mention Mirada
or use Online Code: ZZEKS15
September 19 PTO Meeting 5:30-6:30pm in the Media Center
September 20 2nd Grade Musical 6-7pm in the MPR
September 24 Governing Board Meeting 5-8pm at the District Office
September 27 MML Awards
7:40-8:20 Kindergarten, 3rd and 4th Grades
8:30-9:00 1st, 2nd and 5th Grades
Sept. 30-Oct. 15 No School (Fall Break/Work and Prof. Dev. Days)
October 16 Students return to school

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Click Below for Important School Calendars

[District Calendar](#)

[September Calendar](#)

[PTO Calendar](#)



For Immediate Release

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Kyrene School District Leads Arizona in 2024 PBISAz Achievement Awards

TEMPE, Arizona (August 19, 2024) Kyrene Schools account for 26% of the 83 Arizona schools being awarded Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) awards this year from PBISAz. This year, 22 Kyrene Schools have been recognized for their hard work implementing and maintaining PBIS to improve the academic and behavioral outcomes for students.

The award recognizes a school's dedication and commitment to improving student outcomes using consistent PBIS initiatives on campus. The schools receiving the awards are:

Level 2 - Tier 1 Fidelity

Kyrene Altadeña Middle School
Kyrene Centennial Middle School
Kyrene del Pueblo Middle School

Level 3 - Tiers 1 & 2 Fidelity

Kyrene de la Estrella Elementary School
Kyrene del Norte Dual Language Academy

Level 4 - Tiers 1, 2 & 3 Fidelity

Kyrene Akimel A-al Middle School
Kyrene Aprende Middle School
Kyrene de las Brisas Elementary School
Kyrene de los Cerritos Leadership Academy
Kyrene del Cielo Elementary School
Kyrene de la Colina Elementary School
Kyrene de la Esperanza Elementary School
Kyrene de las Lomas Elementary School
Kyrene de la Mariposa Computer Science Academy
Kyrene Middle School
Kyrene del Milenio Elementary School
Kyrene de la Mirada Leadership Academy
Kyrene Monte Vista Elementary School
Kyrene de la Paloma Arts Integration Academy
Kyrene de la Sierra Elementary School
Kyrene Traditional Academy
C.I. Waggoner Elementary School

This recognition highlights Kyrene's dedication to creating and sustaining school-wide systems of support that improve learning and ensure all students are successful socially, emotionally and academically.

Awards will be presented during the annual Behavior Education Technology Conference at the Desert Willow Conference Center in Phoenix. To arrange an interview with a principal of one of these schools, contact Erin Helm at 480-541-1113 or ehelm@kyrene.org

Kyrene School District is one of the top elementary school districts in Arizona, comprised of 25 schools (17 elementary, six middle, two K-8). The District's boundaries encompass all of Ahwatukee, parts of Chandler, Tempe, Guadalupe and the Gila River Indian Reservation. Kyrene enrolls approximately 14,000 students annually, offering [many educational choices](#) to enhance learning (arts integration, dual language, traditional, college preparatory, leadership, and gifted.) Kyrene also offers a variety

of on-site [community programs](https://www.kyrene.org) before/after school and during school breaks. To learn more, visit [kyrene.org](https://www.kyrene.org) or call 480-541-1000.

PICTURE DAY ...COMING SOON!

Kyrene de la Mirada

Picture Day: September 10, 2024

Absentees: September 17, 2024

How to Dress: School Pics are a keepsake you'll treasure for years to come, so look and dress your best. Avoid highly reflective neon colors, and please use this flyer as a reminder to schedule haircuts so your student will be "camera ready" by picture day. For more information, and to view the current season background, visit us at: <https://www.schoolpicsonline.com>

What to Bring: Nothing but your smile! No money is needed on picture day!

Please Note: All students will be photographed for yearbook and school services.

About Us: Our School Pics Proof Program allows you to view several proofs of your child before you purchase

Ordering: Digital Proofs and ordering information will be available at: <https://www.schoolpicsonline.com> approximately 2 weeks after the absentee picture day. Your child's school will email access instructions once they are available for viewing and ordering.

If you have any questions, please email us at:

customerservice@schoolpicsaz.com



School Pics
by Mejdreich Photography

****ParentVUE Emergency Information****

Families are required to verify emergency contact information every year. This is critical for your school to be able to reach you in the event of an emergency. On **Monday, August 19**, all parents will be asked to log in to your ParentVUE account to verify emergency and contact information.

Please know that families will not be able to access other information in ParentVUE until this emergency and contact information is verified.

We appreciate family support in completing this request by August 31.

To date approximately 58% of Mirada students have updated emergency and contact information.

Even if you have already verified your information previously this year, you are being asked to redo your emergency update.

Please contact the office with any questions.

[Click Here
Parent Vue
Log In](#)

Parent Acknowledgements are overdue-Please submit ASAP

Families, **Grades K-8** All families are required to submit their agreement that they will review the handbook and technology agreement forms with their child and follow expectations.

Family Handbook (all families)

Technology User Agreement (all families)

Stay Connected - Text Messaging Permission (all families)

Families and specific grades: All families who have children in these grades are provided their children's grade level survey items and then required to submit their position on their child's participation. Depending on the age of the students, families will see a different set of items.

School Quality Survey (Grades 3-8 only)

Social Emotional Survey (Grades 3-8 only)

Leader in Me Survey (Grades 3-8 and only PUE, MIR, CER)

Currently 86% of our families have completed their submissions! We are striving for 100% completion rate so please log on to your ParentVue account to review these acknowledgements.

Parents, please remember to bring your picture ID when you come to school to volunteer or sign your child out of the office early.



PTO CORNER

THANK YOU MONARCHS!!!

Leo's first birthday bash was a SMASH!!!

Thank you all who came and danced and celebrated our friend and mascot... LEO!!!

Leo could NOT believe the incredible turnout and most especially all of the incredible donations for the Kyrene Family Resource Center.

We were able to provide families in our community with meals for at least a month and we were able to donate an addition \$200 to Walmart to fill any gaps they might have.



UPCOMING EVENTS!!!

SEPTEMBER

4 - Jeremiah's Italian Ice after school (bring \$5)

9 - Read-A-Thon BEGINS!!!

11,12,13 - Parent Teacher Conferences -- 1/2 days
BOOK FAIR!!!

18 - Monarch Night Out -- Zesty Zeeks (McClintock
11am-10pm -- 15% comes back to mirada

19 - PTO Meeting 5:30pm in library
(childcare provided please RSVP hello@miradapto.org)

30 - NO SCHOOL -- Fall Break Begins



YEARBOOKS!

Yearbooks are officially on presale for \$20! Prices will go up to \$25 on December 1st... 5th grade tributes are also available for \$5 and due 3/15/25. Don't miss this chance to order and make sure your kiddos share in this year's memories!

order on our website: www.miradapto.org
use code: 722735

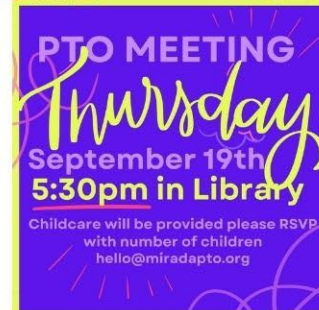
READ-A-THON!!!

Are you ready to raise money for our amazing school and watch all of our students literacy sky rocket?!? We have HUGE goals this year and we would love if every monarch could help us reach them!

Reading begins September 9th...

register now at: www.getmovinfundhub.com
use school code: 66bobe62of5dc

THANK YOU MONARCH FAMILIES!





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.

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.



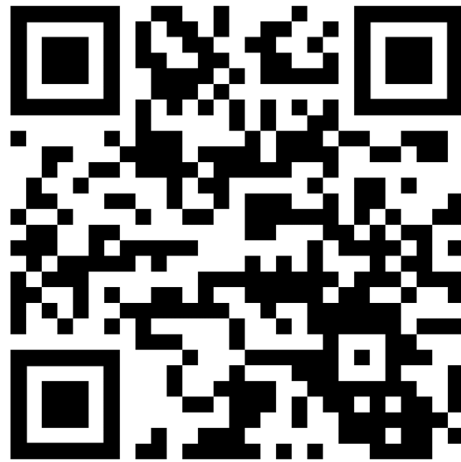
District Attendance Policy Kyrene Family Handbook (pg 20-21)

- The District will report all student absences and tardiness in accordance with A.R.S. § 15-901 (A)(1) and defined by the Arizona Department of Education (manual G)
- Parents/guardians are asked to call the attendance office within two hours of the start of each day that their child is absent. When leaving a message on the attendance line, it should include the student's name, grade, date(s) of absence and reason for absence.
- **The absence will not be excused if an acceptable reason for the absence is not provided.**
- We do not excuse an absence that is reported via email; all absences must be reported to the school's attendance office via a telephone call. You must call the Attendance Line even if you've notified the teacher of any absence.
- Tardies will only be excused when the parent/guardian is present with the student to sign in late for school at the front office AND provides an acceptable reason for arriving late.

Mirada 24 hour Attendance Line: 480-541-4201
Student Name and Grade
Date(s) of absence
Reason for absence



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7 Habits : Habit 1 - Be Proactive!

At Mirada Leadership Academy our students practice the *8 Habits of a Happy Kid* every day. As we deepen our understanding and incorporate them into daily life, it is important to understand the meaning of each habit.

This past month, our focus has been **Habit 1: "Be Proactive."** Being proactive means you are in charge of yourself. You choose your actions, attitudes, and moods. You don't blame others for your actions. You do the right thing without being asked, even when nobody's watching. You have a "can do" attitude. All students can learn to be in charge of themselves and practice a "can do" attitude.

We asked a few kindergartener students the following questions. "**What does being proactive mean to you? How can you be proactive?**" Below are a few of their responses.

Student: "I am proactive when I am in charge of myself."

Student: "I am proactive when I am respectful."

Student: "I am proactive when I listen to my teacher and follow directions."

Student: "I am proactive when I help my friends."

Student: "I am proactive when I walk in the hallway."

Student: "I am proactive when I am responsible."

Student: "I am proactive when I am kind."

We want students to be proactive at school and at home! If you have a child that is constantly complaining of being bored, try some of these ideas.

1) Fill Someone's Bucket: Have them brainstorm ways that they could do something nice for someone else, either a neighbor, friend, or family member.

2) Circle of Control: Take some sidewalk chalk, go outside, and draw two circles within each other big enough to stand in. The middle one is the circle of control. Give your kids examples of different things they can control (homework) and other things they can't (weather). Have them move in and out of the circle depending on the scenario.

3) Role-play Proactive vs. Reactive: Demonstrate for your kids how to deal with a situation proactively vs. reactively.

If you are wanting to incorporate some chores into your child's life to help them be proactive, the chart below can help you and your child find age appropriate chores.

AGE APPROPRIATE CHORES

2-3 YEARS

- PICK UP TOYS AND BOOKS
- PUT TRASH IN GARBAGE CAN
- PUT LAUNDRY IN HAMPER
- DUST
- PUT AWAY SILVERWARE
- WIPE BASEBOARDS
- FOLD RAGS AND DISHCLOTHS
- PUT CLOTHES IN HAMPER
- PUT CLOTHES AWAY IN DRAWERS

7-11 YEARS

- ALL PREVIOUS CHORES
- FOLD LAUNDRY
- SWEEP
- VACUUMING
- TAKE OUT TRASH
- WASH MIRRORS
- MEAL PREP
- TAKE TRASHCAN TO CURB
- WEED FLOWERS / GARDEN
- CLEAN OUT THE CAR
- CLEAN TOILETS
- CLEAN ROOM
- ORGANIZE TOY ROOM
- BRING IN MAIL / NEWSPAPER

4-6 YEARS

- ALL PREVIOUS CHORES
- TAKE CARE OF PETS
- SET AND CLEAR THE TABLE
- MATCH SOCKS
- PUTTING AWAY GROCERIES
- MAKE BED
- WIPE DOWN DIRTY WALLS
- EMPTY TRASHES
- SWEEP WITH SMALL BROOM

12± YEARS

- ALL PREVIOUS CHORES
- MOW LAWN
- BABYSIT SIBLINGS
- WASH WINDOWS
- IRON
- WASH CAR
- COOK SIMPLE MEALS
- LAUNDRY
- MOP FLOORS
- CLEAN BATHROOM
- CLEAN OUT FRIDGE

Habit 1
Be Proactive!





Reminder that free and reduced meal application eligibility for School Year 2023-2024 is **expiring 09/05/2024**. Please encourage your families to **re-apply** (if they have not already) for School Year 2024-2025 to prevent any lapse in eligibility. School Year 2024-2025 eligibility is not guaranteed from the previous year, as families must meet the eligibility guidelines for continuation of benefits. As a reminder, students who are determined to be reduced price eligible will receive free breakfast and lunch this year through a grant from the Arizona Department of Education.

- 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.

Payment & Balance Info Links

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Apply for Free and Reduced Meals



Parent Information Nights

The Kyrene School District is pleased to continue the successful Positive Parenting Series this school year, focusing on issues that affect families both at school and at home. We hope you can join us.

Understanding Teen Mental Health and Building Resiliency

Description: Participants will learn about the Rise in Fentanyl and Narcan. Participants will also learn how to save a life by administering Narcan.

Presenters:

Joronda Montano

Date and Time:

September 25, 2024

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Location:

Centennial Middle School

13808 S 36th St.

Phoenix, AZ 85044

[Registration Link/Zoom](#)

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Early Release Wed: 12:15 pm

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