



October 2024

A Message from Mrs. Anderson

As we welcome the month of October and our much anticipated Fall Break, I want to take a moment to encourage everyone to take this time to relax and enjoy the company of family and friends. This break is a wonderful opportunity to recharge, create lasting memories, and appreciate the beauty of the season.

I am thrilled to share that our recent Read A Thon was a tremendous success and I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your support and participation. Thanks to your enthusiasm and dedication we surpassed our goal of \$35,000 and we raised **\$52,645.02**. We received donations from EVERY state and from 12 countries. This money will directly benefit our school community and enhance our educational programs. Your commitment to fostering a love of reading and supporting our school is truly inspiring. Our students logged 295,959 minutes. Thank you once again for your generosity and for encouraging our students to read and explore new worlds through books. Together we are making a positive impact on their education and future.

Congratulations to our category winners!

The Top Reading Class is Ms. Edinger's 3rd Grade.

The Top Fundraising Class is Mrs. Bordelon's 5th Grade.

Top Fundraising Family is the Escobars.

October brings a sense of change, not only in the weather but also in our school calendar. We have several exciting events planned this month, including our Fall Festival. I encourage you to stay involved and participate in these events, as they are a great way to connect with our school community.

Whether you choose to explore the outdoors, engage in fun activities, or simply enjoy quiet moments at home, I hope you find joy and connections during this time.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the remainder of the school year.

Kindly,
Michelle Anderson

Upcoming Events

Sept. 30-Oct. 15 No School (Fall Break/Work and Prof. Dev. Days)
October 16 Students return to school-Early Dismissal
October 17 PTO Meeting 2:45-3:30pm Media Center
October 22 Governing Board Meeting 5-8pm at the District Office
October 28 Monarch Night Out at In and Out 4-8pm Ray and 56th Street

November 7 MML Awards
7:40am Kindergarten, 3rd, 4th Grades
8:30am 1st, 2nd, 5th Grades
November 8 3rd Grade Field Trip to Phoenix Zoo
November 11 No School-Veteran's Day
November 14 Monarch Night Out at SomeBurros-near mall-All Day
November 15 Fifth Grade Field Trip to BizTown
Fall Festival-5:30-8pm
November 21 PTO Meeting
November 26 Turkey Trot
November 27-29 Thanksgiving Break

[View Full Calendar](#)

Click Below for Important School Calendars

[District Calendar](#)

[October Calendar](#)

[PTO Calendar](#)



Now Hiring!

for 2024-2025

Lunch Duty/Playground Supervisor

Crossing Guard

This position is 15 hours a week.

10 hours of Lunch Duty

5 hours of Crossing Guard

If interested, please contact

Michelle Anderson

manderson@kyrene.org

or click below to apply

[Click here to apply](#)

Planning for 2025-2028



Calendar Survey

Your chance to let your voice be heard!

Kyrene School District, in partnership with Tempe Elementary and Tempe Union High School Districts, developed new school year calendars beginning in 2023-24. We are now in the second year of the new calendar, and we want to know how it's working for families, staff, and students. You can provide feedback by participating in [this brief, anonymous survey](#). Kyrene will use the feedback collected from our community as we develop

calendars through the 2028-29 school year. The survey will be open until September 27.

Attendance Letters



Dear Families,
Beginning Monday, September 23, schools will begin sending attendance letters through School Messenger once your child has at least four absences. This is one way we will keep you informed as we continue to partner with you to support your child's school success. If you receive an attendance letter through School Messenger and have questions, please don't hesitate to call our front office.

From the Family Handbook:

Excused Absences

In cases involving prolonged illnesses, a written excuse from a physician may be requested to verify the absence. A student has an excused absence when one of the following conditions are met:

When a student is not in attendance for any portion of or an entire school day and,

- The parent/guardian called the school's attendance line to report the student's absence within 24 hours and provided an acceptable excuse* for the absence, OR
- The parent/guardian was reached by the attendance office and provided the attendance office with an acceptable excuse* for the absence.

***Please note: we cannot excuse an absence that is reported via email; all absences must be reported to the school's attendance office via a telephone call.**

Unexcused Absences

A student has an unexcused absence under and of the following conditions:

- When a student is not in attendance for any portion of or for an entire day and does not have an acceptable excuse*.
- The parent/guardian has not called the school's attendance office to report the student's absence and provide an acceptable excuse* within 24 hours.
- The parent/guardian cannot be reached by the attendance office to obtain an acceptable excuse* for the absence.

*The District will report all student absences and tardiness to school in accordance with A.R.S. § 15-901 (A)(1) and defined by the Arizona Department of Education.

PTO CORNER

THANK YOU MONARCHS!!

MONARCHS
YOU DID IT!!!

\$50K RAISED
295,959 MINUS READ!

We cannot thank our community enough for the way you have shown up!! We loved seeing the participation from so many students, and from family and friends ALL OVER THE WORLD! **Together we can do anything!** We are looking so forward to all the exciting ways we are going to make this year a memorable one for all of our Monarchs and how we can invest even more in this community!

UPCOMING EVENTS!!!

OCTOBER

- 4 - 11 -- FALL BREAK -- NO SCHOOL
- 14 & 15 - No School (Teacher Plan and Staff Days)
- 17 - PTO Meeting 2:45pm in library
(childcare provided please RSVP hello@miradapto.org)
- 28 - Monarch Night Out -- In-N-Out Burger!!!
4-8pm -- Ray and 56th Street

NOVEMBER

- 11 - Veterans Day -- NO SCHOOL
- 28 - Monarch Night Out -- Someburros (near mall)
ALL DAY -- 30% comes back
- 15 - Fall Festival 5:30-8:30pm (tickets available soon)
- 21 - PTO Meeting 5:30pm in library
(childcare provided please RSVP hello@miradapto.org)
- 26 - Turkey TROT!
- 27 - 29 - NO SCHOOL

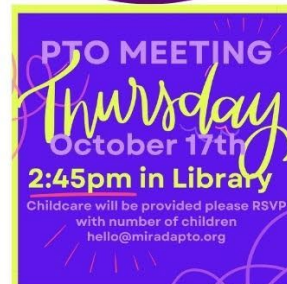
YEARBOOKS!

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

THANK YOU MONARCH FAMILIES!





Parent Reminders

Gifted Testing

Gifted testing is facilitated at Kyrene schools three times per year. Information about applications due dates, testing windows, and results are available on the website. [Click here](#) to access district web page. Applications for the second round of testing are due on October 24, 2024.

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 must be turned off and kept in backpacks at all times on campus, except for prior to the ringing of the first bell for the start of the instructional day and after the ringing of the last bell for the end of the instructional day.

This exception does not apply if the student is on the school bus. When appropriate, cell phones and other electronic devices may be used during the school day under the direct supervision of the teacher. If these rules are not followed, the cell phone 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.



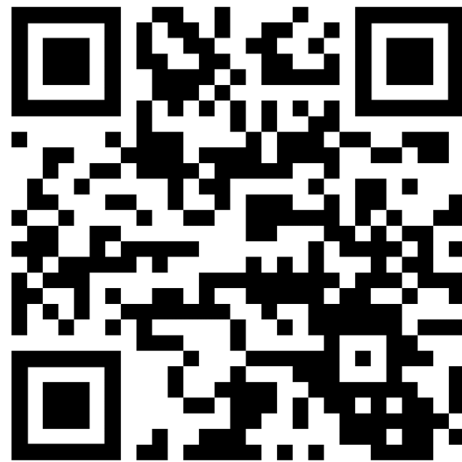
Nominate Staff Member of the Month

Do you know of a staff member who has positively impacted students, making learning engaging or shown dedication to their role? Then nominate them for Staff Member of the Month! All it takes is a few minutes to fill out a four response questionnaire. Nominations may be submitted by school staff, students or parents. Please submit nominations by the last Thursday of the month. Click the button below for link to nomination form.

[Staff Member of the Month Nomination Form](#)



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7 Habits : Habit 2 - Begin With the End in Mind (Have a plan)!

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.

Begin With the End in Mind means to think about how you would like something to turn out before getting it started.

Mirada Leadership Academy students practice the following key concepts: mental creation precedes physical creation, vision for the future, having a plan, setting personal goals, Mission Statements, and making a Bucket List.

I plan ahead and set goals.

I do things that have meaning and make a difference.

I am an important part of my classroom and contribute to my school's mission.

I look for ways to be a good citizen.

We want students to Begin With the End in Mind at home too. Here are some ideas.

Have your child set goals in areas that may need improvement. Have them keep track of the steps they take to reach their goals. This is a great activity to do since we just completed our parent-teacher conferences.

Have your child create a “wants” and “needs” collage. Cut out pictures of various items from a magazine and have kids paste them under the correct column of “wants” and “needs.” Discuss why he/she chose to put the items in the respective columns.

There are so many examples of Habit 2 in recipes, puzzles, paintings, looking at maps before trips, future plans, and exercise goals. Use any analogy to explain what it means to Begin With the End in Mind.

Begin With the End in Mind gives you the confidence to make goals based on what's important to you...not to someone else.



- 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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kyrene.org/foodservices
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Llamar:
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480-541-1368
kbs@kyrene.org

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Kyrene Positive Parenting - October Presentations

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.

Oct. 16 - Raising Responsible Teenagers

Description:

Find out what makes teenagers tick! You'll come away with new ideas to encourage your teenager to make good decisions, be respectful, considerate, reliable, and involved in family life.

Presenters:

Lainie Sgouros

Date and Time:

October 16, 2024

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Location:

ZOOM

[Registration/ Zoom Link](#)

In Partnership With:



Oct. 29 - Related Service Providers Open House

Description:

Kyrene Related Service Providers will be hosting informational sessions for families to understand the services they provide. Related Service Providers in attendance will include a Speech Language Pathologist (SLP), Occupational Therapist (OT), Assistive Technology (AT) Specialist, Physical Therapist, and an Argumentative and Alternative Communication (ACC) Specialist.

Host:

Kyrene ESS Department

Date and Time:

October 29, 2024

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Location:

C.I. Waggoner Elementary
1050 E. Carver Rd.
Tempe, AZ 85284
No Registration Needed

FALL BREAK BASKETBALL Mini-CAMPS

BEGINNERS EDGE SPORTS TRAINING

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Join us for an action-packed week at the B.E.S.T. Sports Basketball Mini Camp! Each camp offers a daily dynamic within a **2-hour session** designed for optimal learning and **non-stop FUN!** Players will develop **fundamental skills** through a mix of structured drills and **exciting competition-style games**. Our expert coaches are dedicated to fostering growth from beginner to intermediate levels, **ensuring every child gains confidence and proficiency**. Sign up for a camp experience that combines **skill-building with fun on the court!**

Monday - Friday
October 7th - 11th



Location: Pueblo Middle School Gym
Price: \$105 per child

1st & 2nd graders: 9 - 11am
3rd - 5th graders: 11:30am - 1:30pm
6th - 8th graders: 2 - 4pm



Register: <https://kyrene.ce.eleyo.com/enrichment>

Contact Us

**Kyrene de la Mirada
Leadership Academy**
5500 W. Galveston Street
Chandler, AZ 85226

School Hours: 7:30 am - 2:15 pm
Early Release Wed: 12:15 pm

Office Hours: 7:00 am - 3:30 pm
Wednesday: 7:00 am - 1:30 pm

Front Office: 480-541-4200
Fax Number: 480-541-4210
Attendance: 480-541-4201
Health Office: 480-541-4220
Cafeteria: 480-541-4226
Kids Club: 480-541-4230

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