



July/August 2024

Dear Cielo Families,

Welcome to the 2024-25 school year! We are looking forward to an incredible year with our students and families! Our theme this year is **"It's Your Time to Shine"**. We believe that every student at Cielo will shine academically and socially!

Below are some important dates and details to help you and your child to be ready for the first day of school:

Meet the Teacher: Please join us on **Monday, July 22nd** from 5:00-6:30pm for **Meet the Teacher Night**. This is the evening you will be able to meet your child's teacher and see the classroom. The **A Door** and **B Door** will be open for families to enter. On the morning of the 22nd, you will be able to view your child's teacher assignment in *ParentVUE*, which will allow families to go straight to the classrooms at this evening event.

PTO: Information regarding our amazing **Cielo PTO** will be available in the **A Hallway**. PTO plans many fun events throughout the year that you will not want to miss. Drop by their table and see all the ways you can get involved and support Cielo. PTO will also be selling school supply packs from **EPI** that evening as well. Families that **previously ordered school supply kits** from EPI will find these already delivered and on your child's desk at Meet the Teacher. Also, on August 8th at 6:00pm, please join us for an information night about PTO volunteering and Watch DOGS.

Health Office: If you need to drop off any **medication for your child**, please be sure to take it to the health office and check it in with one of our office assistants that evening too.

The first day of school is Wednesday, July 24th: The playground gates will open each day at 7:00am. Cielo has two gates where students can enter our campus, either through the parent lot (west side of campus) or at the north gate on Knox Rd. The first bell rings at **7:25** for students to get in line, and the tardy bell rings at **7:30**. The gates will be locked at 7:25 when the first bell rings. **This is a full day, not an early release day like all other Wednesdays.**

On the first day of school parents can walk with their child onto the playground and help them find their line up location and teacher. Along with Cielo staff members, our appointed 5th grade Firebird Friends will be assisting students and families. Look for them in the blue vests. Once the bell rings, parents will exit the playground through the gates, as no adults are allowed in the building without first checking in at the office. Students will line up with their classmates and teachers will walk them into the building. Give a hug and kiss goodbye and know that your child/children will have a great first day 😊

Arrival & Drop-off, students can be dropped off between 7:00am and 7:25am for morning recess. At 7:25 all school gates will close, and students will enter the building through the front office. Students will be marked tardy if arriving after 7:30am.

High Heat Index Days: For the safety and well-being of our students and staff, we follow the guidance from Maricopa County regarding high heat index days. This results in reduced time spent outside for recess. Therefore, we anticipate that for all of July and most of August, our lunch recess times will be reduced to 10 or 15 minutes rather than the normal 20 minutes. Please have your child bring a water bottle to school each day and we will help remind them to stay hydrated. It is likely that there will also be some days when we will have indoor recess for our students rather

than go outside on the playground. In addition to shortened recess times, we may make a decision to have students go into the building in the morning at arrival times 7:00-7:25 - more information will be sent.

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 Kyrene School District.

Thank you for choosing Cielo as your child’s school. The entire Cielo staff is committed to partnering with families to meet the personalized needs of our students. We value parent involvement, team collaboration, and look forward to watching all the students shine!

Mark Your Calendars:

July 24th - 1st Day of School

August 3rd - Back to School Pool Party at Nazomi Pool hosted by PTO

August 5th - Curriculum video slideshow links will be sent by teachers

August 8th - 6:00pm PTO volunteer and Watch DOGS information night

August 15th - School Picture Day

August 16th - Early Release Day - Teacher data planning

September 6th - 7:45am Coffee Chat with Principal Kingsland in the lounge

September 6th - Jeremiah’s Italian Ice on campus afterschool (PTO fundraiser)

September 11,12,13 - Parent/Teacher Conferences & Early Release days

September 26th - Boosterthon Fun Run

Enthusiatically,
Kristin Kingsland
Principal

“The mission at Kyrene del Cielo Elementary School is to inspire every child to learn, grow, and achieve.”



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

Apply now for 2024-25 free and reduced meals

Dear Kyrene Families,

Kyrene School District is busy preparing for the 2024-25 school year. The application portal for free and reduced lunch is now open. As a reminder, a new meal application is required every year to determine eligibility for the current school year. This message provides some key dates and important information pertaining to our Food Service program for the upcoming school year.

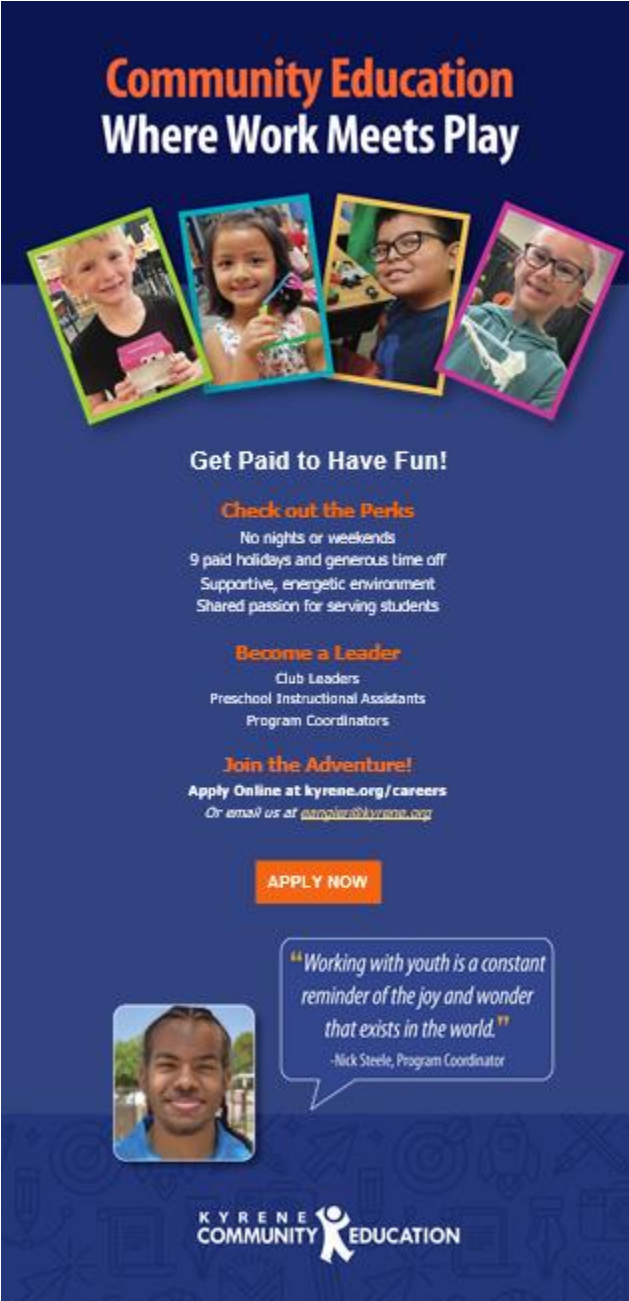
Key Dates:

- **July 1:** Online Application portal opens! Apply for free or reduced lunch for the 2024-25 school year.
- **July 24:** First day of school
- **September 5:** Eligibility from 2023-24 school year EXPIRES! Please submit a new application for the new school year.


Important take-aways and links:

- A new meal application is required every year to determine eligibility for the current school year.
- Meal Prices will remain the same, please click [meal prices](#) on our website for information.
- To submit your 2024-25 household meal application, please [click here](#).
- Meal Account payments may be made online by clicking [make a school lunch payment](#) .
- Lunch balances may be viewed by visiting [Linq Connect](#).
- Your household may be eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), please visit [GetInternet.gov](#) to check eligibility.

Sincerely,
Kyrene Food Services



Community Education
Where Work Meets Play




Get Paid to Have Fun!

Check out the Perks
No nights or weekends
9 paid holidays and generous time off
Supportive, energetic environment
Shared passion for serving students

Become a Leader
Club Leaders
Preschool Instructional Assistants
Program Coordinators

Join the Adventure!
Apply Online at kyrene.org/careers
Or email us at people@kyrene.org

APPLY NOW



"Working with youth is a constant reminder of the joy and wonder that exists in the world."
-Nick Steele, Program Coordinator

KYRENE COMMUNITY EDUCATION



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Families must OPT-IN to Text Message.

Dear Cielo Families,

The mission at Cielo is to inspire every child to learn, grow and achieve. Building strong partnerships between schools and families is crucial for the overall well-being and success of our students.

Please look over the attached PDF document that contains a few friendly reminders from our Kyrene Family Handbook. These are some recent, common and helpful topics for parents and students.

The full handbook is located on the Kyrene website: <https://www.kyrene.org/familyhandbook>



AFTERSCHOOL

STEAM Learning Adventures

Sign up for this amazing after school program at your campus!



Register now!



Believe It or Not Island

Kyrene de la Mariposa Elementary

Mondays 8/12 - 9/23
2:20-3:20 pm
6 weeks \$102
No class 9/2

Kyrene de las Lomas Elementary

Wednesdays 8/21 - 9/25
2-3 pm
6 weeks \$102

C.I. Waggoner Elementary

Thursdays 8/9 - 9/27
2:20-3:20pm
6 weeks \$102
No class 8/16 9/13

Kyrene de La Mirada Elementary

Tuesdays 10/22 - 11/26
2:20-3:20 pm
6 weeks \$102

Kyrene Monte Vista Elementary

Thursdays 10/24 - 12/5
2:20-3:20 pm
6 weeks \$102
No class 11/28

Kyrene de Cielo Elementary

Fridays 10/25 - 12/6
2:20-3:20 pm
6 weeks \$102
No class 11/29

Questions about Challenge Island?

Email: tcollins@challenge-island.com Call: 480-818-9836

JULY						
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Q1 Student Days: 47

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Q2 Student Days: 44

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

JANUARY						
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Q3 Student Days: 42

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Q4 Student Days: 47

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Total Student Days: 180
Total Returning/New Teacher Days: 190/194

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses 2 days a month..

They will miss 20 DAYS a year.

They will miss 30 HOURS of math over the school year.

They will miss 60 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over 1 YEAR of school by graduation.

When a student misses 4 days a month..

They will miss 40 DAYS a year.

They will miss 60 HOURS of math over the school year.

They will miss 120 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over 2 YEARS of school by graduation.

Electronic Devices at School

Please read the information below from our Kyrene Family Handbook regarding students with electronic devices at school. We understand that many students bring cell phones to school and wear smart watches. We are communicating and reminding the students that both cell phones and smart watches need to stay in their backpack during the school day. This school year we have seen an increase in students wearing smart watches and not using them appropriately during the school day, so we are trying to tighten up our procedures and follow the Kyrene School District policy.

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.

Traffic at North Gate/Back Gate on Knox Rd.

This message is to inform you that the North Gate/BackGate on our campus near Knox Rd. is intended for students who walk from the neighborhood or ride their bike. This was never intended to be a drop-off or pick-up area for vehicles. We have observed safety concerns with the number of vehicles that are using this area to drop-off and pick-up students.

If you drive your child/children to school, we ask you to please use the school drop-off/pick-up drive through lane in our west parking lot. You can enter this lane on Lakeshore Drive. Please look for the orange cones that mark the lane. We are a very large elementary school and the majority of our students are driven to and from school. This is one of the reasons we had the new construction completed to allow for a longer drive through lane to accommodate the amount of traffic and help the drop-off and pick-up procedures run smoothly.

Thank you for following our procedures and supporting the safety of our students.

Kyrene Dress Code Reminder.

We want to remind families that Kyrene School District made adjustments to dress code guidelines last year, and we recommend families review current procedures with your students. The guidelines can be found in the Governing Board Policy Manual online, under Procedure [5-302.A Student Attire - Student Dress](#).

The guidelines are also available in the Kyrene Family Handbook.



Dates to Remember:

2024

July 22 - Canes Restaurant Night

July 26 - Jeremiah's Italian Ice 2pm-10pm
Aug. 14 - Culver's Restaurant Night, Teacher Night
Sept. 5 - Jeremiah's, after school on campus
Sept. 11 - Rubio's Restaurant Night
Oct. 29 - Chipotle Restaurant Night
Nov. 14 - Jeremiah's, after school on campus
Nov. 26 - Freely Restaurant Night
Dec. 11 - Panda Express Restaurant Night

2025

Jan. 9 - MOD Pizza Restaurant Night
Feb. 6 - Someburros Restaurant Night
Mar. 25 - 27 - Postino's Restaurant Night
Apr. 2 - Freely Restaurant Night
Apr. 3 - Jeremiah's, after school on campus

JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER *at*

Join us at the Raising Cane's at
1781 E. Warner Rd, Tempe, AZ 85284
on Monday, July 22nd 2024
from 4:00PM - 10:00PM
and mention the fundraiser at the register, and
Cane's will donate 15% of the Net Sales* to:
Kyrene del Cielo



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Learn more about how we can support you at [CanesAndCommunity.com](https://www.canesandcommunity.com)

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Minimum donation amount will be 15% of net sales* from your purchase donated directly to the participating organization. Not valid on mobile app, online or kiosk orders. *Net Sales* means the selling price of regularly inventoried merchandise, food, and beverages sold during the event for the purpose of supporting your organization, excluding special or limited time offers, discounts, returns, and taxes.



Student Attendance

We know from research and experience that regular attendance and being on time to school are two factors that help shape a child's attitude and performance at school. These are also lifelong habits that are important for your child. Therefore, we consider school attendance a very important factor in your children's academic success. Please review the following procedures for school attendance.

Absences

Parents must call the attendance line at 480-541-2401 (24 hour message machine) when your child is absent. We can no longer accept email notifications from parents or messages from teachers. This information must be conveyed via a phone call to our front office staff or a recorded message left on our attendance line. If the school does not hear from you or cannot get in touch with you, your child will be marked unexcused truant until our attendance clerk has made contact with you. For your child's safety, it is important for the school to be notified of an absence. You may check your child's absences and tardies through your ParenVue account.

Have You Moved?

If you have moved, please log in to ParentVue and update your new information. You will also need to upload your new utility bill/lease/mortgage agreement. We also will need families to sign a new State of Arizona Residence form that is located in the front office. We appreciate your assistance with this.



Breakfast: Breakfast is served in the cafeteria from 7:00-7:20. The kitchen closes at 7:20. Please get your child here early enough if they are getting breakfast.

Gates: When the first bell rings at 7:25, students should be getting in line. The gates will close promptly at 7:27. Students who arrive after 7:30 will be marked tardy.

Parking Lot: Please drive slowly in our parking lot and drop-off lane. Also, students should not be dropped off in the parking lot. **Safety is our #1 priority!!!**

National School Lunch Program

The National School Lunch Program is a program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Through this program, eligible students may be offered free or reduced-price meals. We also participate in the School Breakfast Program at most schools. Meal payments may be made online, as this program operates in all of the schools in the Kyrene School District. Meal application information is distributed and made available to every student in the district at the beginning of the school year. Application information will remain confidential and will be used only to determine eligibility for free or reduced-priced meals. Applications are also available at all school offices or by clicking on the meal application links.

Please visit [Linq Connect](#) to submit an online meal application to our district. You may turn in paper meal applications to any school office. We strongly encourage all families to apply. The free, reduced-price, and paid meal information is used to qualify the school district for other student qualifications and funding. You will receive an eligibility letter via email once your application has been processed that includes the status of your student(s) meal eligibility. If you have a concern regarding the decision of your meal application, please email kbs@kyrene.org.

Payment Options

- **Online** (Please visit [In-Touch](#) to pay using your credit or debit card).
- **Check** (Please make checks payable to Kyrene School District, checks are accepted at all school sites).
- **Cash** (Please send cash in a sealed envelope labeled for the student. Cash is accepted at all school sites).

Online Lunch Payment Instructions

We offer an optional online payment option via [In-Touch](#) to submit meal account payments. Choose meal account to apply money to your student(s) meal accounts. Payments will be applied to your students meal account at 6:50 AM, 9:35 AM, 11:05 AM, 12:05 PM and at night at 11:35PM daily to update the meal account balance. Balances can be checked at any time by visiting lingconnect.com. Negative balance notices will be emailed weekly to parents during the school year. Meal account balance notices are sent on Friday to notify you of the current amount as your student(s) may/or may not spend money to purchase 2nd meals or Al-a-Carte items.

An account needs to be created to view your child's meal balance at lingconnect.com. Linq Connect/Titan IT support is available by dialing 1-844-467-4700 (Option 2 Option 1 for assistance).

Contact Food Services for meal account issues by phone at 480-541-1368 or email at kbs@kyrene.org.

Unpaid Meal Policy

- [Unpaid Meal policy](#)

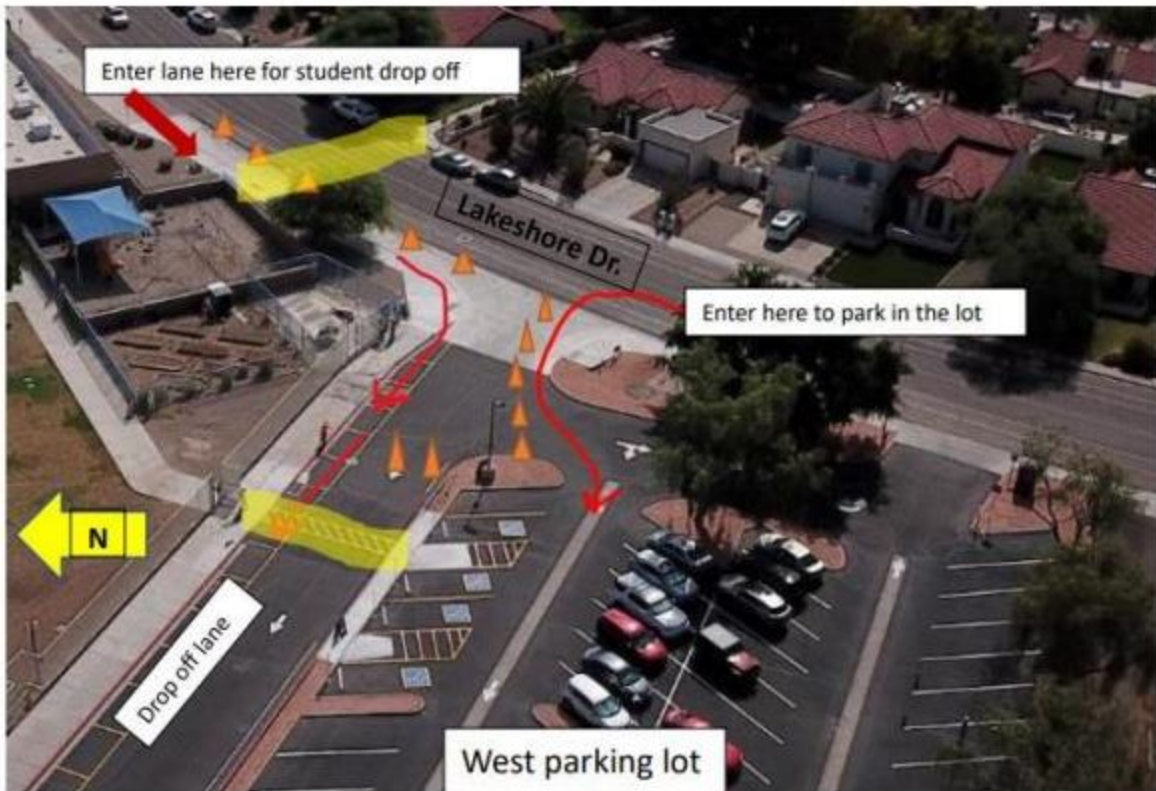
SMART SNACKS: Please contact the SFE office by calling 480-541-1660 or by email for information regarding Smart Snacks and the current list of items.

Email: foodservice@kyrene.org.

Entrance to Parent Lot

From **McClintock east from Post to Lakeshore** - car lane drop off line, stay in car. Pull all the way up, past crosswalk before letting students out of car (passenger side only)

From **Ray Rd north up Lakeshore** - turn left into parking lot to the car parking lanes, walk students to crosswalk to gates.





Quick Links

[School Website](#)

[Breakfast/Lunch Menu](#)

[2024-25 Calendar](#)

[2025-26 Calendar](#)

[ParentVue](#)

[PTO](#)

Upcoming Events

2024-25

July 24 - First Day of School

Aug. 16 - Early Release

Sept. 2 - Labor Day, No School

Sept 12 & 13 - Early Release, Parent Teacher Conferences

Sept. 27 - End of Quarter 1

Sept 30 - Oct 11 - Fall Break

Oct. 15 - Staff Development Day, No School
Oct. 16 - School Resumes
Nov. 11 - Veterans Day, No School
Nov. 27 - 29 - Thanksgiving Break, No School
Dec. 20 - End of Quarter 2
Dec. 23 - Jan 3 - Winter Break, No School

2025

Jan. 7 - Start of Quarter 3
Jan. 20 - MLK Day, No School
Feb. 6 & 7 - Early Release, Parent Teacher Conferences
Feb. 17 - Presidents' Day, No School
Mar. 7 - End of Quarter 3
Mar. 10 - 21 - Spring Break
Mar. 25 - Start of Quarter 4
April 18 - Early Release
May 26 - Memorial Day, No School
May 29 - Last Day of School

STAY CONNECTED!



Kyrene School District and your child's school want to keep you informed of important news and events.

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All families are automatically enrolled to receive **email** and **phone calls**. No sign up required!



ONLINE PAYMENTS

CONVENIENT AND FAST!

- Purchase an item
- Pay an athletic or activity fee
- Pay for a lost or damaged library book
- Make a tax credit donation



Kyrene Online Payment Center

Click here to access the [Payment Center](#)

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Contact Us

Kyrene del Cielo
1350 N. Lakeshore Drive
Chandler, AZ 85226

Phone: 480-541-2400

Fax: 480-541-2410

Attendance: 480-541-2401

School Hours: 7:30am – 2:15 pm
Every Wednesday at 12:15 pm

Office Hours: 7:00 am – 3:30 pm
Every Wednesday at 1:30 pm