

December 2024

Our Pack Has Your Back



Dear Families,

December is a month about marking the end of a year, celebrating successes and reflecting on the challenges. This month we will administer middle of year assessments in iReady (math), NWEA and DIBELS (ELA) in order to see the growth our students have made thus far. After the assessment window closes, we will meet in grade level teams with our academic interventionists to analyze each child's data to best inform our instruction and intervention for quarter three. This analysis is critical to your child's academic success!

Teachers will be nominating students and staff to be recognized during our quarter two CHEER Assembly. During this assembly, students have the chance to earn the Student With Academic Growth (SWAG) award, Leader of the Pack Award and the 4 B's Award. Students will have a blast playing games, raffling off Cool Coyote tickets and more! We will be celebrating our students and staff on December 17th. We will hold our quarter two Proud Principal luncheon on the 18th and enjoy some pizza and cookies.

Also, this month we will hold our Colina Spelling Bee on December 3rd between our 4th and 5th grade class bee winners. Our PTO is hosting our first ever BINGO night on December 6th from 6:30-8:00. Lastly, on December 12th we are holding our Winter Concert presented by our 4th and 5th grade students at CMS. Thank you to the talented Ms. Day, our music teacher, for selecting songs, rehearsing with students and coordinating an amazing concert.

I hope you all have a restful winter break spending time with ones you love the most! Our Pack Has Your Back!

Academically yours,

Emily Pieper, Kyrene de la Colina
Proud Principal



Important Dates:

December 6: Family BINGO Night
December 12: 4th & 5th Grade Winter Concert @ CMS 6:00PM
December 16-20: Holiday Spirit Week (see information below)
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



Holiday Spirit Week

December 16-20

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Sweater Weather!

Dress in your favorite Holiday Sweater!



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MistleTOES Day!

Wear your craziest, most colorful socks & let your toes do the talking!



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Fa-La-La Flannel

Dressup in your favorite Flannel



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Tree Topper Day!

Top off your festive look! Wear your holiday hats and beanies



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Cozy up for Holiday Break!

Wear your comfy PJS to stay warm for winter!

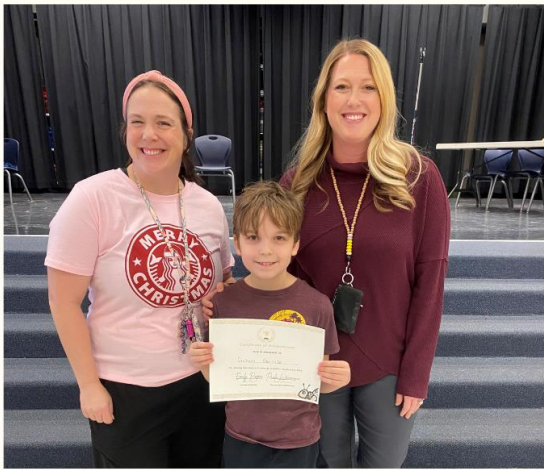


KYRENE DE LA COLINA

SPELLING BEE

We held our annual Spelling Bee on December 3, 2024. We had twelve amazing 4th & 5th grade participants. Our winner, Graham G., will represent Colina at the District Spelling Bee on January 18, 2025.

Good luck Graham!



Graham G, Jacob C, Thayne F, Xavier S, Aurora W, Moon Aye C, Aiden D, Charles D, Hendrix L, King D, Darian T, and Penelope L.



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.

Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015:

In continuing our efforts to keep you informed, we are notifying you that in accordance with the *Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015*, you have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's teacher. Specifically, you may request the following:

Whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.

Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria has been waived.

The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.

Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

Information about any state or local policy regarding students' participation in required state assessments.

If you would like to receive this information, please contact your child's school. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Emily Pieper and she will be happy to assist you.

Quick links:

Parent Reminders:

[School Website](#)

[Colina PTO](#)

[Breakfast/Lunch Menu](#)

[Calendar](#)

[ParentVUE/StudentVUE](#)

[Bus Information](#)

[Kids Club](#)

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 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!



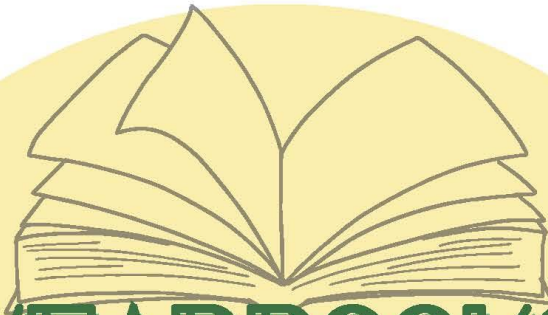


Watch D.O.G.S. is an innovative, father-involvement, educational initiative of the National Center for Fathering. Their goals are to provide positive male role models for students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important and to provide an extra *set of eyes and ears to enhance school* 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.



YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW!

Order yours today

\$20 until January 8th

After January 8th the price goes up to \$25

1. Scan the QR code
2. Make an account
3. Type in school
number #724254
4. Order!

order here





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

SPRING 2025
YOUTH ENRICHMENT

KYRENE COMMUNITY EDUCATION

REGISTRATION OPENS
12.14.24

AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT CLASSES AVAILABLE MONDAY -
FRIDAY ON YOUR SCHOOL CAMPUS!

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, SPORTS, ART, MUSIC,
DANCE, LANGUAGE, AND MORE!

CHECK BACK IN ON DEC 14 TO EXPLORE CLASSES OFFERED AT
YOUR SCHOOL!

480-541-1500 | kyrene.ce.eleyo.com/enrichment



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



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!**

WHAT YOU GIVE
YOU GET

Contact Us:

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Phoenix, AZ 85044

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

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

Office Hours: 7:00 – 3:30 pm

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