



March 7, 2025

## Spring Break

Have a wonderful Spring Break and we'll see you back at school on Tuesday, March 25th!



## Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

As you receive this edition of the Challenger News, we are preparing for a well-deserved Spring Break beginning on March 10th through March 24th. As Monday, March 24th is a designated Teacher Workday we will look forward to having your children return on Tuesday, March 25th.

Thank you to the many families who attended the PTO's Annual Sweetheart/Family Dance. A special thank you to our PTO for organizing this special event. It was well attended and was a great success!

When we return from break, we will be gearing up to begin our AASA state assessments for grades 3 - 5. These assessments will occur between March 31st and April 18th. It is critical that your 3rd - 5th children take this assessment, first and foremost to measure their growth this year against the Arizona Standards of their respective grade level, and secondly because their attendance and participation during the test will reflect on whether we achieve AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress). Please ensure that your children are present and prepared on all testing days. Absenteeism during any portion of the test will require a makeup time to be scheduled. It is a much more positive experience for your child to be present and to take the assessment on the designated days. Snacks will be provided for students during the testing sessions.

In early January several parents and their children attended Kindergarten Showcase 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 Showcase Night on Wednesday, April 2nd at 5:30 PM.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated! Have a great weekend!

Your Partner in Learning,



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

Make your tax credit contribution today!

## PTO

This week's PTO reminders:

### 1. Calling 5th grade parents!

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

# Fifth Grade Yard Signs available for sale

Click Link to Order  
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/fifth-grade-yard-signs>

# \$20

Order  
Deadline:  
March 10



Signs sent home with your student or pick up at the office.

### 2. Yearbook Time

- Pre-orders are now open: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/yearbook-pre-order>
- Love digital scrapbooking? We have two awesome yearbook volunteers every year, so we are looking ahead to the 2025-2026 school year. Email [kyrenemariposapto@gmail.com](mailto:kyrenemariposapto@gmail.com) if you're interested in helping.



### 3. NEW EVENT: Trivia Night!

- Learn more and purchase your tickets for this new event to raise crucial funds for our school:  
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/17c2736f-8dbc-42e6-9b54-ff1e39f8f2>

### 4. PTO 2025-2026 Board Elections:

- Looking ahead to next school year, we seek nominations (either for you or others) for the Mariposa PTO 2025-2026 board to make a positive impact on our school community.
- For more information and to submit a nomination, visit:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfM4\\_jl4f15hx1LZ7HdKvINDhP\\_9t6wx0ho-qM7zYi0RH-70w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfM4_jl4f15hx1LZ7HdKvINDhP_9t6wx0ho-qM7zYi0RH-70w/viewform)



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

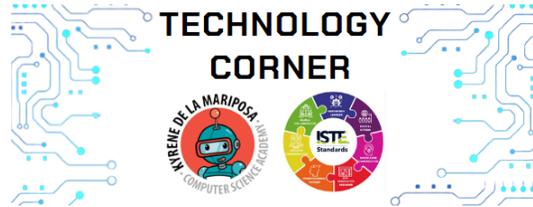
Donate to Mariposa PTO:

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

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### Chip's Cheer Winners

K	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Kofi	Remy	Charlotte	Auggy	Anthony	Bruce
Reyna	Jocilynne	Harper		Penny	Malik
Tabitha	Connor			Skylar	



In the upcoming Native Americans Unit, 3rd grade students will be working on specific challenges showcasing their knowledge and learning of Native American Regions, such as the Northwest, Northeastern, Southwest and Southeastern Native American tribes . The students will be using different robotics like the Ozobots in order to code and help Ozobot scientist visit a tribe from each region. The students will also use Google Earth to create a virtual field trip of each tribal region that they will narrate facts and research taken from read alouds and texts they have read throughout the unit.

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### Health Office Needs

- snack size bags
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Grade K-5

# MENUS

March 2025

National Breakfast Week

March 3<sup>rd</sup>-March 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Did you know?**  
 Staying active helps build strong bones and muscles, relieves stress, and protects your heart. Aim for 1 hour or more of physical activity every day. Do whatever you love to do – Just get moving!



**Questions or Comments?**  
 General Manger: Simeon Murphy  
 Phone: (480) 543.1663  
 Web Link/QR Code for menus: [kyrene.nutrislice.com/menu](http://kyrene.nutrislice.com/menu)

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 <b>Breakfast</b> Berry Scone <b>Lunch</b> Chicken Tenders w/Roll Vegetarian Pasta Alfredo Fresh Turkey & Cheese Sub  Peppered Broccoli Florets	4 <b>Breakfast</b> Cheesy Egg Breakfast Burrito <b>Lunch</b> Cheesy Chicken Flour Tacos Mini Cheese Quesadillas Sun Butter Jelly Sandwich  Seasoned Black Beans	5 <b>Breakfast</b> Cinnamon Sugar Donut Holes <b>Lunch</b> Chicken Potato Bowl w/Roll Grilled Cheese Sandwich Popcorn Chicken Wrap  Steamed Corn	6 <b>Breakfast</b> Maple Fligs in a Blanket <b>Lunch</b> Hot Dog (Pork-Free) Jucy Hamburger Vegetarian Garden Salad  Zingy Crinkle Fries	7 <b>Breakfast</b> Cinnamon Sugar Cornbread <b>Lunch</b> Cheese Pizza Turkey Sausage Pizza Turkey Ham & Cheese Wrap  Italian Veggie Blend
10	<b>Spring Break</b> 🌸			14
17	<b>Spring Break</b> 🌸			21
24	25 <b>Breakfast</b> Egg & Potato Breakfast Burrito <b>Lunch</b> Bean & Cheese Burrito Fresh Turkey & Cheese Sub Grande Beefy Nachos Pinto Beans	26 <b>Breakfast</b> Egg & Cheese Biscuit <b>Lunch</b> Spaghetti w/ Meatballs Chicken Nuggets w/Roll Loaded Vegetable Sub  Spiced Green Beans	27 <b>Breakfast</b> Cinnamon Chip Scone <b>Lunch</b> Pancakes & Sausage Cinnamon Roll w/ Turkey Sausage Sun Butter Jelly Sandwich Crispy Tater Tots	28 <b>Breakfast</b> Delicious Blueberry Muffin <b>Lunch</b> Cheese Pizza Classic Pepperoni Pizza Turkey & Cheese Wrap  Zingy Crinkle Fries
31 <b>Breakfast</b> Breakfast Pizza <b>Lunch</b> Green Chili Quesadilla Popcorn Chicken w/roll Turkey & Cheese Sandwich  Green Beans				

Breakfast Meal Price: Paid \$1.70

Lunch Meal Price: Paid \$3.00

Adult Meal Price: \$3.90

## ATTEND THE KYRENE RESOURCE FAIR

Join us for an enriching experience tailored to families navigating the journey of raising children with disabilities. Kyrene School District's Exceptional Student Services team invites you to our Resource Fair, an opportunity for families to discover local resources and create connections in the community.

Gain insights, strategies, and valuable information from experts in a variety of fields involved with raising children with special needs.  
 Engage in one-on-one conversations with resource providers to address your family's unique needs and concerns.  
 Gather informational flyers, brochures and contacts to support your family.

**Thursday, April 10 🌈 4:30-6:00 p.m.**  
 Kyrene Centennial Middle School, 13808 S 36th Street, Phoenix AZ 85044

### WHO WILL BE THERE?

Kyrene Related Service Providers (OT, PT, AT, Speech/AAC) The Miracle League DDD Raising Special Kids AzEIP Down Syndrome Network (DS Network) Tempe Adaptive Recreation AzTAP Duet (Grandparents Raising Grandchildren)	Chandler Adaptive Recreation Phoenix Adaptive Rec Tempe Union High School District YMCA Southwest Network Southwest Human Development/ ADAFT Shop Phoenix Public Library The Suzy Foundation Absolute HCBS Gompers	AHCCCS Kyrene Special Olympics The Hope Group Mikey's League Mariposa Therapy Chicanos Por La Causa Mountain Park Health Center KinectAbility <b>AND MANY MORE!</b>
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**REPEAT INFORMATION**

## 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

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## 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

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# CAPTURE *the* FLAG

 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



Positive Parenting Series  
KYRENE SCHOOL DISTRICT



**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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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

## 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>

## 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.

Did you get the reminder text about Early Release on Wednesday?

I didn't, thanks for reminding me! Did the school send something out?

Yeah! If you text YES to 67587 you'll be subscribed to District and school texts. 😊

Oh, cool, I'll do that right now, thank you for the reminder!

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## Tax Credit Donations

Your donation directly supports Kyrene students!

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

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Kyrene de la Mariposa Elementary School  
Computer Science Academy



**WE'RE HIRING!**

If interested, please visit [kyrene.org/careers](http://kyrene.org/careers)

[Mariposa Job Openings](#)

**Contact Us**

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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*

**PORTRAIT OF A KYRENE KID**

ADAPTABLE LEARNER • SELF-ADVOCATE • COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTOR  
COMMUNICATOR • CRITICAL THINKER • PROBLEM SOLVER • COLLABORATOR

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