

CHALLENGER NEWS

January 10, 2025

It's Tax Credit Time!

IF YOU COULD DIRECT
MORE STATE TAX
DOLLARS TO **MARIPOSA**,
WOULD YOU DO IT?

WE HAVE GOOD NEWS.



MAKE A TAX CREDIT DONATION!
UP TO \$200 FOR INDIVIDUALS AND
\$400 WHEN FILING JOINTLY.

LEARN MORE @ [KYRENE.ORG/TAXCREDIT](https://kyrene.org/taxcredit)

[DONATE ONLINE](#)

Spread the Word



Kyrene de la Mariposa

Computer Science Academy

Kindergarten Showcase

Wednesday, January 15th
5:30-6:30pm

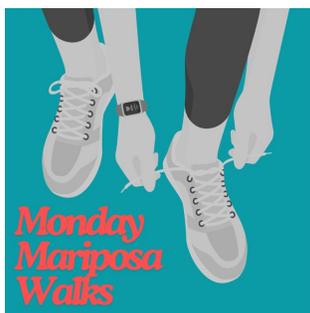


This is for incoming 25-26 school year kindergarten students. Join us and discover why Mariposa is the right choice for your family!



PTO

This week's PTO reminders:



1. NEW PARENT/GUARDIAN WALKING GROUP!

Would you like to kick off 2025 by getting healthier and meeting fellow Mariposa parents and guardians? If so, we invite you to join us Monday mornings for this new activity, Monday Mariposa Walks.

Starting Monday, January 13, at 7:25 a.m., meet in front of the school to head out for a 30-minute, casual walk to start our week on the right foot. This is open to anyone who wants to join, so put on some walking shoes and join us every Monday in 2025!

Have questions? Feel free to reach out to Suzanne at 602-818-4790.

2. EXCITING NEW EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT: MARIPOSA TRIVIA NIGHT!

**Want to show your local public school some love and have fun doing it?
Join us for the first-ever Mariposa PTO Trivia Night in support of our school.**

WHO: Parents, guardians, friends and family (adults only!)

WHEN: Saturday, April 11, from 6 to 8 p.m.

WHERE: In Tempe near Priest & Southern

WHAT: The evening will feature 10 teams of 8-10 players, 10 rounds of trivia, drinks, food, giving and more. So, create a team of your own and join in the fun to see who will be the first to have bragging rights for the trophy!

HOW: Learn more and purchase your tickets at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/17c2736f-8dbc-42e6-9b54-ff1e39f8f224>

JOIN US!

1ST ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT



The Mariposa PTO is will be hosting the first-ever Trivia Night. This is an ADULT-ONLY fundraising event with all proceeds going directly to our teachers.

So, get your best (and smartest) teammates and join us for a night of fun, community and friendly competition.

**ONLY
10 TEAMS**

**8-10
Players per
team**

**\$50 per
person**

Event Details

Friday, April 11
6-8pm

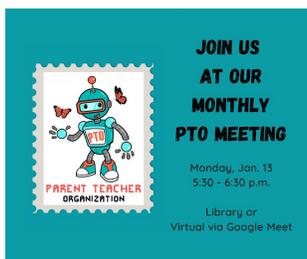
1140 W Alameda Dr, Suite 1
Tempe, AZ, 85282

- Dinner & non-alcoholic drinks included
- 10 Rounds of trivia
- Winning team gets trophy and bragging rights!
- Theme: Come As You Were - pick a decade for your team and represent!
- Raffles, prizes and more.

Notes:

- BYOB Adult Beverages and additional snacks
- All are welcome to play - any adult who is up for fun, competition and supporting our teachers is welcome!

**Register Your Team
TODAY!!**



3. PTO Meeting

Join us for our monthly meeting in the Mariposa Library or via Google Meet on Monday, January 13th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

<https://meet.google.com/yma-iehu-imk>

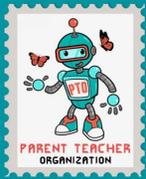
ALL Mariposa families automatically join this FREE group to support our school community.

4. Sign up to make a monthly gift of \$5, 10 or 20 to support Mariposa in 2025!

With your donation, 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>



**YOU HAVE
THE POWER
TO HELP
MARIPOSA**



No amount is too small to give!

Support the PTO to provide classroom supplies

Donate online today: <http://bit.ly/4fzJmBT>

5. CHANDLER MALL SCHOOL CENTS

Did you do holiday shopping at Chandler Mall? Even eating out at the restaurants and the movie theater qualify! Submit your receipts here:

<https://www.shopchandlerfashioncenter.com/Events/Details/544683>

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

Gibbilini **GIVEBACK!**

GIVING DOUGH TO THOSE IN KNEAD

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22ND

SOUTH TEMPE JOiNT

1475 West Elliot Road
Tempe, Arizona

KYRENE DE LA MARIPOSA PTO

Bring this flyer in on Wednesday, January 22 for dine-in or takeout and Oregano's will give 20% of your bill (before tax and gratuity) back to Kvrene De La Mariposa PTO

ORegano's[®]
Neighborhood Italian Joint

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PIZZA PIE!**
OREGANOS.COM

ATTENTION! When ordering, present this flyer to your server.

Fine Print: Donation excludes proceeds from alcohol, tax and gratuity. Valid for dine-in or takeout. Batteries not included. Some assembly required.

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Instagram: [instagram.com/kyrenemariposapto/](https://www.instagram.com/kyrenemariposapto/)

Upcoming Student Survey

Dear Families,

We thank you and your family for being our valued partners as we work together to educate our students at Kyrene de la Mariposa. As you may already be aware, building our social-emotional learning skills is an important goal of ours. At the beginning of the school year, we asked for your permission to have students participate in a social emotional learning survey. If we have consent for a student to participate, they will complete a survey designed to provide school staff data on students' understanding of concepts related to Harmony, which is the social-emotional learning curriculum we are implementing with our students.

The survey content will ask students to self-reflect on Emotion Regulation, Self-Efficacy, Sense of Belonging, and Teacher-Student Relationships. These topics are related to the content in Sanford Harmony and will help guide the implementation of the curriculum and measure its impact over time. The online survey will take place on January 29th, with make ups completed through February 4th. It will be completed at school and should not take more than 20-30 minutes to complete.

Student responses will provide invaluable insights into their experiences and how we can improve and adapt our school to their needs. If a student does not feel like they have enough information to answer a question, they will be able to skip the item altogether. The responses to these surveys will be completely confidential. If you have any questions about the survey, please don't hesitate to contact us at 480-541-3800.

Sincerely,

Natalie Tucker
Assistant Principal
ntucker@kyrene.org

Mariposa Poetry Contest



KYRENE DE LA MARIPOSA

POETRY CONTEST

Poems must be turned in to
Mrs. Languren or Ms. Bustamante
by **Wednesday, February 12, 2025**

Contact
Mrs. Languren or
Ms. Bustamante
with any questions

**FOR GRADES
K-5**

HOW TO SUBMIT

1. Create a Google Document and "Share" it with the poetry coordinators. (lissettebustamante@kyrene.org OR clanguren@kyrene.org) The document will need the following information on the second page
 - a. first and last name
 - b. grade level
 - c. homeroom teacher
- OR**
2. Drop off the paper copy to the front office
 - d. student names, grade level and homeroom teacher must be on the back of the paper, written in pencil

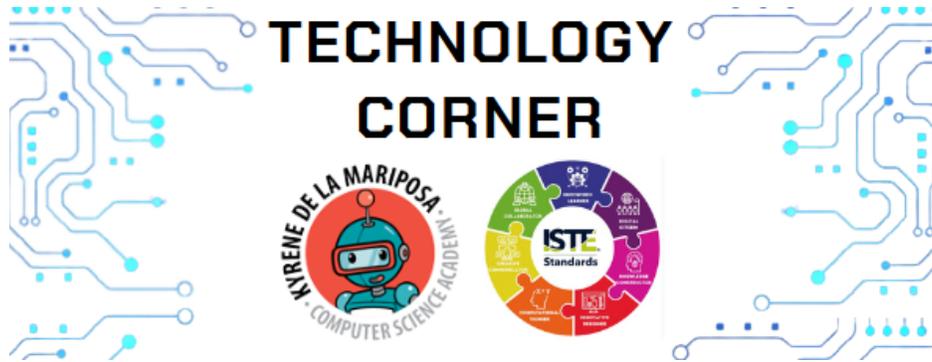
POEM REQUIREMENTS

- All poems must be typed and have a title. Use Calibri or Arial fonts for printing purposes. Bold is fine too.
- No student name on the front page of the poem.
- Write the name of the student, grade level, homeroom teacher, and school on the back of the poem (in pencil on the lower right corner)
- Illustration must be in black and white clipart or thick black marker

Health Office

Needed Items

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



Fourth Grade Experiments with Dash & Dot Robots!

During a recent poetry lesson in ELA, Mariposa fourth graders were able to experiment with transforming themselves into robots. The lesson target included using the App *Wonder Workshop* to code their Dash and Dot Robot to walk on a stage, read a poem of their creation aloud, and then exit the stage successfully. One of our awesome ISTE standards, Knowledge Constructor, indicates that students should strive to use a variety of resources and digital tools to produce creative artifacts and make meaningful learning experiences. This project was a great way for students to show their understanding of what it means to be a knowledge constructor!



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/10C0A4DA9AB2DA0F5CF8-54123704-mariposa>

Student Assessment Reports

Beginning of the year district assessment reports have been posted to ParentVUE. Families are able to access the results through ParentVUE in the documents section. Need help accessing the reports? See below for directions with screenshots. Need help understanding the reports or how to support your child? See the family guide for each assessment or reach out to your child's teacher.

Understanding Your Student's i-Ready Diagnostic Results

For Families

What is the Diagnostic?

The Diagnostic is an adaptive assessment that adjusts its questions for each student. As a student answers correctly, the questions get more difficult. As a student answers incorrectly, the questions get easier. This adaptability allows the Diagnostic to identify the strengths and opportunities for growth of each student.

Why is my student taking it?

The purpose of the Diagnostic is not to give your student a grade, but instead to determine how best to support their learning. It will help your student's teacher(s) determine their needs, personalize their learning, and monitor progress throughout the year.

How should I interpret my student's results?

How is my student doing overall?

The goal is for your student to be performing at or above grade level, which means they have mastered the skills students at that grade level are expected to master and are prepared to learn more advanced skills.

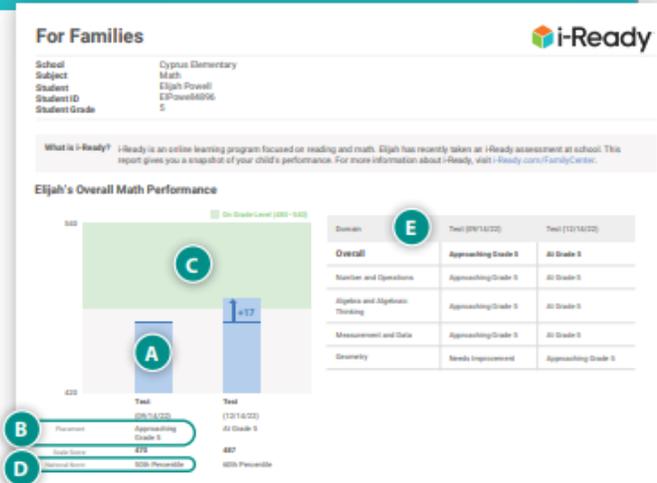
On the For Families report, the **A blue bar(s)** on the graph and the corresponding **B placement level(s)** indicate how your student performed on each test in relation to their grade level, which is indicated by the **C green shading**. The **D National Norm percentile** below the graph indicates how your student performed in relation to students in the same grade level nationwide.

How is my student doing in specific learning areas?

Students have different areas of strengths and opportunities for growth. It is important to understand how your student did in more specific learning areas, which are called **domains**. The **E domain table** shows how your student did in specific domains and helps teachers know where to build on strengths and focus their support.

How is my student progressing over time?

The goal is also for your student to be making progress in their learning. After your student has taken more than one Diagnostic in the school year, you will see results for each Diagnostic, allowing you to see the progress your student is making both overall and in each domain.



Family Guide to Home Connect Letters for DIBELS

Home Connect Letters describe the tests used to determine your child's reading proficiency and what you can do to help your child develop these skills. In Kyrene, we use DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) to assess foundational reading skills of all children in kindergarten through 3rd grade.

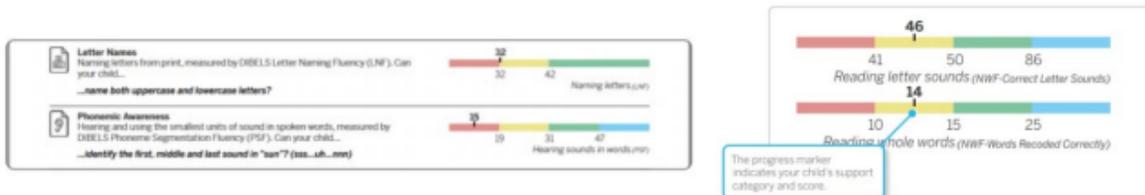
Overview

The overview section contains information about your child's overall (or composite) reading score and a brief explanation of the meaning of the results.



Skills Review

The skills review section describes the reading skills that were measured and examples for each. Each skill is displayed with a progress bar with the benchmark goal starting at the green band. If your child is close to or above the goal, the less support he/she may need.



Activities

The activities section contains a list of recommended activities you can use to help advance your child's reading development. The Home Connect site at <https://mclass.amplify.com/homeconnect/> provides even more activities.

Activities for Bruno
Even if you have just a few minutes each day, you may be surprised by how much you can help Bruno learn to read. Here are some activities we recommend based on Bruno's most recent mCLASS reading test. Most of these activities can be done just about anywhere. Feel free to change them a bit to match Bruno's interests or to fit your schedule.

Where Bruno needs support

Phonemic Awareness
Hearing and using the smallest units of sound in spoken words

Find Specific Sounds
Have your child and other family members listen for words with a specific sound in family conversation or on television and radio programs, such as words that start with the s sound or that end with the k sound. Have your family members share their heard words and list them on a piece of paper.

Break the Words Apart
Help your child take spoken words apart and put them together. Have

Chip's Cheer Winners

K	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Talia	Charlotte	Lilly	Braeden	Ayrton	Briseis
Sebastian	Emma	Lucas	Marilynn		Christian
	Alycia				



Attention 5th Grade Families Going to Pueblo



Kyrene del Pueblo 5th Grade Showcase Event 2025

Dear 5th Grade Families,

We look forward to welcoming you to Kyrene del Pueblo Middle School – a Leader in Me School. The annual showcase event will be held on Wednesday, January 22 and will begin promptly at 5:00 pm. We will be sharing information about middle school along with specific information regarding Pueblo. Families will have an opportunity to meet Pueblo students, 6th grade teachers, elective teachers, and the administration team during designated times. We look forward to meeting our future Bulldogs and their families!

If you have any questions about the showcase event, please reach out to the Kyrene del Pueblo office at 480-541-6800.

Our End in Mind:

Time	Description
5:00 – 5:30 - Cafeteria	Meet with Pueblo administration team along with student leaders to learn about a typical day at Pueblo and enjoy performances from Pueblo Performing Arts.
5:30 – 6:00 - Classrooms	Visit 6 th grade classrooms and elective classrooms.
6:00 – 6:30 - Amphitheater	Socialize, purchase Pueblo swag, enjoy food and drink in the Pueblo amphitheater. We will have Jeremiah's and hotdogs for purchase. We will also have free popcorn.

We are excited to meet you and look forward to synergizing with you over the next several years.

Sincerely,

Ashley Schutkowski, M. Ed. | Principal

Kyrene del Pueblo Middle School

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360 S. Twelve Oaks Boulevard, Chandler Arizona 85226



Understanding the Impacts of ACES and Trauma

Childhood trauma is more common than you think. Learn about the common concerns of childhood trauma.

Presenter: Sanghoon Yoo

Date and Time: January 16, 2025, 6:00 - 7:00pm

Location: Zoom

[Registration & Zoom Link](#)

In Partnership With: Tempe Coalition

REPEAT INFORMATION

Attention 5th Grade Families

Dear 5th Grade families,

This week your child will be bringing home information about the 2025-2026 middle school course selection process. Each 5th grader received an elective course selection form for their assigned school. Additional copies can be accessed on the Kyrene website on the [Resources for Families and Community Page](#).

Parents/Guardians are requested to review this information with your child and sign the form, acknowledging your approval of the courses selected. Students are required to return the form to their teacher by January 15. During the week of January 23, our students are scheduled to use these forms to enter their preferences online with their classroom teacher.

Families who are considering a different middle school **must apply** for registration at that school through the online portal when next year's registration window opens on January 14, 2025. While students may select a different middle school's course selection form, they are not guaranteed placement at that school. Families must apply and be approved

for open enrollment to attend a non-resident school.



KYRENE KICKBALL
Kyrene Intramurals

Kyrene Intramural Kickball

This Program is designed to teach and model positive sportsmanship. Our goal is to introduce team play, positive sportsmanship and having fun!

Practices at your school campus begin the week of January 20

K-2 practice 1x per week - \$75
3-5 practices 2x per week - \$100

Season will end on March 1st with a K-2 and 3-5 Tournament at Pueblo Middle School



Register Now!

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](#)).

Kyrene Family Handbook 2024-2025, page 11

Mark Your Calendars

AROUND THE WORLD IN ONE DAY



SATURDAY, JANUARY 25TH
KYRENE DE LA MARIPOSA
12:00PM-2:00PM

FREE EVENT

Flag Parade, Passports, Trivia, Crafts, Cultural Music, Folk Dancers,
Cultural Performances, Food Trucks, Games, Prizes!



RUN YOUR OWN
CULTURAL BOOTH!



VOLUNTEER TO
HELP!



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:

	<u>Programming Showcase</u> (H Building)	<u>Campus Tours</u> (Ramada)	<u>Performing Arts</u> (MPR)	<u>Principal Presentation</u> (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.

a premier middle school
in Tempe



THE KYRENE MIDDLE SCHOOL SHOWCASE NIGHT



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 multi-purpose 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



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](#)

Interested in Working at Mariposa?

Kyrene de la Mariposa Elementary School
Computer Science Academy



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If interested, please visit kyrene.org/careers



[Mariposa Job Openings](#)

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Contact Us

Kyrene de la Mariposa
50 E Knox Rd

School Hours: 7:30 am - 2:15 pm
Early Release Wed: 12:15 pm

Tempe, AZ 85284

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

Office Hours: 7:00 am - 3:30 pm
Wednesday: 7:00 am - 1:30 pm

PORTRAIT
OF A
KYRENE KID



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