



CHALLENGER NEWS

January 24, 2025

Tomorrow!

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!



Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

As you receive this edition of the Challenger News, we are returning from a school holiday honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King. I am moved by one of his quotes.

“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.”

We are looking forward to Parent Teacher Conferences on February 5-7th. Working together to support your child’s academic, social, and emotional growth is critical, especially in their early development. Be on the lookout for communication from your child’s teacher to sign up.

Last Thursday we hosted Mariposa’s annual Kindergarten Showcase Night. Several parents and their children attended this event in preparation for the start of their children’s K-12 educational journey. It was a great success; however, if you did not have the opportunity to attend, we will hold a second Kindergarten Showcase Night on Tuesday, March 26th at 5:30pm.

Join us tomorrow, Saturday, January 25th from 12-2pm. as Mariposa hosts its annual World Fair to celebrate the many cultures that make up our Mariposa community. Students will have the opportunity to complete their passport and earn a special prize. The event will have trivia, crafts, cultural music, folk dancers, performances by our students, games, door prizes and a flag parade. We hope you can join us.

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. Law ARS 43-1089 (E) 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](#) or contact our office.



Your continued support is greatly appreciated,

Spencer Fallgatter, Principal



PTO

This week's PTO reminders:

1. February Restaurant Night:

- Dine at BJ's to support Mariposa!
- Thursday, Feb. 6th, from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- Priest & Ray in Chandler (7151 W. Ray Rd.)
- Order dine-in, online using code JAN508 or take out by calling 623-320-0300



JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS WAY TO **RAISE MONEY!**

Date: February 6, 2025

Time: 4:00PM to 10:00PM

For Dine In, Takeout or Curbside at this BJ's Location:

7151 W. Ray Rd.
Chandler, AZ 85226
623-320-0300

Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family
and friends while earning funds in support of:

kyrene de la Mariposa PTO Restaurant Night

**WITH EACH FLYER PRESENTED DURING THIS FUNDRAISING EVENT, BJ's WILL DONATE
20% OF FOOD AND SOFT BEVERAGE SALES TO THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION!**

VISIT US IN PERSON, ORDER ONLINE OR PLACE A TAKE-OUT ORDER

When dining in: Present this flyer to your server at any time during your meal.

When ordering online: Enter the 6-digit fundraiser code below at the time of checkout.

When placing a take-out order: Present this flyer to a BJ's team member upon your arrival.



Valid for dine in, takeout or curbside when applicable. Not valid toward alcoholic beverages, Happy Hour specials or for delivery orders.
Please do not distribute flyers on site during the event.



2. Sweetheart Family Dance:

- Saturday, Feb. 22nd, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Mariposa MPR
- \$5 per person. A chaperone for children is required.

Donate sweet treats or gift cards to purchase supplies and sign up to volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EAF62AA1FBC52-54447416-family>

Purchase your tickets in advance:

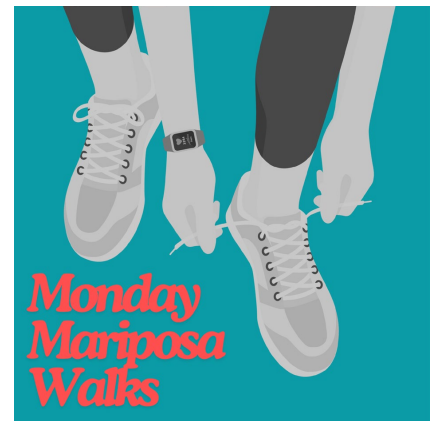
<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/sweetheart-family-dance-2>



3. NEW PARENT/GUARDIAN WALKING GROUP!

Join us Monday mornings for this new activity, **Monday Mariposa Walks**.

- Every Monday, we 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.



4. 2024-2025 YEARBOOK CONTEST

- Calling all 5th graders! It's time for Mariposa's annual yearbook cover contest, where YOU have the chance to design the cover for our school yearbook! See flyer below for details and guidelines.
- Deadline: February 10th

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YEARBOOK
CONTEST


DUE
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10TH

ATTENTION ALL 5TH GRADERS!

IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL
YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST WHERE
YOU HAVE THE CHANCE TO DESIGN THE
COVER FOR OUR SCHOOL YEARBOOK!

GUIDELINES:

- USE 8.5X11 UNLINED PAPER AND MAKE SURE ITS VERTICAL
- MUST HAVE THE YEAR '2024-2025' AS PART OF THE DESIGN OR WE CANNOT ACCEPT
- YOU MAY USE CRAYONS, MARKERS, PAINT, COLORED PENCILS, OR ANY OTHER MEDIUM TO DRAW AND COLOR
- FILL UP THE ENTIRE PAGE, TRY NOT TO LEAVE WHITE SPACE
- SHOULD USE YOUR OWN ORIGINAL ARTWORK
- INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND TEACHER'S NAME ON THE BACK
- PLEASE TURN INTO FRONT OFFICE IN A SEALED ENVELOPE, OR SCAN AND EMAIL TO PHOTOS4MARIPOSA@GMAIL.COM
- DUE FEBRUARY 10TH
- NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED



Connect with us to stay up-to-date:

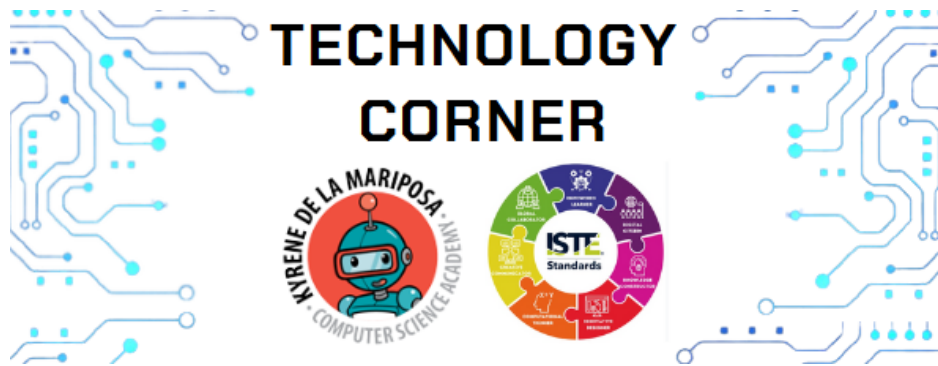
Instagram: [instagram.com/kyrenemariposapto/](https://www.instagram.com/kyrenemariposapto/)

Facebook: [facebook.com/mariposapto](https://www.facebook.com/mariposapto)

Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/kyrenemariposapto/home>

Donate to Mariposa PTO:

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



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!



Chip's Cheer Winners

K	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Angelina	Max	Rashid	Ace	Nathan	Katelyn
Rhylan	Maria	Gael	Hayden	Annabelle	Landry
	Peyton	Vincent	Marcus	Dallas	



Be in the Know: Substance Use Prevention

Participants will learn facts, trends, signs of use, causes of death, and resources for preventing and intervening.

Presenter: Stephanie Siete

Date and Time: February 12th, 6:00-7:00pm

Location: Zoom [Registration & Zoom Link](#)

In partnership With: Tempe Coalition



KYRENE COMMUNITY EDUCATION

SPRING BREAK NON-SCHOOL DAYS

MARCH 10 - 24

KIDS CLUB @ MANITAS AND ESPERANZA
7AM - 6PM

PRESCHOOL @ MANITAS
7AM - 6PM



MARCH 10 - 14

KYRENE ADVENTURE TOURS @ MANITAS
7am - 4pm

Visit exciting AZ locations each day!

**VOLLEYBALL & BASEBALL/SOFTBALL
MINI SPORTS CAMPS @ KMS**
Times vary by age group





WWW.KYRENE.ORG/NONSCHOOLDAYS COMMUNITYEDUCATION@KYRENE.ORG
480-541-1500

REPEAT INFORMATION

Upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences

Dear Mariposa Families,

Parent-Teacher Conferences grant us the opportunity to share vital information about your child's progress in school. Spring Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, February 5th, Thursday, February 6th and Friday, February 7th.

Parents will have a choice as to conferences being conducted via ZOOM or in person. In some cases, the conference may be only in person in the event the teacher is conducting student led conferences.

REMINDER: EARLY RELEASE is at 12:15pm on all conference days.

To make scheduling more efficient for all parties, we will continue to utilize [signupgenius.com](https://www.signupgenius.com). Your child(ren)'s classroom teacher(s) will send a class specific link so that you may select the time(s) that works best for you. An email confirmation will be sent immediately, and event reminders and messages from the teacher may follow as conference days draw closer. Please schedule your conference by Monday, January 27th, 2025.

If you do not have access to the internet or need assistance, please contact your child's classroom teacher and s/he will enter your preferred date and time selection on your behalf.

Special area teachers are also available for conferences upon request.

For a conference with the special area teachers, please feel free to contact them directly from the [Mariposa Staff Directory](#) or inform your child's classroom teacher and the special area teacher(s) will contact you to make arrangements.

Sincerely,

Mr. Spencer Fallgatter
Principal

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>

Mariposa Poetry Contest



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

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

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.

For Families

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.

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 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.

For Families

[School Information](#) | [Current Elementary](#)
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[Enrollment](#) | [Enrollment](#) | [Enrollment](#)

What is iReady? iReady is an online program designed for reading and math. iReady has several states in iReady assessment at school. This

Eligible Overall Math Performance

Score	Overall Math Performance	Overall Math Performance
Overall	Overall Math Performance	Overall Math Performance
Reading and Language Arts	Overall Math Performance	Overall Math Performance
Mathematics	Overall Math Performance	Overall Math Performance
Science	Overall Math Performance	Overall Math Performance
Writing	Overall Math Performance	Overall Math Performance

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.

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.

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.

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



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.



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.





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](#)



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- ☒ Extracurricular clubs
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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

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