Kyrene de la Mirada - Leadership Academy

MIRADA NEWS

December 2024

A Message from Mrs. Anderson

Dear Families,

As we enter this festive season, I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. Your involvement makes a significant difference in their learning journey.

We have some exciting family events coming up that I encourage you to attend:
Thursday, December 12th - Join us for Mirada's First Annual Festive Holiday Attire Skateland Event.
Friday, December 13th - Our second annual Lunch on the Lawn is back and quickly becoming a favorite among families.
We look forward to celebrating with you and creating wonderful memories together!

Arizona Tax Credit - If you, or someone you know, has not yet taken advantage of Arizona's Tax Credit opportunity for 2024, it is not too late as you prepare to file your 2024 taxes. Please see the information in the newsletter or feel free to contact our front office for more details. These contributions help fund many extra-curricular activities as well as field trips at Mirada Leadership Academy and make such a difference, so we thank you in advance.

I genuinely wish each of you a joyful holiday season, filled with love, laughter, and special moments with your family and friends.

Kindly,
Michelle Anderson

Upcoming Events

December 9-13	Computer Science Week
December 10	Governing Board Meeting 6-8pm at DO
December 12	MML Awards
	7:40am Kindergarten, 3rd, 4th Grades
	8:30am 1st, 2nd, 5th Grades
	Ugly Sweater Party at Skateland 5:30-8pm
December 13	Lunch on the Lawn
	Melody Makers Caroling and Performance 6-8pm
December 14	Community Ed Play Day 9-1pm @Aprende

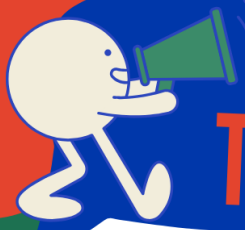
Dec. 21- Jan. 6	No School for students
January 7	Students return
January 16	PTO Meeting 2:45-3:30pm in the Media Center

View Full Calendar

Click Below for Important School Calendars

District Calendar | December Calendar | PTO Calendar

The Leader in Me™
great happens here



HABIT OF THE MONTH

HABIT 4: THINK WIN-WIN!

READ BELOW FOR PARENT TIPS ABOUT HABIT 4!

WHAT IS HABIT 4?

HABIT 4: THINK WIN-WIN FOCUSES ON THE IMPORTANCE OF MUTUAL BENEFIT, NOT EQUAL OUTCOMES. EVERYBODY CAN WIN!

KEY PRINCIPLES:

- ABUNDANCE MENTALITY:
  - STOP COMPARING; CELEBRATE UNIQUE STRENGTHS.
  - SHARE COMPLIMENTS AND PRAISE.
- BALANCE COURAGE AND CONSIDERATION:
  - COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY YET RESPECTFULLY.
  - ENCOURAGE OPEN FEEDBACK AND ENSURE EVERYONE IS HEARD.
- CONSIDER OTHERS' WINS:
  - ASK WHAT CONSTITUTES A WIN FOR YOURSELF AND OTHERS.
- CREATE WIN-WIN AGREEMENTS:
  - ESSENTIAL FOR EFFECTIVE COLLABORATION, ESPECIALLY IN FAMILIES.
  - LEADS TO HAPPINESS, LESS CONFLICT, AND BETTER PROBLEM-SOLVING.

HELPING YOUR CHILD

- HAVE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT HOW NOT EVERYTHING ALWAYS NEEDS TO BE EQUAL TO BE WIN-WIN.
- MODEL HOW TO COOPERATE TO FIND WIN-WIN SOLUTIONS
- HELP CHILDREN TO FOCUS ON WHAT THEY GET INSTEAD OF WHAT OTHERS GET.
- "JUST BECAUSE SOMEONE IS REALLY GOOD AT SOMETHING, DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOU ARE BAD AT IT."

STEPS TO FIND YOUR WIN-WIN



- BALANCE PERSONAL DESIRES WITH OTHERS' NEEDS.
- MAKE DEPOSITS IN OTHERS' EMOTIONAL BANK ACCOUNTS.
- CHOOSE COOPERATION OVER COMPETITION.

BOOKS TO READ WITH KIDS

- *THE RAINBOW FISH* BY MARCUS PFISTER
- *THE DOORBELL RANG* BY PAT HUTCHINS
- *LET'S BE ENEMIES* BY JANICE MAY UDRY
- *THE MIXED-UP CHAMELEON* BY ERIC CARLE

VIDEO LINKS:

HABIT 4 VIDEO LINK



Nominate Staff Member of the Month

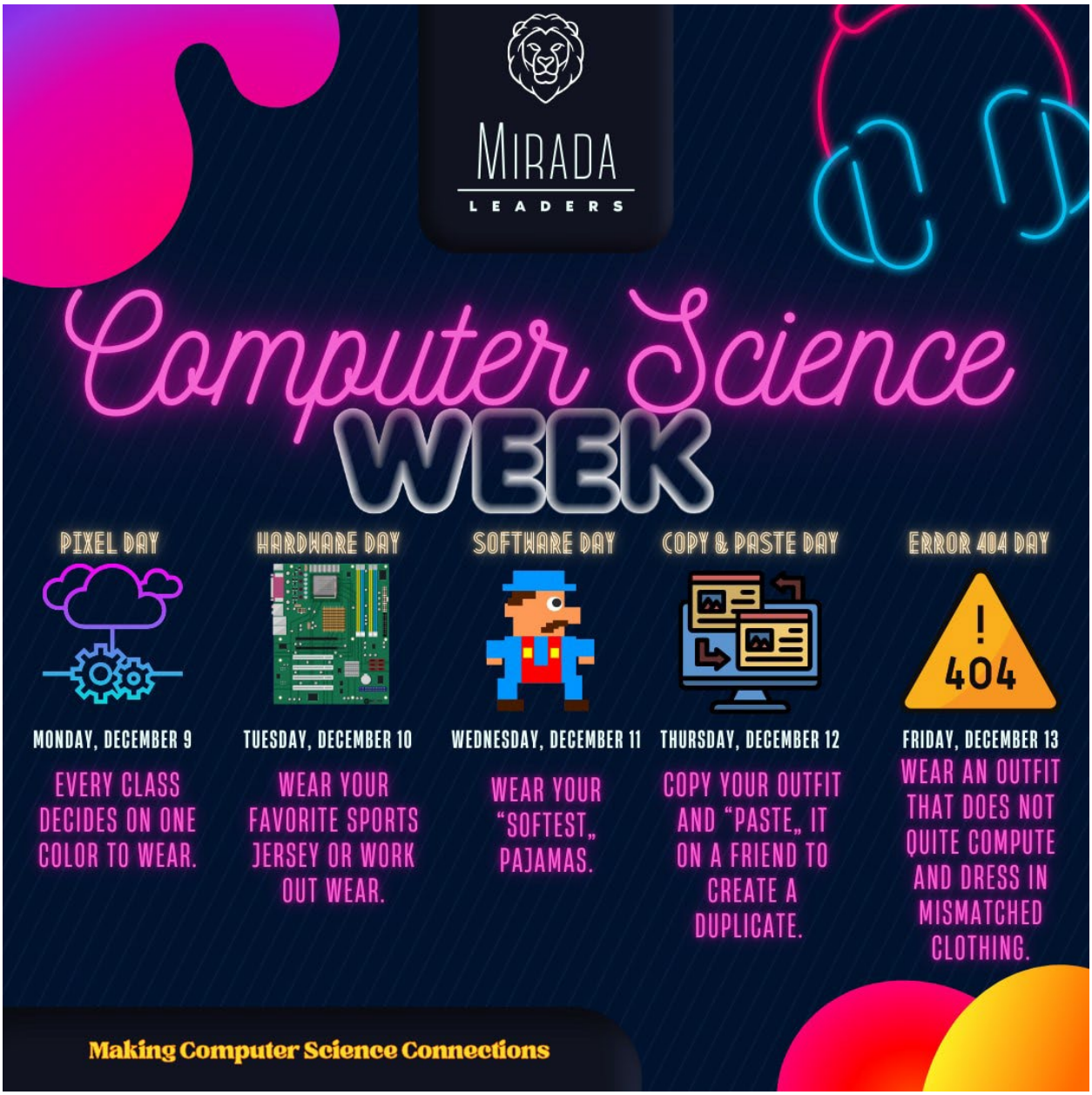
Do you know of a staff member who has positively impacted students, making learning engaging or shown dedication to their role? Then nominate them for Staff Member of the Month! All it takes is a few minutes to fill out a four response questionnaire. Nominations may be submitted by school staff, students 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



Mirada is proud to participate in the celebration of Computer Science Education Week 2024. During Computer Science Week, students throughout the District will have the opportunity to use their problem-solving skills, logic, and creativity to explore computer science activities. This year, Kyrene will celebrate Computer Science Connections highlighting connections between Computer Science concepts and Math, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Art, and more!

Visit the Kyrene Computer Science Week Website for more information!



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school PICTURES

Dear Families,
The last day to order late package prints for shipment prior to Winter Break is **December 9th, 2024**. Be sure to check out the holiday ornaments that are new this year and available online. Please refer to your proofs for ordering information. If you miss this deadline, you are still able to order but they will be shipped after the holidays. Digital download orders will be available for instant download as well.

If you have any challenges with ordering, please email customerservice@schoolpicsaz.com. Include your child's school, name, and teacher, and we will reply back.

Thank you,

School Pics Team

Attendance Notification Letters

Dear families,
As we have shared in previous newsletters, we have been sending attendance letters when your child reaches 4, 8, and 13 absences. The purpose of this is to be proactive and keep you informed, so your children stay below 19 absences, which the state identifies as excessive. We understand that children get sick and family circumstances require your children to be absent from school. The portion of the letter that explains Arizona attendance law is required, but please know that our goal is always to support you and partner with you. Please reach out to our office staff if you have any questions.



PTO CORNER

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello Mirada Families!

Tis the season to reflect on what we're thankful for and I just want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your generous donations so far this year. I know there have been a lot of asks and I just wanted to take a moment to recognize the benefits of your generosity. So far this year PTO has funded monthly meals for all staff; along with a few fun treats like coffee bars and bagels in between. We've purchased school licenses to the supplemental reading program Read Live, as well as covering a portion of the fees for the Leader in Me program. We give each teacher funds to use in their classrooms. We stock the teachers' lounge on a weekly basis with snacks (both healthy and not so healthy) and drinks to keep them fueled and energized in the classroom. We organized the fall festival and threw Leo a pretty spectacular birthday party, an event that may be my new favorite every year.

In an effort to bring that same generosity to those who need it at Mirada, we will be purchasing gift cards with the proceeds of our Monarch Nights Out in November and December to distribute to families in our school who may need a little extra help this holiday season. So, mark your calendars for our Ugly Holiday Sweater party at Skateland on Thursday December 12th!

We are a community that takes care of each other, meeting each member where they are with no expectation of giving every time or giving beyond your means. That being said, we are very thankful for each of you. We couldn't do what we do without the support of this incredible community.

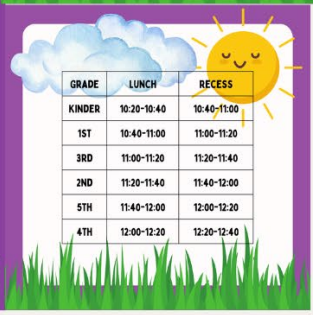




UPCOMING EVENTS!!!

DECEMBER

12 - Monarch Night Out Skateland- Ugly Sweater Party!!!
13 - Lunch on the Lawn (mark your calendars)



GRADE	LUNCH	RECESS
KINDER	10:20-10:40	10:40-11:00
1ST	10:40-11:00	11:00-11:20
3RD	11:00-11:20	11:20-11:40
2ND	11:20-11:40	11:40-12:00
5TH	11:40-12:00	12:00-12:20
4TH	12:00-12:20	12:20-12:40

THANK YOU MONARCH FAMILIES!



Clothing Donations

The Health Office is in need of clothing for our students who need a clean, dry outfit change during the school day. We would appreciate packages of **new underwear** in all sizes for boys and girls. We also need **gently used elastic waist band pants and socks** in all sizes for boys and girls. As your children outgrow these items, please consider donating them to us. Thank you!



Positive Parenting Series
KYRENE SCHOOL DISTRICT





Raising A Reader

Free Early Literacy Workshops For Your Family

Tuesdays 4:30-5:30
January 14 - March 5, 2025

Kyrene District Office
8700 South Kyrene Road
Tempe, AZ 85284

Contact Karla to sign up!
(602) 384-0443
kcarmona@swhd.org

Raising A Reader is a national program designed to educate parents and caregivers about the importance of early literacy skills and how they can help build these skills in their young children to help them enter school ready to learn.

Parents attend eight weekly early literacy workshops with their children o-5 years-old. Families who participate in the program receive 12 high-quality children's books to build their home libraries and are connected to local resources!

Southwest Human Development coordinates Raising A Reader through schools, community centers, libraries, apartment communities, and other convenient locations. All interested parents and caregivers are encouraged to learn more and sign up today!







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Creating a Positive Future for Young Children

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Flyer in Spanish

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL WITH A TAX CREDIT DONATION!

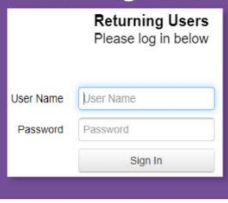
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Visit kyrene.org/taxcredit and click Donate Now

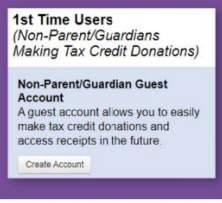
STEP 2

Sign In

Returning Users

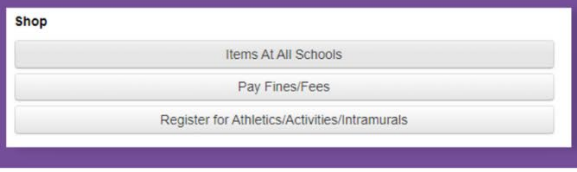


New Users



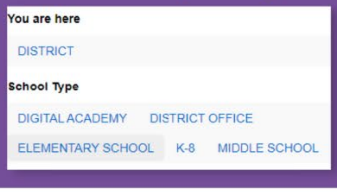
STEP 3

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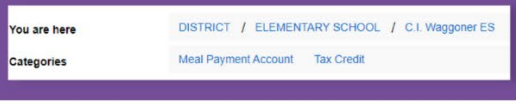
STEP 4

Select Campus Type



STEP 5

Select *School* and *Tax Credit*



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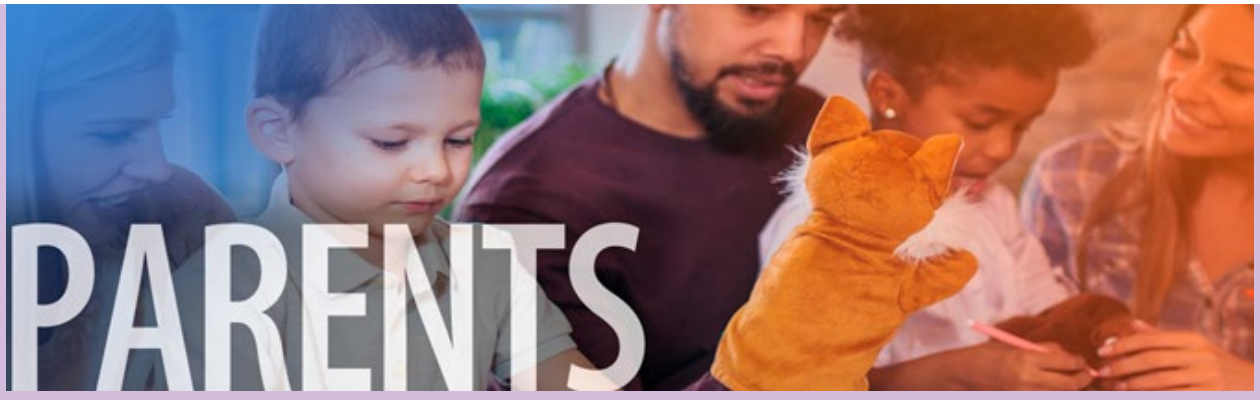




Ready for a Day of Play?
Free Fun for the Entire Family!

Kyrene Community Education's signature *PlayDay* event is back for the 2024-25 school year. The lineup includes over two dozen booths and activities, food trucks and musical performances to keep the entire family entertained.

Mark your calendars and check www.kyrene.org/playday for updates.



Parent Reminders

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.

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.

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 al 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.



Payment & Balance Info

Food Services FAQs

Mirada Menus

Apply for Free and Reduced Meals



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

Quicklinks

Food Services and Menu
ParentVUE
StudentVUE
Technology Assistance
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Health Office: 480-541-4220
Cafeteria: 480-541-4226
Kids Club: 480-541-4230

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