



December 13, 2024

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

The first half of the 2024-25 school year is ending. As we approach this holiday season, I am grateful that Mariposa is fortunate to have a community that supports their children and provides the encouragement needed to experience the success imperative to their educational and personal development.

You entrust your children to us to ensure their safety, social, emotional, and academic growth. Your child's safety is first and foremost, our primary responsibility. Secondly, it is to ensure that your child can learn, grow, and excel academically, socially, and emotionally. Missing just two days a month of school-for any reason-can be a problem for kids in several ways. Children who are chronically absent in kindergarten and first grade are less likely to read on grade level by the third grade. For older students, being chronically absent is strongly associated with failing at school-even more than low grades or test scores. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to provide you support.

Below are some great strategies that can be established as goals as we move into 2025:

- Set attendance goals with your child and track your child's attendance on a calendar.
- Help your child get a good night's sleep.
- Prep the night before to streamline your morning.
- Try to schedule dental or medical appointments before or after school hours.
- Schedule extended trips during school breaks.
- Don't have your child stay home unless they are truly sick.
- Talk with your child about the reasons why they do not want to go to school.
- If your child has a chronic health issue such as asthma, allergies, or seizures, talk with your pediatrician about developing a school action plan.
- Follow the school and state's rules for when your child is absent or late.
- Keep track of your child's attendance so you know when the days missed start to add up.

Your tax credit contributions continue to have an impact on Mariposa students and classrooms. We have been able to use the funds to for field trips, starting a First Lego Club, Broadcast Team, continue our tradition of our NEHS Club and purchase additional items for our school store to name a few. Thank you for continuing to make Mariposa a priority in your tax credit giving.

The deadline for making a tax credit contribution is April 15th. Arizona statute allows taxpayers to receive a tax credit up to \$400 for a joint tax return. Individual returns are a \$200 maximum credit. **That is a tax credit - a dollar for dollar reduction of what you owe in state taxes!** You can make your contribution [online](#), download a form from the website, or pick up a form at Mariposa's front office. Thank you for your continuing support.

On behalf of the Mariposa Family, we would like to wish you a joyous holiday season! Your kindness, generosity and commitment to your children's learning are admired and appreciated! I am grateful for your ongoing support. I look forward to welcoming Mariposa's students and families back to school on Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

Your Partner in Learning,



Spencer Fallgatter
Proud Principal of
Kyrene de la Mariposa
Computer Science Academy

Dogs on Campus

A friendly reminder that for everyone's safety, dogs are not allowed on campus. See page 11 in the [Kyrene Family Handbook](#).

Pets and Other Animals

For the safety of all students, please do not bring pets on campus. An adult may bring a pet to the classroom for a class period and for educational purposes only if the teacher has obtained written permission from all students' parents. Animals cannot be transported on school buses. If a pet follows a student to school, the office will contact the student's home to arrange for pet pick-up ([Policy 3-202](#)).

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PTO

1. Donate to Mariposa - sign up to make a monthly gift of \$5, 10 or 20!

With your support, we can:

- Expand our STEM programs and equip students with the skills needed to excel in today's technology-driven world.
- Invest in cutting-edge technology to enhance the learning experience and prepare students for college and careers.
- Support our teachers with professional development opportunities to ensure they have the resources to inspire and educate.

Every dollar donated makes a significant impact on the lives of our students.

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/fundraising/4180f8ce-4a33-4fe5-a632-6221fe792882>



2. NEXT WEEK: Shower our amazing teachers and staff at their next meeting. Sign up to drop off items or a gift card at the front office by December 17th.

Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EAF62AA1FBC52-53654262-december#/>

Thank you!



3. REMINDER - Have you signed up for the Family Directory? In addition to viewing the directory for birthday party invites and playdate contact info, you can get text message reminders from the PTO.

- We know everyone is busy and you're doing your best to stay on top of *all the things!* Make sure you've signed up for the Family Directory, and then the PTO will send you texts to remind you about important events so you feel in the know. Also, we'll share when we have volunteer opportunities so you can give back to Mariposa.
- Click here to sign up for the directory: <https://forms.gle/k1UesY3WZWPcC2Z7>

SCHOOL CENTS



Help your school earn up to \$3,000! Submit your Chandler Fashion Center receipts dated July 1- March 31 to earn at least five points per dollar spent. Visit shopandlog.com/chandler, scan the QR code, or drop your receipt in the collection box located on the upper level bridge near Barnes & Noble next to the elevator across from the Children's Play Area.

EARN UP TO 10x POINTS!

On ALL receipts dated and submitted November 1 - January 15

10x: Audrina Isabella | Home Mart | Intimissimi | Rugged Cowboy | TravisMathew

5x: Abercrombie | American Eagle | Apple | Barnes & Noble | Cheesecake Factory | Crayola Experience | Claire's | H&M | Hollister | Kay Jewelers | Sun Glass Hut | Sephora | Shoe Palace | Zales

2x: All other Chandler Fashion Center receipts.

Receipts must be dated and submitted 11/1/24-1/15/25 to earn bonus points. All other receipts earn regular points.



HOLIDAY BONUS OFFERS

Santa Photos: View special Santa events and make a reservation at ShopChandlerFashionCenter.com/SantaPhotos then submit your receipt for 5x points plus 1,000 bonus points. Attend Storytime with Mrs. Claus on Dec. 6, 13 and 20 at 11am and get 1,000 bonus points when you sign in to credit your school.

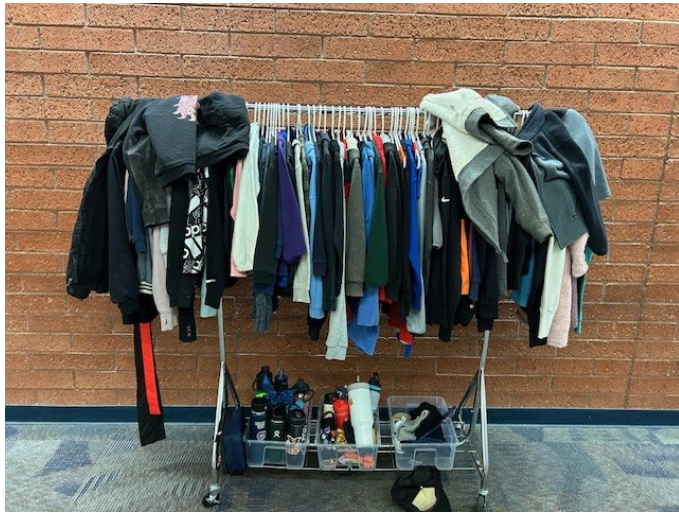
Adopt An Angel, through Dec. 21. Fulfill the wish of a Salvation Army Angel and ask for a receipt when you bring your donation. Submit your donation receipt to earn 1,000 points.

ShopChandlerFashionCenter.com
shopandlog.com/chandler

1-800-539-3273

Lost and Found

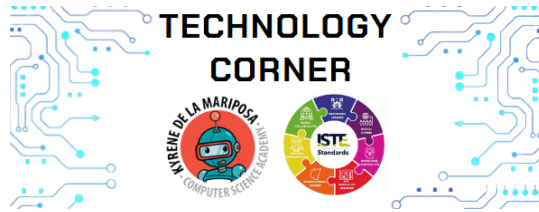
Please remind your student to claim their lost items. Any items remaining after the 20th will be donated to the Kyrene Family Resource Center.



Health Office

Needed Items

- Boys pants, size 7-8
- Girls underwear, sizes 4-10



In celebration of 2024's Computer Science Week, Mariposa students participated in the Launching to New Heights Coding Challenge on Wednesday. Students used problem-solving skills, logic, and creativity to explore computer science activities while learning math, language arts, science, social studies, and more!

Chip's Cheer Winners

K	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Robby	Rowan	Irelynn	Ryan	Fernanda	Max
Kimori	Jocilynne		Zelda	Dallas	Dom
			Kassidy		Bella



Attention 5th Grade Families Going to KMS



Dear Prospective KMS Parents,

The KMS Showcase Night will be held on January 15th from 5:00pm-7:00pm. The showcase night allows families to learn more about our school and all our great academic offerings. This is also a time for elective teachers and special programs to truly showcase why families should be choosing KMS.

Mr. Maxwell will be giving welcoming remarks in the MPR at 5pm, followed by performances by Band, Mariachi, Orchestra, Chorus, and Theater students. We will also have numerous extracurricular activities and programs stationed in our gym. Throughout the evening, we will have tours around our beautiful campus led by our National Junior Honor Society student members and student WEB leaders. For more information about our elective classes, please visit our Exploratory webpage:

<https://sites.google.com/kyrene.org/kmscurriculumshowcase/home>

An outline of our schedule for the evening is below:

	Programming Showcase	Campus Tours	Performing Arts	Principal Presentation
	(H Building)	(Ramada)	(MPR)	(Media Center)
5:00	X	X		
5:20	X	X	X	
5:40	X	X		
6:00	X	X		
6:20	X	X		X
6:40	X	X		

H Building – Join our 6th grade teachers in the H Building and visit their classrooms.

Campus Tours – Take time to hop on one of the campus tours that will be given every 20 minutes by our amazing NJHS and WEB representatives. On the tour you will meet the PE teachers in the Gym, our STEM lab, the Art room and all elective teachers.

Multipurpose Room – Enjoy a live show by our performing arts students in the MPR.

Media Center – Sit with our school principal, Mr. Maxwell, for a presentation that provides an overview of KMS.

THE KYRENE MIDDLE SCHOOL SHOWCASE NIGHT

a premier middle school in Tempe

Campus tours
Participate in a student led tour to visit sixth grade classrooms, including exploratory classrooms for STEM, TV Broadcasting, the fitness center, and more!

Student performances
Enjoy student performances from KMS performing arts in the multipurpose room, including Mariachi, Band, Choir, Theater and Orchestra.

Meet and greet
Meet KMS teachers, staff, and administration. Join Principal Maxwell in the Media Center for an overview of all of the programs that KMS has to offer and participate in a Q&A.

who, when, & where?

Prospective Middle School Students and Families
Wednesday, January 15th
from 5-7 pm
1050 E Carver Rd.
Tempe, AZ 85284

World Fair

Hello from Mariposa!

As the weather gets colder and the holidays roll around, it is the perfect time to celebrate peace and diversity! Our annual World's Fair will be coming soon, and we can't wait to

invite you all on a “trip around the world”! We already have some fantastic culture booths signed up, but we would love some help to make this day a success!

Our current list includes: Germany, Taiwan, Romania, Mexico, Ireland, Finland, Hungary, Sweden, Japan, North Wales, Israel, Ghana, Zimbabwe, Navajo Nation, Norway, Czech Republic, Philippines, Malaysia, France, Luxembourg, and India.

Don't see your family's culture represented? You can still sign up using this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-wNcVBkxJGEa90PTVthjjOAF55uOaYKdxO5g2-MZUVrXfw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Do you see a country on the list that is representing your family's culture? You can join the fun as a co-host for that booth! We love to see teamwork and cooperation between our families at Mariposa, and this is a great way to make new friends. Feel free to sign up to join a booth using the link above and we will match you with the family already hosting to make a new team.

Want to participate, but don't want to do it alone? No problem! We need volunteers to help the families at the booths with stamping passports, assisting with crafts and/or handing out food samples. The families hosting would be thrilled to have an extra pair of hands to help! Volunteers can be anyone from parent, grandparents, high schoolers, or even middle schoolers too. Sign up using this link to help as a volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F49A5AD2BA2F94-51516256-mariposa>

Still on the fence and want some in-person examples? The World Heritage Team will be hosting an information meeting next Monday, 12/16, after school from 2:30-3:00 PM in Room 3. This is a time for you to pop in and see some examples of past events and learn more about the fair up close and personally. We would love to see you there! Thank you all for your time and we look forward to celebrating with you!

Sarah Rees




REPEAT INFORMATION

Attendance 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.



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 0-5 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!



swhd.org/rar

[Flyer in Spanish](#)

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

School Store

Our school store needs your help!

We reward our students twice a month with a school store where they can exchange their Chip's Cheers coupons for prizes.

It's a lot of fun, and we really appreciate your help!

Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4DA9AB2DA0F5CF8-50629254-mariposa>

Interested in Working at Mariposa?

Kyrene de la Mariposa Elementary School
Computer Science Academy



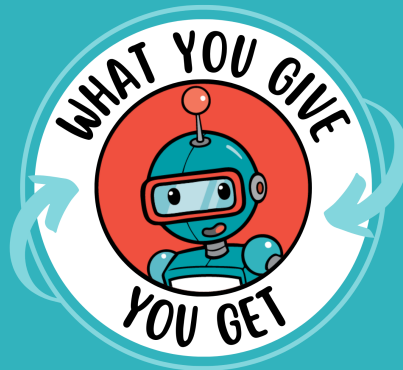
**WE'RE
HIRING!**

If interested, please visit kyrene.org/careers



[Mariposa Job Openings](#)

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with a Tax Credit Donation!



www.kyrene.org/taxcredit

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FOR THE
FUTURE**



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Child Today**
www.kyrene.org
KyreneSchoolDistrict

Contact Us

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50 E Knox Rd
Tempe, AZ 85284

Phone: 480-541-3800
Fax: 480-541-3810
Attendance: 480-541-3801

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



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