

September 2024

Our Pack Has Your Back



Dear Families,

Happy September! I am looking forward to the “cooler” weather, pumpkin-spiced everything and other joys fall brings! This month is our last month of the quarter and we have lots of exciting things coming your way. We will begin this month with our Book Fair and Parent/Teacher conferences. We love to pair these two events together each year so families can stop by the book fair on their way to or after their conference. Please reach out to your teachers for additional information regarding our Book Fair and Parent/Teacher conferences.

September 6th is our kick-off for our Step it Up Fall Fundraiser. All children will attend an assembly and then bring home information for you about how you can help us raise money for Colina. Each grade level will be spending their allotted monies to specific items or events in the future. This fundraiser will culminate on Wednesday, October 23, with the Day of Awesomeness! There will be bounce houses and fun activities for all children to participate in as a “Thank You!” for all their efforts in supporting Colina. It will definitely be a fun day for all our students. We will need volunteers so be on the lookout for a PTO communication about this fun event!

We are looking forward to sharing with you the progress your children are making so far this year! Our conferences will be held September 11-13th. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday are all early release at 12:15. We appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedules to sit down with us and celebrate your child. Don't forget to stop by the Book Fair!

On September 16th, we start welcoming Watch D.O.G.S. to our campus. If you are interested in signing up please use this link: <https://calendly.com/colinawatchdogs> Thank you to Matt Sparks, our Top D.O.G.S., for all you do for our school and this amazing program.

Cheer Assemblies and Proud Principal lunches will wrap up our quarter so nicely. Students will be recognized by their teachers and have a chance to earn the 4Bs Award, Leader of the Pack and/or the SWAG Award (Students with Academic Growth). This fun assembly is one way we end each quarter celebrating students, playing games and cheering for our pack!

We have a busy and enjoyable month ahead! Have a great September and remember “Our Pack Has Your Back”!

Emily Pieper, Kyrene de la Colina
Proud Principal

Drop-Off/Pick-Up Procedures

Please use the below to familiarize yourself with our arrival and dismissal map. Parent parking will now be available in the front of the school beginning after the first bell at 7:25-2:15PM. **Please note, at 2:15 we will cone off this entrance for parking to ensure safety bus loading procedures and timely bus departures.**

Arrival Procedures: Students may enter through the North or South gate from 7:00-7:25 when the first bell rings. The playground will be closed to anyone other than staff and students.

Parent Walk-Up- You may park and walk your child to one of the gates if you wish. Please utilize the large parking lot and cross at the designated crosswalk circled in red on the map.

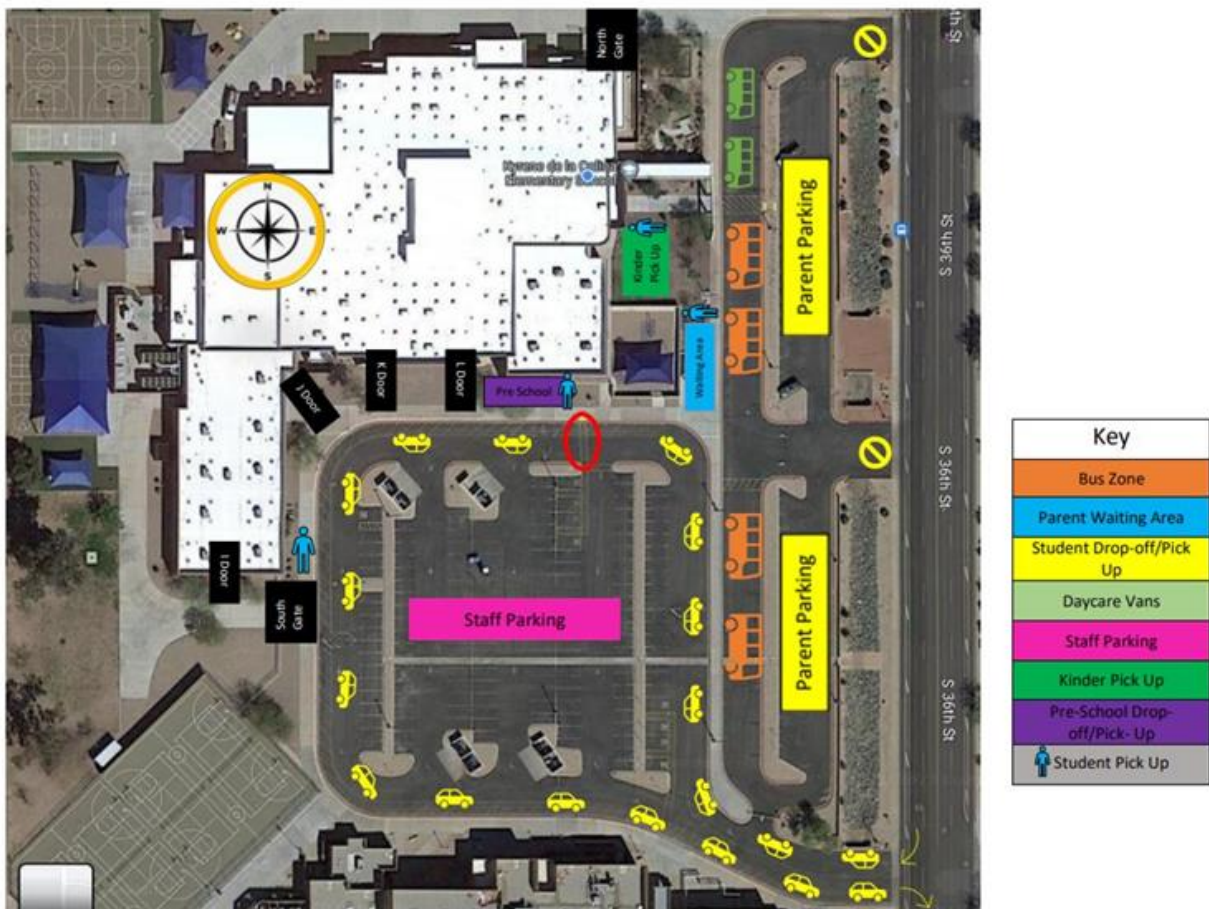
Parent Drive-Up- You may choose to drop your child off in the drive-up car lane. Please ensure you are waiting in line closest to the red curb and remaining in your vehicle until a staff member instructs you to release near the South Gate entrance. When exiting this parking lot **right turn only**.

Dismissal Procedures: Students will be exiting the building no earlier than 2:15PM. You may greet your child at the parent waiting area or in your car.

Parent Walk-Up- You may park and meet your child at the designated parent waiting area. Please wait in the drive-up line and utilize the large parking lot once able.

Parent Drive-Up- You may choose to pick up your child in the drive-up car lane. Please display your name plate in your passenger window at all times. Remain in your vehicle until a staff member instructs you to stop near the South Gate entrance. When exiting this parking lot **right turn only**.

Thank you for your support and flexibility as we strive to keep all children safe! If you have any suggestions, please let us know!





Important Dates:

September 9-13: Scholastic Book Fair
September 11-13: Parent Teacher Conferences
September 30 - October 15: Fall break
October 16: First Day of Quarter 2
November 15: Harvest Festival
December 23 - January 6: Winter break
January 7: Start of Quarter 3

Quick links:

[School Website](#)

[Colina PTO](#)

[Breakfast/Lunch Menu](#)

[Calendar](#)

[ParentVUE/StudentVUE](#)

[Bus Information](#)

[Kids Club](#)

Parent Reminders:

Important: Sign up for Text Messages

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 our school and the Kyrene School District.

Lunch Information



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Kyrene schools offer nutritious meals at a low cost. Families seeking reduced-price or free meals must [submit an application](#) for assistance or visit kyrene.org/foodservices for more information.

Kyrene uses an online system for managing school meal accounts. If you do not already have an account, please visit the payment portal below to register. Meal account balances can be checked at any time through [LinqConnect](#). Cash and checks made payable to Kyrene School District are accepted at school sites as well.

Additionally, Kyrene meal prices will remain the same as the 2023-2024 school year. Regular meal prices: Lunch-\$3.00; Breakfast-\$1.70

Lunch menus can be found [here](#).

Student Messages and Deliveries:

In an attempt to preserve instructional time, messages and deliveries for students will be held in the office and an email will be sent alerting the teacher that it is there. Teachers will send the student down during a break in instruction. **If you have a change in transportation for your child, please send a note ahead of time with your child or, for last minute changes, contact the Colina office *PRIOR* to 1:45 pm.**

Bus Information:

Kyrene is proud to provide transportation for students in an environment that is safe, courteous, and on time. Be sure to review the [Bus Rules](#) and expectations as well as our video reviewing seat belt usage during the bus ride.

Note: Even if your child rode the bus in the past, please check the online [transportation portal](#) to verify eligibility and bus stop locations!

As a reminder, kindergartners will not be released from the bus without a parent or guardian to pick them up.

We love our bus drivers! Mr. Terry and Ashton S. planned to wear their Pizza Planet shirts on the same day!



Student Attendance

Regular attendance and punctual arrival at school are two habits that can positively impact student learning. Parents/guardians are urged to make every possible attempt to schedule doctor, dentist, and other appointments for students outside of the school day whenever possible. This will reinforce the importance of school and allow students to participate in all aspects of the school curriculum.

It is very important that the school be notified before 8:15 am, at the latest, if a child is going to be absent. Please call our 24-hour attendance line at (480) 541-2601 to report an absence. If the school has not been contacted by 8:15 our automated phone system will call all numbers on file to determine the reason for the absence. Absences will be excused for illness, medical or family emergencies, and appointments that cannot be scheduled after school hours. Please support your child by arriving to school on time every day.

Birthday Celebration Reminder

Colina School will be following the Kyrene School District guidelines on celebrating birthdays in school. Parents/guardians are not permitted to bring cupcakes, treats, cookies, balloons, or flowers to school. With prior approval of the classroom teacher, parents may share non-edible items such as pencils or stickers for a student's birthday. Each student has his/her name announced on their birthday as recognition of their special day!





Watch D.O.G.S. is an innovative, father-involvement, educational initiative of the National Center for Fathering. Their goals are to provide positive male role models for students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important and to provide an extra *set of eyes and ears to enhance school* security and reduce bullying. It's an amazing program and students are so excited when WatchDOGS are on campus!

If you're interested in being a WatchDOG, please use the following link to sign up:
<https://calendly.com/colinawatchdogs>

As a reminder, volunteers who are not the parent or guardian will need to go through a fingerprint clearance process prior to volunteering. Please contact the Colina office for more information.



Hello Families,

I have spent the last month getting acquainted with Colina and having the joy of getting to know as many of the sweet Coyotes we have here on campus that I could. Some I have had the privilege of speaking with one on one; others I have chatted with on the playground, at lunch, during class counselor lessons, or just passing in the hallway. Colina is filled with caring and enthusiastic learners!

In September, I will gear my focus in classes on **How to Be a Good Friend** and **How to Keep Healthy Friendships**. Your student's teacher will pick an allotted time for me to visit the class; in that time I will give a 15-30 minute lesson to all students. If you ever have any questions about my lessons or would like me to work more closely with your student, please reach out to me: smartin@kyrene.org or 480-541-2736.

Here are some tips to keep the dialogue going in teaching your students about healthy relationships.

Teach your student what healthy friendship looks like. Ask questions such as, "Do you feel good when you are hanging out with this friend?" "Do you feel good about yourself when you spend time with this person?" Also remind your student

that no friendship (or person) is perfect and it is normal to have some not so great days with their friend. The importance is recognizing a pattern.

Avoid normalizing unhealthy friendships. As much as possible, model healthy relationships and boundaries. Have age-appropriate discussions on your healthy relationships so your student has a visual on what to look for.

Practice using assertive communication (and address the importance of avoiding aggressive communication).

Encourage your student to use “I” phrases (“I feel _____ when you _____.” “Please stop. _____ is why I don’t like that.”) but also help them understand that the other person may not respond as they wish and how to react if the desired response is not received.

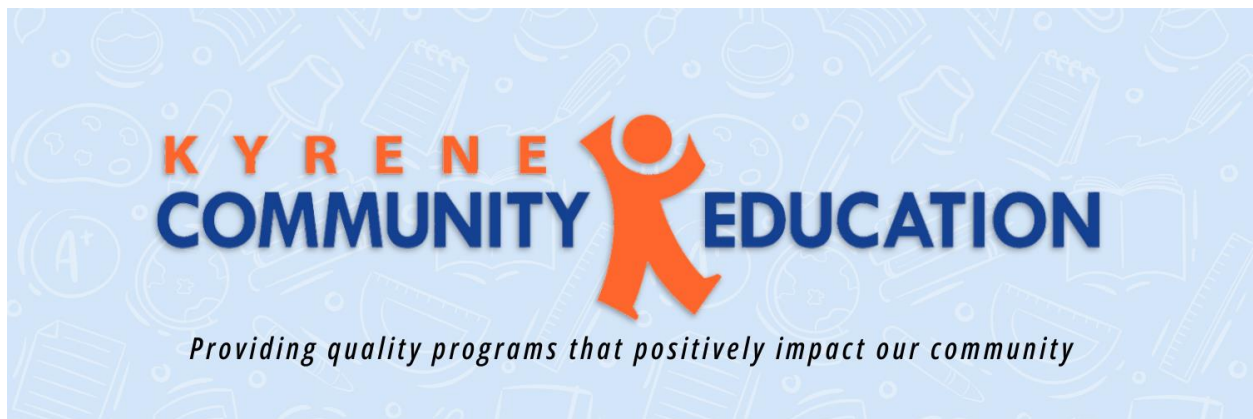
Avoid criticizing your student’s friends. Instead, express that the other student may be learning a skill and, again, teach on how to respond and how to be a good model to the other student.



If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year email me at smartin@kyrene.org or call 480-541-2736. I'll be sure to get back to you as soon as possible.

It's going to be a great year! I look forward to working with you all.

Mrs. Stephanie Martin



2024-25 Non-School Days		Kids Club	Preschool	Adventure Tours	Registration Deadline by noon
		Location			
Sept 30 - Oct 14	Fall Break	Esperanza	Mirada	Mirada	Sept 26
Oct 7 - 11	Fall Break			Mirada	
Nov 11	Veterans Day	Esperanza			Nov 7
Dec 23 - Jan 6 No camp Dec 25 or Jan 1, Camp closes 3pm Dec 24	Winter Break		Manitas	Manitas	Dec 19
Jan 20	Martin Luther King Day	Esperanza			Jan 16
Feb 17	Presidents' Day	Esperanza			Feb 14
March 10 -24	Spring Break	Esperanza	Manitas	Manitas	March 7
March 17 - 21				Manitas	

Program Hours: Preschool and Kids Club-7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.*

*December 24th Camp will close at 3:00 p.m.

Adventure Tours 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Morning and Afternoon snacks provided for Kids Club and Preschool only.

Please remember to send your child(ren) with a non-perishable lunch to program.

Preschool (3-5 year olds) - \$64.45/day/child

Kids Club (K-6th graders) - \$54.88/day/child

Adventure Tours (4th- 8th Grade) - \$77.77/day/child

Pricing & Program availability are subject to change

Information about Non-School Days

- Registration:** Registration must be completed online at www.kyrene.org/CommunityEd (click log in/register button). Registrations are only complete once Non-Schools Day requests are approved and payment is received.
- Payment:** Acceptable forms of payment include Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, EFT- Electronic Fund Transfer.
- Cancellations:** In the event that a program is cancelled due to low enrollment, families will be notified at least **five** business days before the program start date and will receive a full refund in the amount paid per cancelled date per child enrolled. If a family needs to cancel the registration, full refunds are issued for cancellations received **six business** days prior to the start of program.
Full refunds minus \$10 are issued for cancellations made within five days of the program start date (Refunds are on a per child/per day basis). Refunds are not issued after the start date of each program. Teacher days are considered part of Fall & Spring Break.

Program Locations

Kyrene de la Esperanza | 14841 S. 41st Pl., Phoenix, AZ, 85044
Kyrene de la Mirada | 5500 W. Galveston St., Chandler, AZ 85226
Kyrene de las Manitas | 1201 W. Courtney Ln., Tempe, AZ 85284



Colina Spirit Wear:

Colina has a Spirit Wear store on-line! This store is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year! With over 100 items to choose from, there is no doubt that you will find the perfect item for your student(s). The best part is that the items are shipped directly to your home! To visit the store, click [here](#).

Contact the PTO:

The PTO always loves to hear from our parents. Please e-mail any questions, concerns, comments, or ideas to us at: kyrenedelacolinapto@gmail.com. You can also find us on Facebook and Instagram!



2024-2025 COLINA PTO EVENT CALENDAR



 JULY	 AUGUST	 SEPTEMBER
<p>07/18 WELCOME BACK BREAKFAST for Teachers</p> <p>07/19 KINDER ICE CREAM SOCIAL</p> <p>07/22 MEET THE TEACHER 5PM - 6:30PM</p> <p>07/24 First Day of School 🍎</p>	<p>08/09 PETER PIPER PIZZA Family Dinner Night 4:00-8:00pm</p> <p>08/20 WATCHDOG KICKOFF and PTO COMMUNITY 5:30-6:30pm</p>	<p>09/04 STEP IT UP KICKOFF</p> <p>09/09 - 09/13 BOOKFAIR AND PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES</p> <p>09/19 Bahama Bucks Fundraise ALL DAY! JOIN US!</p> <p>09/28 FALL BREAK STARTS</p>
 OCTOBER	 NOVEMBER	 DECEMBER
<p>09/28-10/15 FALL BREAK (KIDS RETURN ON THE 16TH)</p> <p>10/23 DAY OF AWESOMENESS</p> <p>10/23 ZZEEKS Family Dinner Night ALL DAY! JOIN US!</p>	<p>11/15 HARVEST FESTIVAL</p> <p>11/26 Chipotle Family Dinner Night! JOIN US! 4:00-8:00pm</p>	<p>12/21-01/06 WINTER BREAK (KIDS RETURN ON THE 7TH)</p> <p>TBD FAMILY HOLIDAY PARTY/ BINGO</p>
 JANUARY	 FEBRUARY	 MARCH
<p>01/06 WINTER BREAK ENDS (KIDS RETURN ON THE 7TH)</p> <p>01/15 ZZEEKS FAMILY DINNER NIGHT ALL DAY! JOIN US!</p>	<p>TBD FAMILY DANCE</p> <p>02/05-02/07 BOOK FAIR and PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES</p> <p>02/20 DQ Family Dinner Night ALL DAY! JOIN US!</p>	<p>03/08-03/24 SPRING BREAK (KIDS RETURN ON 25TH)</p> <p>READ ACROSS AMERICA</p> <p>BOOK-A-THON</p>
 APRIL	 MAY	 JUNE
<p>TBD BIKE/WALK TO SCHOOL WATCHDOG EVENT</p> <p>TBD FAMILY DINNER NIGHT</p>	<p>05/05-05/09 TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK! 🎉</p> <p>5/6 PTO COMMUNITY MEETING JOIN US!</p> <p>05/13 In & Out Family Dinner Night JOIN US! 3:30-7:30pm</p> <p>5/21 PETER PIPER PIZZA Family Dinner Night Yearbook signing 4:00-8:00pm</p> <p>05/29 Last Day of School!</p>	<p>Enjoy your SUMMER!</p>



COLINA

Hygiene & Food Drive

Help Colina students
be successful for school by
donating any of the following:

- can goods
- boxed goods
- non-perishable snacks
- gently used kids' clothing and shoes
- bandaids
- tooth paste & tooth brushes
- Deodorant

100% of the donated items will go right back to Colina students. Our focus is to support specific Colina students whose families may be struggling due to financial hardship.

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Questions?
Contact:
Stephanie Martin
Colina School Counselor
SMartin@Kyrene.org



Don't forget to register your Fry's card at www.fryscommunityrewards.com.
Our organization number is **VE181**.

This is an easy and FREE way to earn money for our PTO, which in turn funds great activities for our kids, supplies our library with books, and supports the learning goals Colina has for our children. Please connect your card TODAY! It's easy and it's FREE!

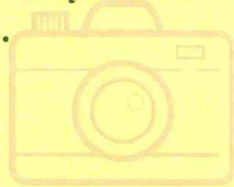
YEARBOOK 2024-2025

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Attention parents: our Colina team has officially started the yearbook making process.

#yearbook

We need your help!



As the year goes on and you're capturing amazing moments with your student at school, PTO events, activities, and clubs you can send them to our yearbook team.

With your submissions we can make this yearbook great!

Send photos to our school counselor,
Mrs. Stephanie Martin
smartin@kyrene.org

If you have any questions,
reach out to our team:
clabarge@kyrene.org
kmmartin@kyrene.org
smartin@kyrene.org



MAKE A TAX CREDIT DONATION TODAY!



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School Hours: 7:25 am – 2:15 pm
Early Release Wednesdays: 12:15

Office Hours: 7:00 – 3:30 pm

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