



November 2024

Our Pack Has Your Back



Dear Families,

November is a month where we intentionally ground ourselves in gratitude and being thankful for all we have. I am so thankful for all of you, your amazing children and our dedicated staff at Colina. At Colina we know all about being kind and what this looks like and sounds like in all areas. We take time to intentionally hold doors open for one another, wave and smile to people we see in the hallways and spread our acts of kindness like confetti! Gratitude is a huge part of creating and sustaining an environment where all kids thrive!

This month we are excited to see everyone at the Harvest Festival on November 15th. Please join us for the fun from 6:00-8:00PM located on the back fields and courts. ZEEKS Pizza, Fry Bread, Phoenix Freeze and water/soda will be available for purchase. We will have music, petting zoo, bounce house, sweets shuffle, harvest maze, balloon artist, pumpkin decorating contest, carnival games, table crafts and more! You won't want to miss this wonderful event and support our school. We also have our Chipotle Dinner night, Tuesday 11/26. Stop by and grab dinner on the go so you can save the cooking for Thanksgiving.

We will also be inviting parents in for Thanksgiving lunch this year on Monday, November 18th. You are welcome to join us in the cafeteria during your child's lunch times below. Please sign in through the front office with your ID. Lunches are \$3.90 for adults and you must have exact change. More information will be shared in my weekly newsletter next Friday.

Last and certainly not least, we will have our annual Colina Turkey Trot on Monday, November 25th. We welcome you to join us during our trot and cheer on your Coyote! More details will be coming and please let us know if you are able to volunteer.

I am so proud to announce Kyrene de la Colina has maintained its "A" rating from the Arizona Department of Education. While we celebrate this recognition, we also want to recognize that the letter grades issued by the Arizona Department of Education are also influenced by measures that are not based on student achievement, but how students compare to others across the state, regardless of proficiency rates for grade level expectations. Please know that our school letter grade does not provide you with information about your child's individual performance or classroom experience. You will find far more useful information in your student's assessment scores collected at our school site weekly, monthly and quarterly. With your continued support and partnership, we will continue to achieve success! We are so grateful you have chosen Colina as your school of choice.

Please take time to read the newsletter, as this is packed with important dates and events coming up. Please continue to share your feedback with me about all things Colina. I am here to listen and make Colina the best school around!

Thank you for your continued support. "Our Pack Has Your Back!"

Academically yours,

Emily Pieper, Kyrene de la Colina
Proud Principal



Important Dates:

November 11: Veteran's Day - NO SCHOOL
November 15: Harvest Festival
November 18: Thanksgiving Lunch - adults \$3.90 exact change please
November 25: Turkey Trot
November 26: Chipotle Family Dinner Night
November 27-29 Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL
December 23 - January 6: Winter break
January 5: Zzeeks Family Dinner Night
January 7: Start of Quarter 3
February 20: DQ Family Dinner Night
May 13: In and Out Family Dinner Night
May 21: Peter Piper Pizza



Colina's Annual Turkey Trot will be taking place on Monday, November 25th. As Colina's new PE teacher, I have been working with all grades to increase their cardiovascular fitness levels. We have been learning about pacing, and the importance of trying our best, even when things are difficult. Students have been working so hard and they're having fun!! We hope you can join us in our Turkey Trot this year. We'd love to have you come walk, jog, or run our course. The event takes place in the field behind Colina and the Centennial Track. Parents/guardians attending the event will need to bring a valid ID and sign in at the NORTH gate before the event. Students will participate in the event with their grade level. Each grade level is given a certain amount of time for the event, and the expectation is they continue to move their bodies for that time period. We will have a quick warm-up, then students and guests will walk, jog, or run the course, and we will finish up with a water station break at the end.

Please consider joining us for this annual event. I'd love to meet you and chat with you, or even walk or jog a lap with you.

Jodi Bushor
PE Teacher
Email: jbushor@kyrene.org



Quick links:

[School Website](#)

[Colina PTO](#)

[Breakfast/Lunch Menu](#)

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[ParentVUE/StudentVUE](#)

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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.



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

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

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.

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.



November Counselor Corner

Happy Fall! I continue to go into classrooms discussing conflict resolution using **1 2 3....Peace, Begins with Me**. Students are learning the three steps important is solving problems with one another:

1. Be calm and ready to listen
2. Talk it out. Make sure you are listening to understand the other person's point of view.
3. Come up with a solution that works for both of you

Look for opportunities to practice these skills at home so your student gets good practice. Almost all of the students I talked to with siblings said this would be very useful with those sibling squabbles!



If you would like to consider your child for individual time with me or have questions about our small groups please reach out to smartin@kyrene.org or leave me a message at 480-541-2736. I will return calls and email with two school days. I will also continue to add information to my page: [Mrs. Martins Page](#)

Mrs. Stephanie Martin



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!

<div>  <div> 2024-2025 COLINA PTO EVENT CALENDAR </div>  </div>		
 OCTOBER  10-23 DAY OF AWESOMENESS FALL BREAK - 09/28 - 10/15 (KIDS RETURN ON THE 16TH)	 NOVEMBER 11-15 HARVEST FESTIVAL FAMILY DINNER NIGHT	 DECEMBER WINTER BREAK - 12/21 - 01/06 (KIDS RETURN ON THE 7TH) FAMILY HOLIDAY PARTY/ BINGO
 JANUARY WINTER BREAK ENDS 01/06 (KIDS RETURN ON THE 7TH) FAMILY DINNER NIGHT	 FEBRUARY FAMILY DANCE BOOK FAIR / PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE 2/5 - 2/7 FAMILY DINNER NIGHT	 MARCH BOOK-A-THON READ ACROSS AMERICA SPRING BREAK 3/8 - 3/34 (KIDS RETURN ON 25TH)
 APRIL BIKE/WALK TO SCHOOL WATCHDOG EVENT FAMILY DINNER NIGHT	 MAY 5/6 COMMUNITY MEETING 5/5 - 5/9 TEACHER APPRECIATION 5/23 PETER PIPER PIZZA	 JUNE



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!

**MAKE A
TAX CREDIT
DONATION
TODAY!**



**K Y R E N E
COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

Providing quality programs that positively impact our community

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

Contact Us:

Kyrene de la Colina
 13612 S. 36th Street
 Phoenix, AZ 85044

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

Phone: 480-541-2600
Fax: 480-541-2610
Attendance: 480-541-2601

Office Hours: 7:00 – 3:30 pm

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