



CHALLENGER NEWS

February 28, 2025

Read Across America Spirit Week NEXT WEEK



Mon 3/3: Pajama Day

Tues 3/4: Dress up like a Super Hero

Wed 3/5: Dress up like an Everyday Hero

Thurs 3/6: Picture Day: Dress your Best

Friday 3/7: Favorite Book Character Day

Read Across America Week

Attention 3rd-5th Grade Families

As we approach our AASA (Arizona Academic Standards Assessment) test window for third, fourth and fifth grades, there are some things families can do to help kids. The Arizona Department of Education says, "Talk with your child about the test—your conversations can help minimize any fear or anxiety your child may feel when taking the test this spring. You can also take practice AASA and ACT tests at home to help your child prepare. For AASA, visit the [TestNav portal](#), select Arizona and click on "Mic Check and Sample Tests". Practice ACT tests are also available through [TestNav](#).

Here are some tips and reminders to help your students come to school prepared for success:

- Start well rested - make sure your students stick to their bedtimes and come to school refreshed.

- Have a healthy breakfast - whether it be school breakfast or something at home, make sure your students start their morning with a satisfying meal
- Arrive to school **on time** - we want all students to have every opportunity to complete their test to the best of their ability; providing them with the time they need is essential
- Schedule appointments on non-test days and/or after school hours. Our test times will be as follows:

March 31 and April 1: 5th grade only, AZSci

April 3: 3rd-5th, AASA Writing

April 4: 3rd grade only, AASA Oral Reading Fluency

April 8 and April 10: 3rd-5th, AASA Reading

April 15 and April 17: 3rd-5th, AASA Math

Testing Notes of Encouragement

Dear Families,

We are fast approaching our state testing time which will take place immediately after Spring Break. For some students, testing may cause them to feel nervous and unsure of themselves. We want to give our students as much love, support, and confidence as possible. To that end, we are asking our families to provide notes for our Challengers to open each day when they take their test. Ideally, we would have as many as five notes for each student. Our third, fourth and fifth grade teachers have already reached out to the parents of their students, but if you can take a minute to write a note for a student you know or for one of our Challengers in general, it would be much appreciated.

Chip Cheers notecards are available in the office. If you are sending a note to a particular student, please put their name on the card. If you are providing a general note, we will make sure it gets to a student who will welcome your kind words.

As always, thank you for the love and support you consistently provide for our Challengers.

Natalie Tucker, Assistant Principal

Spring Portraits Coming Soon To: Kyrene de la Mariposa Elementary

Thursday, March 6th, 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 **DO NOT WEAR GREEN.**

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

This week's PTO reminders:

1. Calling 5th grade parents! Make these two purchases to celebrate your graduate:

- Write a love note for the yearbook by March 4:
https://www.cognitofrms.com/.../_5thGradeYearbookLoveNotes

- Pre-order a yard sign by March 10: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/fifth-grade-yard-signs>

 **5th GRADE!** PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS,
UNCLES, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, PETS!

WRITE A LOVE NOTE TO YOUR 5TH GRADER TO BE FEATURED
IN OUR 2024-2025 YEARBOOK!

(NOTES LIMITED TO 150 characters)

\$5.00 to →

last day to purchase March 4th!



2. Pre-order your 2024-2025 yearbook:

- <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/yearbook-pre-order>

PRE ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!

\$25



**last day to purchase
May 23rd**

Yearbooks will be passed out the last week of school to your child's classroom!

All sales will be online. SCAN QR code to purchase

3. Send in photos from events this year to be included in the yearbook

- Email full-size images by March 4th: photos4mariposa@gmail.com

Last call for yearbook pictures!

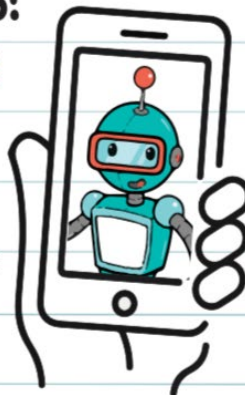
Send in any photos of field trips, clubs,
classroom fun, and school activities by



March 4th!

to: photos4mariposa@gmail.com

please
include
name
and
grade

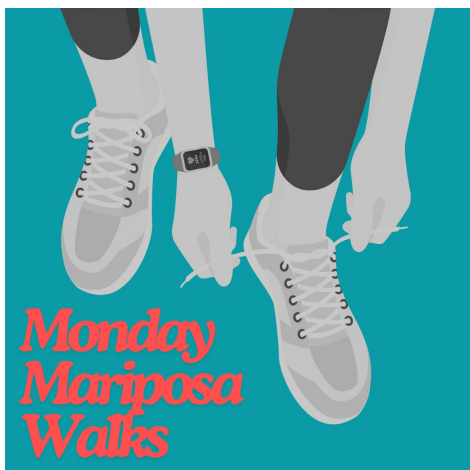


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questions?? email us :)

don't compress!
1Mb or larger



4. Monday Morning Mariposa Walks

- Join us every Monday after drop-off for a quick 30-minute walk with fellow Mariposa parents and caregivers. Young children and friendly dogs are welcome!

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>



Internet Safety: Creating a Tech-Life Balance

Participant will learn the eye-opening presentation is designed to empower parents to create a healthy and balanced tech-life in their family.

Presenter: Elena Zavalza

Date and Time: March 27th, 6:00-7:00pm

Location: Online

[Registration & Zoom Link](#)

In Partnership With: notMYkid

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Kyrene Intramurals

PRACTICES AT YOUR SCHOOL CAMPUS BEGIN THE WEEK OF MARCH 31ST

GRADES 3-5 PRACTICES 2X PER WEEK - \$100

SEASON ENDS ON MAY 10TH WITH A DISTRICT WIDE TOURNAMENT AT
AKIMEL A-AL MIDDLE SCHOOL



REGISTER NOW!

REGISTRATION CLOSES
MARCH 27TH AT NOON

Chip's Cheer Winners

K	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Emma	Ian	Ashton	Dorde	Aliah	Cruise
Xander	Kehlani	Koda	Matty	Antonio	Dom
Frankie	Adriel	Knox		Zoey	





Join the fun with Beginners Edge Sports Training's Mini-Sports Camps! **Choose Baseball or Volleyball** for 2 hours of **daily skills, scrimmages, and confidence-building** over 5 action-packed days. Want more? **Pick both sports for 4 hours of exciting play each day!** Our expert coaches ensure your kids stay active, build skills, and make unforgettable memories. Spots are limited - sign up now and let the fun begin! All equipment is supplied.

VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Kyrene Middle School
Indoors @ Gym

\$150 per child

6th-8th Grade: 9 - 11am

K-2nd Grade: 11:30am - 1:30pm

3rd-5th Grade: 2 - 4pm

Register Here



BASEBALL CAMP

Kyrene Middle School
Outdoors @ Softball Field

\$150 per child

K-2nd Grade: 8:45-10:45am

3rd-5th Grade: 11:15am - 1:15pm

6th-8th Grade: 1:15-3:45pm

Register Here



Health Office Needs

- snack size bags



Spring Break

Intersession

March 10-14

Spring Break Week 2

March 17-21

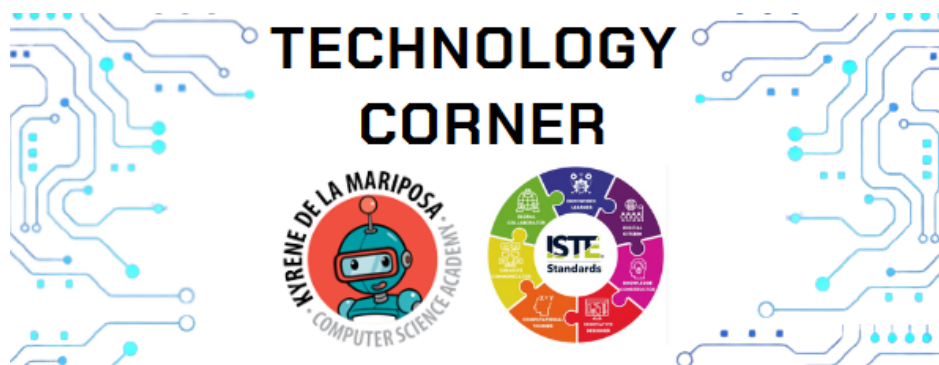
Teacher Work Day

March 24

4th Quarter Begins

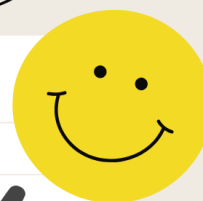
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REPEAT INFORMATION



2nd grade students have been working on a variety of projects showcasing their knowledge and learning about Westward Expansion. The students used Ozobots to code the journey across the Oregon Trail. The students also used Scratch Jr. to create a flat boat and coded them to go down the Erie Canal. Lastly, students used Wixie to create a quilt square that represented the Transcontinental Railroad.





KYRENE
COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Presents...

SATURDAY ACADEMY

Enrolling Now!

Join us on Saturdays for the whole month of April
for an awesome selection of Youth Enrichment
classes!

Vendors include B.E.S.T., Bricks 4 Kidz, Reach
Basketball, and Young Rembrandts!

Choose any 3 classes to build a fantastic Saturday
morning of fun!

Dates: April 5, 12, 19, and 26
Time: 9am - 12pm

Location: Kyrene Traditional Academy
Grades: 1st - 5th
Tuition: \$230

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<https://kyrene.ce.eleyo.com>

(480) 541-1500



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

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>



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](#)

Text Messages

If you are not signed up for text messages from the District, you are missing out on extremely useful information! It just takes a minute to opt in! Text YES to 67587.





Support *Our* School!

Tax Credit Donations

Your donation directly supports Kyrene students!

- ☒ Educational field trips
- ☒ School programs
- ☒ Extracurricular clubs
- ☒ And so much more!

DONATE



Donate up to \$200 for individuals and \$400 when filing jointly.

Learn more at kyrene.org/taxcredit

[DONATE ONLINE](#)

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](#)



Contact Us

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Tempe, AZ 85284

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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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KYRENE KID



ADAPTABLE LEARNER • SELF-ADVOCATE • COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTOR
COMMUNICATOR • CRITICAL THINKER • PROBLEM SOLVER • COLLABORATOR
READY FOR THE FUTURE. HIGH SCHOOL. COLLEGE. CAREER. LIFE.

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