Kyrene de la Mirada - Leadership Academy



February 2025

A Message from Mrs. Anderson

Dear Families,

As you review the February newsletter, you will discover a variety of significant and exciting events scheduled for this month. We encourage you to explore the details regarding our upcoming BOOK FAIR, SPECIAL PERSON'S DAY, FEBRUARY RESTAURANT NIGHT-PETER PIPER, STUDENT LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP SHOWCASE, and SPRING PICTURE DAY. Special Person's Day is Friday, February 14th. As a reminder, this is an adult only event. Your student's special person must plan to attend the classroom time as well as lunch/recess. If the special person is planning on purchasing a lunch, the deadline to order a lunch is Tuesday, February 4th. The QR code is in the information below or you may use this link https://miradapto.org/volunteer/special-persons-day/

Student-led Conferences have been scheduled for February 5th, 6th and 7th, all are Early Release Days - 12:15 dismissal. Our students are busy preparing their leadership notebooks. Just as students track their goals, so is Mirada Leadership Academy. We have two academic WIGS (Wildly Important Goals) we are tracking each week. ELA GOAL - Each student will complete 45 minutes or more each week on Amplify through May 23, 2025. MATH GOAL - An average of 80% of students in grades K-2 will pass two (2) lessons or more on iReady each week and in grades 3-5, 80% of students will pass one (1) lesson or more on iReady each week through May 23, 2025. Take a look at our WIG Data Wall on the west side of the library. Ask your child about their progress with their goals. I think about Habit #2 and #3, both help us achieve our goals if we first begin with the end in mind and then put first things first. It is important to make a plan to help meet our goal and then commit to work before we play.

School Quality Survey It is almost time to share your voice! The annual Kyrene School Quality Survey for Families opens Wednesday, February 5th. Your voice is critical to your children's education, the future of Kyrene School District, and Mirada. That's why we need to hear from you! Share feedback on academic preparation, student support, safety and behavior, family involvement, and school leadership in Kyrene. The results will inform targeted action plans each school develops annually to make sure our schools are places where every student can thrive. Parents should check their email for an invitation sent on February 5th, or visit <u>kyrene.org/parentsqs</u> to take the survey. The survey is offered in English and Spanish. All responses are confidential and shared aggregated.

ADVANCED NOTICE: The AASA (Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment) testing will begin the first week of April. Please note the dates and do everything you can to assure your child is present for testing. Please see below for grade level specific testing dates.

As we look ahead to the future with optimism and enthusiasm, let us continue to support and uplift one another, fostering a culture of excellence and inclusivity that defines who we are as a school. Thank you for being a part of our

journey, and we look forward to sharing more exciting updates and accomplishments in the next newsletter. Stay safe, stay inspired, and stay connected. Until next time!

Kindly, Michelle Anderson

Upcoming Events

February 5-7	Parent Teacher Conferences-Early Release Days at 12:15				
	Book Fair-12:45-7pm Wednesday and Thursday (see flyer below)				
February 11	Governing Board Meeting 6-8pm at District Office				
February 12	Monarch Night Out-Peter Piper Pizza				
February 14	Special Person's Day-MUST BRING PHOTO I.D.				
February 17	No School-President's Day				
February 20	PTO Meeting 5:30-6:30pm in the Media Center				
February 21	MML Awards				
	7:40-8:20 Kindergarten, 3rd and 4th Grades				
	8:30-9:10 1st, 2nd and 5th Grades				
February 25	Governing Board Meeting 6-8pm at District Office				
February 28	uary 28 Spring Picture Day/5th Grade Composite (See info below)-DO NOT WEAR GREEN				
March 7	Field Day-Save the Date! More info to come				
March 10-21	Spring Break				
March 24	Teacher Work Day-No School for Students				
March 25	Students return to school				
March 25	Governing Board Meeting 6-8pm at District Office				
March 27	PTO Meeting 2:30pm in the Media Center				
March 31	State Testing Begins				

View Full Calendar

Click Below for Important School Calendars

District Calendar

February Calendar

PTO Calendar



HABIT 6: SYNERGIZE

February 2025 Kyrene de la Mirada

What is Habit 6: Synergize?

Synergize is the habit of creative cooperation. Synergizing is about teamwork, openmindedness, and collaborating to find new solutions. Together, people can produce far better results than they could individually!

When people begin to interact together genuinely, and they are open to each other's influence, they begin to gain new insight.

Benefits of Synergy

- It helps us see things from different perspectives.
- It leads to more creative and effective results.
- It makes teamwork feel exciting and positive.

Signs of Synergy

- Feeling energized and excited about the outcome.
- Coming up with new ideas together.
- Finding solutions that are better than we originally thought.

Family Activity

- Use yellow food coloring in one cup of water and blue food coloring in another.
- Wet a paper towel and connect the two cups with it, creating a "bridge."
- Have your child predict what will happen when the two colors meet on the paper towel.
- After a few minutes, the colors mix in the middle of the towel and create a new color-green.
- Explain this is an example of a "third alternative" individually, yellow and blue are nice, but together they form something new and better.



Dear Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grade Families,

Mirada third, fourth, and fifth grade students will take Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment (AASA) and fifth graders will also take the AZ Science Assessment between the dates of Monday, March 31st and Friday, April 18th.

Please make note of the following specific testing dates to **avoid scheduling any appointments for your child(ren) during these days.** It is important for your child to be in attendance. However, it is more important that they are well and fever free. If you find your child has any symptoms that would not allow for them to come to school for the day, please make sure to call the attendance line at 480-541-4201 and report his or her absence. If your child begins the test, then becomes ill or exhibits symptoms that require them to be sent home, they will not be able to complete that section of the test or retake that section.

If you have any questions about state assessments please email Mrs. Leftwich, Asst. Principal, at <u>aleftw@kyrene.org</u> or call her at 480-541-4200.

DATE:	GRADE:	AZ TEST:	
Monday, 3/31	5 th	AZ Science	
Tuesday, 4/1	5 th	AZ Science	
Wednesday, 4/2	5 th	Make Up Test (AZSci)	
Thursday, 4/3	3 rd , 4 th , 5th	Writing	
Friday 4/4	3 rd , 4 th , 5th	Make Up Test, Writing &/or AZSci	
Monday, 4/7	3rd	Oral Reading Fluency (ORF)	
Tuesday, 4/8	3 rd , 4 th , 5th	Reading Part 1	
Wednesday, 4/9	3rd	Oral Reading Fluency (ORF)	
Thursday, 4/10	3 rd , 4 th , 5th	Reading Part 2	
Friday, 4/11	3 rd , 4 th , 5 th	Make Up Testing Day	
Monday, 4/14	3 rd , 4 th , 5 th	Make Up Testing Day	
Tuesday, 4/15	3 rd , 4 th , 5 th	Math Part 1	
Wednesday, 4/16	3 rd , 4 th , 5th	Make up Testing Day	
Thursday, 4/17	Math 2	Math Part 2	
Friday, 4/18		Make Up Testing Day	

Thank you!



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



Gifted Child Assessment Notice

All public school districts have an ongoing "Child Find" obligation. This means that the Kyrene School District will identify, locate and evaluate all children who are in need of special education and related services. Kyrene makes gifted testing available for students at school sites three times per year by application. Applications are due for the final testing for 2024-25 on February 7, 2025. If you think your child may be gifted, please visit the website at www.kyrene.org/gifted for information about gifted education, services, and testing in Kyrene.

Click here for Information about Kyrene's Gifted Services

2024-25 Universal Gifted Testing Grade 2

2nd Grade CogAT Message to Parents



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TI	nere is "Snow" Place like the Library!
When:	February 3–7, Students will be shopping during their Library class. We will also be open during conferences, February 5 & 6, from 12:45–7:00*.
Where:	Our Mirada Library Please enter from the east side door.
Info:	 We accept both cash and credit cards. Please send your child's money in an envelope or baggie labeled with their name and their teacher's name. Tax is included in the price of each book. All sales are final. 20% of the sales support our Library! *Hours subject to change without notice.

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You can still see and purchase framed originals or reproductions at the Virtual Art Show. THIS SHOW WILL REMAIN OPEN THROUGH

FEBRUARY 16TH, 2025.





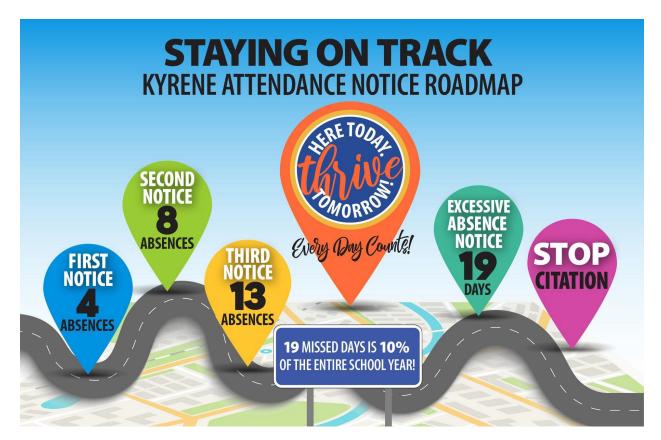


Attendance Notification Letters

Dear families,

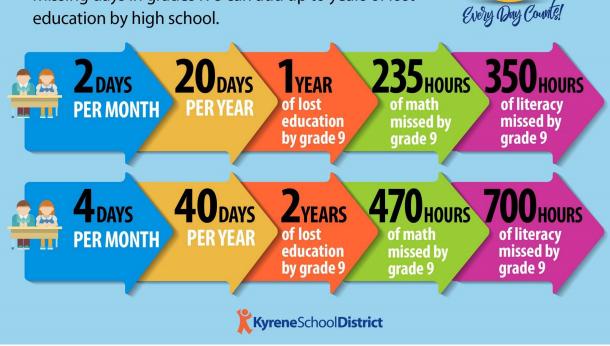
As we have shared in previous newsletters, we have been sending attendance letters when your child reaches 4, 8, and 13 absences. The purpose of this is to be proactive and keep you informed, so your children stay below 19 absences, which the state identifies as excessive. We understand that children 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.





ATTENDANCE IMPACT

When students are absent, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills. This can impact grades and test performance. The graphic below shows how consistently missing days in grades K-8 can add up to years of lost education by high school.



Too sick for school? Regular attendance is important for your child's well-being and learning. This guide can help you determine when to keep your child home and when to send them to school.





Send me to school if...

- I have a runny nose or mild cough, but no other symptoms.
- · I have a mild rash but no other symptoms.
- · I have only a mild stomachache.
- · I have eye drainage but no fever, eye pain or redness.
- · I haven't had a fever or taken any fever-reducing medicine for 24 hours.
- I haven't thrown up or had diarrhea for 24 hours.

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Keep me at home if...

- I have a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees.
- I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.
- My eyes are pink and crusty.

Call the doctor if...

- · I've had a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees for 2+ days or a fever combined with: ear pain, sore throat, rash, cough, stomachache or headache.
- · I've been throwing up or have had diarrhea for more than two days.
- I've had the sniffles for more than a week, and they aren't getting better.
- I have any uncommon symptoms such as eye swelling or a rash with blisters

If you have specific concerns regarding your child's health or are worried your child will spread illness, contact your health care provider. This guide does not take the place of county or school district health guidance regarding respiratory viruses or other contagious illnesses.

Spring Portraits Coming Soon To: Kyrene de la Mirada Elementary

Friday, February 28th, 2025

Studio Quality Portraits at School!

School Portraits capture an irreplaceable moment in your child's life. Our School Pics mission is to provide you with the Best in School Photography to memorialize your child's growth through their school years.

Pick your favorite background!

The examples on this flyer are provided as a guide to planning your child's outfit for Spring Pics. See our website for additional choices:

www.schoolpicsonline.com/parents-spring

Before Picture Day

Please use this flyer as a reminder to get hair cuts done if needed. Keep bows, ribbons, and headbands small. Use the background choices as a guide to plan your child's picture day outfit.

On Picture Day

Wear fun, bright colors except green. We will be using Green Screen Technology for this program, so please <u>DO NOT WEAR GREEN.</u>

With our exclusive School Pics Proof program, no money is necessary on picture day.

After Picture Day

Proofs will be sent home with your child approximately 3 weeks after picture day. Pose, background choice, and Portrait package selections will be available online to view and order.

Questions? Please email us at:

customerservice@schoolpicsaz.com





PTO CORNER A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy February! Here we are at the end of another fuevent filled month at Mirada. Milk and Cookies was a huge success! The kids loved seeing some of the staff on stage acting out the book *Something's Wrong*. Thank you again to the volunteers who helped distribute milk and cookies to all of the kids after the show was done. The Art Show was also a huge success! Thank you, Mrs. Newbury, for creating such a fun event! And thank you to all the families who purchased art. All the proceeds go directly into the art program for our kids next year.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our Monarch Night Out at Peter Piper Pizza on Feb. 12th! Heart shaped pizzas and games- what more could a family ask for in a night out?? We'd love to see you at our next PTO meeting on Feb. 20th at 5:30pm in the library.

SPECIAL PERSON'S DAY

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Mirada "We Love Our Schools

Night" Heart Shaped Pizzas

PTO

MEETING

THUREDAY

Special Person's Day

Friday, February 14th

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Mark your calendars for Special Person's Day on February 14th! It is a great opportunity for the kids to share their school lives with the special people in their lives. Special people get to spend time in the classroom, at lunch and at recess with their students. Special people can be grandparents, aunts, uncles, parents, or anyone who qualifies as special to your child. This is an adult only event. Please leave siblings or any other kids at home. We are offering a sack lunch for \$10 available prepurchase at the following link: <u>Special Person's Day</u> <u>Lunch Order</u>. Orders due February 4th. Please bring ID's, the district requires we hold them at the door while visitors are in the building.

visitors are in the building. UPCOMING EVENTS!!!

FEBRUARY

- 3-6- Bookfair in the library
- 5-7 Conferences, Half Days
- 12- Monarch Night Out- Peter Piper Pizza
- 14 Special Person's Day
- 20 PTO Meeting at 5:30pm in the library

THANK YOU MONARCH FAMILIES!

Special Person's Day is a unique opportunity for students to share their wonderful school with the important people in their lives (see flyer below for details). Parents, please help us celebrate Special Person's Day on Friday, February 14th by volunteering to make sure everything runs smoothly and

ordering lunches for your special people. Click here to <u>VOLUNTEER</u> and click here to order an adult <u>LUNCH</u> by Feb. 4th. Thank you so much for making this event EXTRA special :)



Grandparents or other "Special People" are invited to visit their Mirada students on Friday, February 14th. Our special guests will participate in a fun classroom activity and then join students for lunch and recess!

Please plan your visit during these scheduled times:

SCAN HERE TO

ORDER AN

ADULT LUNCH

BY 2/4! SCAN HERE

Grades	Check-in	Class Time*	Lunch	Recess
к	9:30	9:45-10:15	10:20-10:40	10:40-11:00
1	9:50	10:05-10:35	10:40-11:00	11:00-11:20
3	10:10	10:25-10:55	11:00-11:20	11:20-11:40
2	10:30	10:45-11:15	11:20-11:40	11:40-12:00
5	10:50	11:05-11:35	11:40-12:00	12:00-12:20
4	11:10	11:25-11:55	12:00-12:20	12:20-12:40



*Special People must attend Class Time ON TIME to be eligible to attend Lunch and Recess. Please bring a valid photo ID for check in.





AND RAISE SOME DOUGH

20% of all food, beverage and funpass game credit sales benefit

Mirada "We Love Our Schools Night" Heart Shaped Pizzas

Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Time: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Place: Peter Piper Pizza at Ahwatukee 4940 E. Ray Road Phoenix 85044

CAN'T MAKE IT OR IN A HURRY?

You can still donate by ordering online or through the app.

- 1. Order at peterpiperpizza.com or through our app on the fundraiser date
- 2. Select the restaurant hosting the fundraiser
- 3. Enter the promo code FRESHDOUGH at checkout for donation contribution



to download our new app!





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 the following:

- packages of new underwear in all sizes for boys and girls.
- gently used elastic waist band pants and socks in all sizes for boys and girls.
- **gently used girls tennis shoes** in sizes 10-2 to fit K-3rd graders.
- We are especially in need of boys underwear size small and boys shirts size medium.

As your children outgrow their gently used pants, shirts, shoes and socks, please consider donating them to our Health Office. Thank you!







Kyrene Positive Parenting - February Presentation

The Kyrene School District is pleased to continue the successful Positive Parenting Series this school year, focusing on issues that affect families both at school and at home. We hope you can join us.

Feb. 12 - Be in the Know: Substance Use Prevention 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 12, 2025 6:00-7:00pm Location: Zoom

In Partnership With:

Registration and Zoom Link Be in the Know: Substance Use Prevention



KYRENE SPECIAL EDUCATION SERIES



Plan to attend the following ESS parent information night

FEBRUARY 26, 2025

SCHOOL TRANSITIONS Zoom Meeeting 6-7:30 p.m. https://kyrene.zoom.us/j/89911056332

School transitions can be a stressful time for parents and students. Join the ESS team via zoom to learn about the preschool to kindergarten transition, the 5th grade to 6th grade transition, and the 8th grade to 9th grade transition.





ESS Parent Night: Transitions Registration Link





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STEP 1

Visit kyrene.org/taxcredit and click Donate Now



STEP 2

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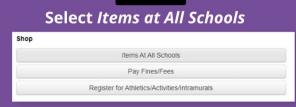
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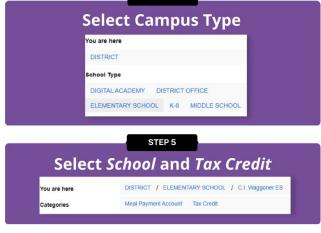
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STEP 4





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.

<u>Tardy</u>

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 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.



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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 Attendance: 480-541-4201 Health Office: 480-541-4220 Cafeteria: 480-541-4220 Kids Club: 480-541-4230

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