Kyrene de la Mirada - Leadership Academy

MIRADA NEWS

May 2025

A Message from Mrs. Anderson

As we near the conclusion of yet another academic year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on our accomplishments and express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support.

Throughout this year, our school community has united in a shared commitment to the well-being and academic success of our students. Their remarkable progress and growth are a testament to the hard work put forth by both our students and the dedication of our teachers and staff, which has profoundly impacted their educational journeys.

A few highlights from this year:

- The distinction of being an A Plus School by the Arizona Education Foundation
- Surpassing our Read-a-thon Goal by raising over $52,000 for our school
- Raising over $10,000 for the American Heart Association in addition to 36 students completing Finn's Mission.
- Highlighting the artwork of every Mirada student at the 2024-2025 Sweet Arts Art Show
- Celebrating our Very Important Mascot at Leo's Birthday Bash
- Sharing the athletic abilities of Mirada at the Turkey Trot, Jingle Jump and Field Days
- Bringing our community together to have fun at the Fall Festival
- Showcasing performing arts events by the Melody Makers and Mirada Players
- Welcoming our Special Persons to share our classrooms and enjoy lunch with us

Looking ahead to the upcoming academic year, I am confident that we will continue to build upon our achievements and pursue excellence in all our endeavors. Your support and engagement within our school community are truly invaluable, and I am thankful for the opportunity to collaborate with such devoted individuals.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and commitment to our school. I wish you all a restful and rejuvenating summer break and eagerly anticipate welcoming you back for Meet the Teacher on Monday, July 21st.

Kindly,
Michelle Anderson
Principal

Dress Code
With the weather getting warmer, we wanted to remind you about the Kyrene District dress code. Please see the information below from this year's Kyrene Family Handbook.

Student Attire

General Requirements

- Each student has the right to determine personal dress within Board Policy.
- Clothing must be suitable for scheduled classroom activities including physical education, science labs, technical education, and other activities where unique hazards exist. Safety or special purpose equipment shall be worn when required.
- Students must wear clothing including a top and a bottom (such as pants, skirt, shorts or the equivalent), or a one-piece outfit (such as a dress or a jumpsuit) and footwear as required by State law. Tops and one-piece outfits must be secured with material at the shoulders or neck.
- Clothing must cover the entire midriff, with material that covers the front, back and sides.
- Clothing fabric must cover all private body parts and /or undergarments and must not be see-through. Undergarment waistbands and/or straps that are incidentally visible under clothing are permitted; however, undergarments may not be worn as clothing.
- Clothing may not cover a student's face to the extent that the student is not identifiable (except clothing worn for health and safety, medical, or religious purposes).
- Footwear such as shoes, sandals or boots shall be worn in the school buildings. Footwear must be both safe and non-destructive to school property.
- Students may wear clothing, accessories and jewelry that display religious messages or religious symbols in the same manner and to the same extent that other types of clothing, accessories and jewelry that display messages or symbols are permitted.
- Reasonable variations from these requirements may be permitted by a building principal to accommodate student participation in approved activities such as physical education classes (e.g., swimming), other student activities (e.g., student theatrical productions), or for schools where uniforms are required.

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- Prohibited Apparel and Items. Students shall not be permitted to wear the following:

  Any clothing, jewelry or personal items that advocate or promote violence or acts of terror.
  Any clothing, jewelry or personal items with images or language depicting or advocating the use of alcohol, tobacco products, nicotine, sexual references, nudity, pornography, profanity, obscenity, criminal activity, the unlawful use of weapons, and/or controlled or illegal drugs.
  Any clothing, jewelry or personal items that use or depict hate speech, which is speech or writing that is intended to attack, threaten, insult, offend, or intimidate a person because of some trait, such as age, race, color, national origin or ancestry, ethnicity, religion, linguistic or language differences, disability, genetic information, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, pregnancy, veterans and military status, political affiliation, socioeconomic status, or any other legally-protected status or classification.
  Any clothing, jewelry or personal items that threaten the health or safety of any other student or staff member.
  Include any type of clothing, accessories and/or jewelry that is worn with the intent to convey affiliation with a criminal street gang as defined in A.R.S. 13-105.
- Headwear, including but not limited to hats and hoodies, are permitted in school buildings. Bandanas are not permitted in school buildings. All headwear must allow the ears and face to be visible and not interfere with the line of sight to any student or staff (except clothing/headwear worn for religious or medical purposes). Students may wear headwear for religious or medical reasons.

Upcoming Events

May 5-9	Staff Appreciation Week
May 14	Leadership Day
May 15	PTO Meeting in the library at 2:45pm
May 20	MML Awards
	7:40-8:20 Kindergarten, 3rd and 4th Grades
	8:30-9:10 1st, 2nd and 5th Grades
May 21	Monarch Night Out at Ike's
May 19-23	Change Wars fundraiser
May 23	Yearbook Signing Party 6-7:30pm in MPR
May 26	Memorial Day-No School

May 28	Full Day Wednesday-No Early Release 5th Fest
May 29	Last Day of School is Early Release

Looking Ahead:

July 21	Meet the Teacher 5:00-5:45pm Last Names A-M 5:45-6:30pm Last Names N-Z
July 23	First Day of School-full day
August 18	No School-Professional Development

View Full Calendar

Click Below for Important School Calendars

District Calendar | May Calendar | PTO Calendar

2025-26 District Calendar (updated)

2025-26 School Year Calendar Update
Previously, fall break was two weeks, followed by two additional days off for teacher planning and staff development. The revised calendar moves one of those staff days to August, shortening the break by one day. Click the link for the full calendar.

EARLY RELEASE ON LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



*****Parents please note that we have 3 days of school after the Memorial Day holiday.*****

Wednesday, May 28th will be a full day.

Thursday, May 29th is an Early Release Day as well as 5th Grade Clap Out.

Students will be released at 12:15pm.

Mirada Leadership Academy
2025-2026 Student Supply Lists

*Please label the following items with your student's name: sweaters/sweatshirts/jackets, backpack, water bottle, lunch box, folders, binders, etc.

It is recommended that every student have the following items:
Water bottle, backpack, #2 Ticonderoga pencils and earbuds/headphones (per list below).

CCD Classes

Ms. Amy and Ms. Tracy's students will receive a separate supply list that will be sent home.

Kindergarten

1 - Backpack (no wheels please)
1- Water bottle
2 -12pk #2 Ticonderoga pencils
1 - Headphones - compatible with laptops
1 - Box Crayola washable markers
1 - Box Crayola crayons
8 - Elmer's glue sticks
1 - Pack Expo fine tip markers
1 - Box of tissues
1 - Bottle of hand sanitizer
2 - Lysol wipes
1 - Box Gallon sized baggies
1 - Ream of white copy paper

First Grade

1 - Box Sharpened pencils (Ticonderoga)
1 - Headphones
1 - Box of Crayola crayons
1 - Box of Crayola markers
1 - Box of Colored pencils
2 - 5 pack of Elmer's glue sticks
1 - box of tissues
1 - Clorox wipes

NOTE: Please do not label as we utilize supplies as a classroom community.

Second Grade

1 - Pencil box
1 - Box of 24 count Crayola crayons (put in pencil box)
1 - Set of headphones (NO earbuds)
1 - Package EXPO black dry erase markers
1 - Package white copy paper
1- Box of tissues
1 - Container Lysol wipes or Lysol spray
1 - Roll of paper towels
1 - Packs of Ticonderoga pencils (sharpened)
1 - Pkg. of glue sticks
1 - Pair of Fiskars scissors
1 - Pkg. pencil top erasers

Third Grade

1 - Backpack and water bottle
1 - Pencil pouch for art supplies
24 - #2 Ticonderoga pencils
1 - Composition notebook (wide rule)
1 - Earbuds/headphones
2 - Pack of black chisel EXPO markers low odor
1 - Pack of fine-tip Expo Markers (black only)
1 - Pack of Hi-Polymer erasers(white NOT pink)
1 - Crayons (24 pack)
1 - Scissors
1 - Pack of broad line markers
2 to 3 - Boxes of tissues
1 - 1" 3-ring binder

Fourth Grade

1 - Backpack and water bottle
1 - Pencil pouch (no boxes)
4 - Composition notebooks (wide ruled; 4 different colors)
1 - 1" 3-ring binder
1 - Headphones or earbuds
2 - Packs #2 Ticonderoga pencils presharpened
1 - Pack 24 Crayola colored pencils
1 - Pack Black EXPO Dry Erase Markers (low odor)
1 - Two pocket folder
1 - Pack of highlighters
1 - Ballpoint pen (red & blue)
1 - Scissors
2 - Glue sticks

Specials

Every student please bring the following to be shared among specials teachers.

1 - Box of Ticonderoga pencils (12 count)
1 - Box of tissues
1 - Package of baby wipes
1 - Package of disinfectant wipes
1 - Box of latex free band aids
2 - Glue sticks

Fifth Grade

12 - #2 Ticonderoga pencils-sharpened
1 - Earbuds/headphones
2 - Single subject spiral notebooks
1 - Pack of colored pencils
2 - Folders
2 - Glue sticks
1 - Pack of markers
1 - Pack of crayons
1 - Pack of eraser tops OR 2 Pink pearl erasers
2 - Highlighter
1 - Sharpie marker
1 Pair of scissors
1 - 1 inch binder
1 - Pack black EXPO dry-erase (low odor) markers



Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year

To ensure we have the right amount of staff members to accommodate our students, please be sure to let our attendance clerk, Amy Short know if you are **NOT returning to Mirada** next school year. This information helps tremendously when we receive it prior to class placements. Amy can be contacted by email at amshort@kyrene.org or by phone at 480-541-4200.



Congratulations to our Amazing Mirada Artists who were chosen to represent us at the Kyrene District Art Show this year! Everyone is invited to enter our gallery and take your time looking at the beautiful works by artists from across the district! To access the show, go to kyrene.org/about-kyrene/district-art-show-2025 . If you have not been to one of our on-line shows, it is worth the time! Have fun!

Kinder	First	Second
Bruno B.	Annina H.	Zyla J.
Delaney T.	Henry C.	William O.
Phynyx R-C.	Tanner Y.	Bowie L.
	Jackson B.	Anton B.

Third	Fourth	Fifth
Elly B-P.	Bruna C.	Xio R.
Ethan H.	Stella K.	MaKenna L.
Olivia O.	Gracen T.	Avigail E.
Krislyn T.	Charlotte W.	Emma N.
Madelyn H.		

Kyrene District 2025 Digital Art Show

24/25 District Poetry Contest

Congratulations to Claire Cadillo-Hammond on her winning entry "A Midnight Song".



Our District Poetry Contest for this school year is complete! District winners were celebrated at the Board Meeting on April 22nd. This year, in lieu of a hardcopy anthology, a digital anthology website was created showcasing all school and district winners. District winners created a digital animation and audio recording of their poem, using Wixie or Adobe Express. You can view the 2025 Kyrene Poetry Contest Digital Anthology on our website. Congratulations to all of our school and district winning poets!

Claire Caudillo-Hammond
A Midnight Song

2025 Kyrene Poetry Contest
Digital Anthology



Staff Member of the Month

Congratulations to Mrs. Huguez for being nominated and selected as April's Staff Member of the Month. Below are some comments from her nomination:

My daughter has had Mrs. Huguez as her special education/resource teacher, and we feel incredibly fortunate to have gotten to know her over the last three school years. I don't even want to imagine how her education would look without the positive impact of Mrs. Huguez. She has spent an enormous amount of time and effort getting to know my daughter and our family overall so that she can better understand her strengths, interests, motivations, the lasting impact of her past trauma, and the communication behind her behaviors. She sees her potential and recognizes the good in her on a daily basis and helps her to see the good in herself also.

Mrs. Huguez never misses an opportunity to build my daughter's confidence in herself and to help her grow, both academically and social-emotionally. She cheers her on and celebrates every victory she has, no matter how big or small. Mrs. Huguez spends countless hours brainstorming solutions and collaborates with our family and other staff members to help her be successful at school. Mrs. Huguez has even taken time out of her personal life to come support her at her Little League and kickball games, which makes my daughter feel like the most important kid at the whole school.



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

PTO CORNER



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Monarchs! May is here and it is going to be a busy one! It will be the last day of school before we know it and I can not believe it!

Staff Appreciation Week is next week and we need your help! Please follow the links to the Sign Ups below if you are able to help us out.

- Show your favorite staff member love by sponsoring a lunch of their choice on Thursday: Sponsor a Staff Member's Lunch
- Help us deliver lunch of their choice to all 75 staff members on Thursday: Lunch Pickup and Distribution Helpers
- Breakfast from the Dads on Friday before school:Breakfast by the Dads

PTO Elections are on May 15th and we still have a few open positions! Please email us at hello@ptomirada.org if you're interested in taking a more active role in the PTO next year.

You may not have heard but Mrs. Leftwich is retiring at the end of this year. I just want to take a moment to say thank you for all of the love and energy you've given to our kids and thank you for always being game to participate in whatever crazy thing we've asked of you. We will miss you! Your replacement has some pretty big shoes to fill.

CHANGE WARS

Do you have any spare change laying around your house, in your car or in the cushions of your couch. We're trying something new this year to help cut some of the costs of classroom supplies for families next year while also creating a fun competition between the grades. During the week of May 19th we'll be collecting change before, during and after school. Grades can sabotage each other by adding bills to the bottles of other grades. At the end of the week all of the change collected by each grade level will be added up, minus any bills that may have been added to each grade's jug. The grade with the highest total at the end of the week will receive a Sweet Treat Party before the last day of school. All funds raised will be used to purchase paper, tissues, pencils, and other community supply items.

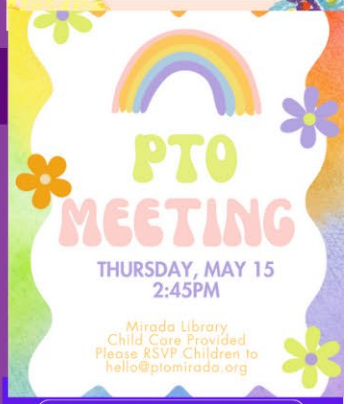
UPCOMING EVENTS!!!

MAY

5/4 Chalk the Walk 6-7pm
5/5-5/9 Staff Appreciation Week
5/14 Leadership Day
5/15 PTO Meeting 2:45pm in the Library
5/19-5/23 Change Wars fundraiser
5/21 Monarch Night out at Ike's 11am-10pm
5/21, 5/22, 5/23 Yearbooks for sale before and after school, more details to come
5/23- Yearbook Signing Party 6-7:30pm in the MPR
5/28 Fifth Fest
5/29 Last Day of School! (Half Day)

THANK YOU MONARCH FAMILIES!









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Health Services

End of the Year Medication Pickup Notice

Dear Parent/Guardian:

If your student has medication in the Health Office, this is a reminder that it needs to be picked up by an adult on or before the last day of school. Medications cannot be sent home with students. **Medications not picked up by the last day of school will be safely disposed of by Health Services.**

All medication, both prescription and non-prescription, will need the Kyrene School District Health Services Consent for Medication Administration Form completed by both the parent and health care provider before the medication may be accepted at school. This form can be found on the Kyrene Website under Health Services. If you have any questions, please contact your school's Health Office.

Kyrene Website-Medication Administration

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HEALTH SERVICES

ATTENTION 5th GRADE PARENTS/GUARDIANS

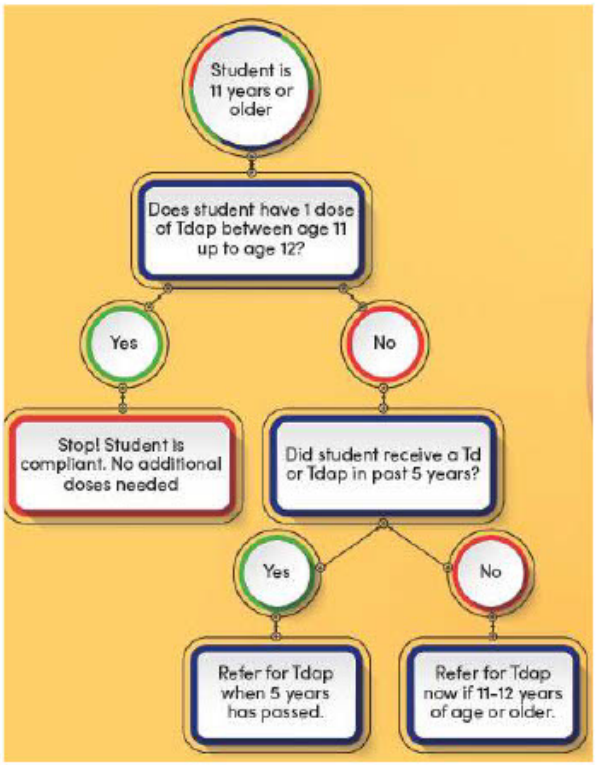




Is your child ready for 6th grade?

Are your child's vaccines up to date?

Arizona schools require Tdap and Meningoccal ACWY starting at age 11



To be compliant students are required to have **both** vaccines completed by age 12.

- 1 dose of MenACWY is required. A dose administered at 10 years of age will meet the requirement.
- A Tdap given at age 7-9 years of age does not count for the 11- 12-year-old Tdap requirement; a Tdap should be given once 5 years has passed since the last dose of tetanus-diphtheria containing vaccine was given.
- Retrospectively, if a child received a Tdap at age 10 as part of a catch-up series, or inadvertently earlier than the recommended age of 11-12, the dose may be counted as the adolescent dose and is acceptable to meet school requirements.
- See the flowchart to the left created by the AZ chapter of the AAP and ADHS.

Please review your child's immunizations with your health care provider. When your child receives the necessary immunizations bring the record to school. The record must show the child's name, date of birth, the month, day, and year that the shot(s) were given and the name of the clinic or physician that administered the vaccine.

READY FOR THE FUTURE

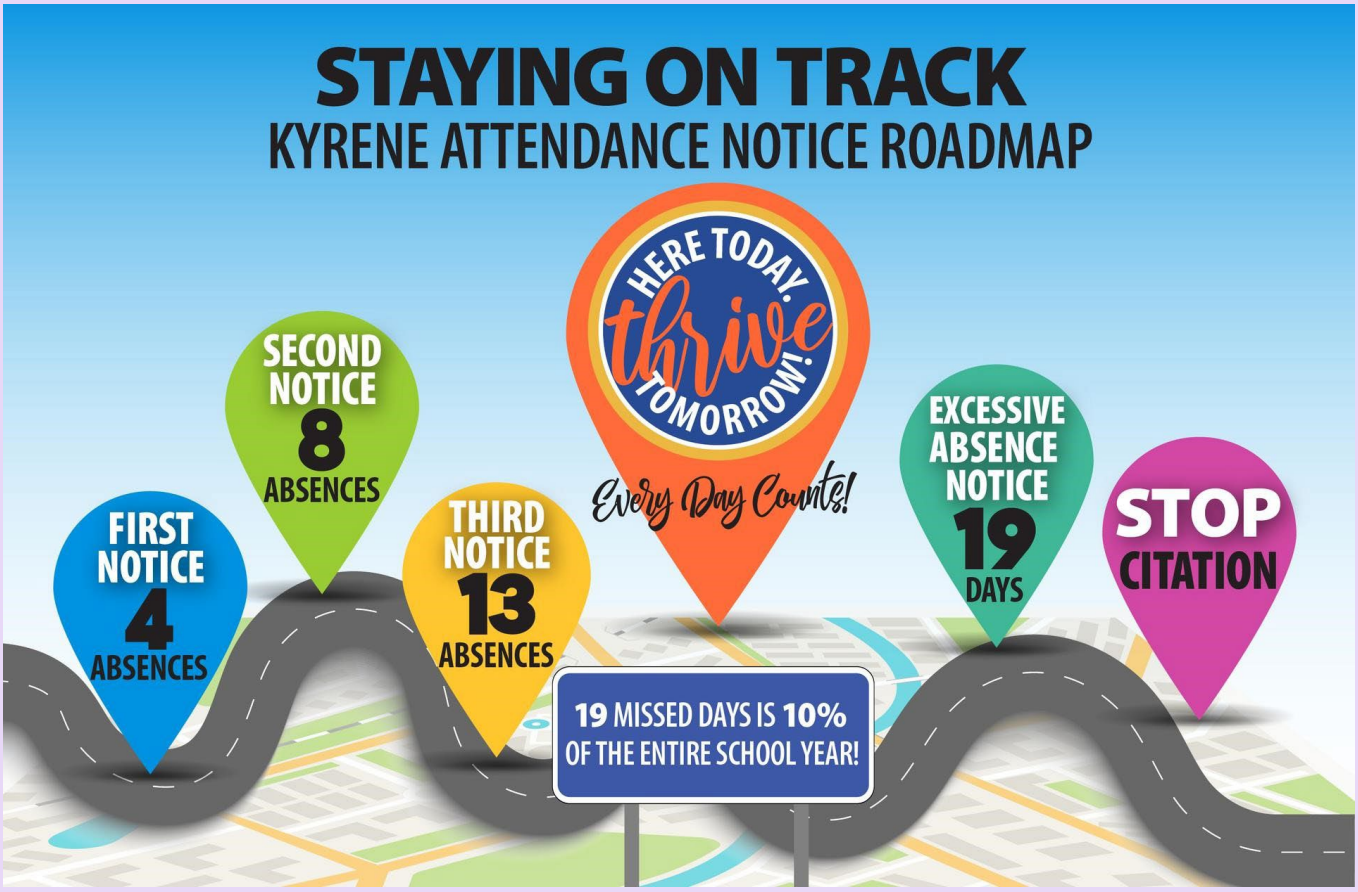
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Attendance Notification Letters

Dear families,
As we have shared in previous newsletters, we have been sending attendance letters when your child reaches 4, 8, 13 and 19 or more 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.



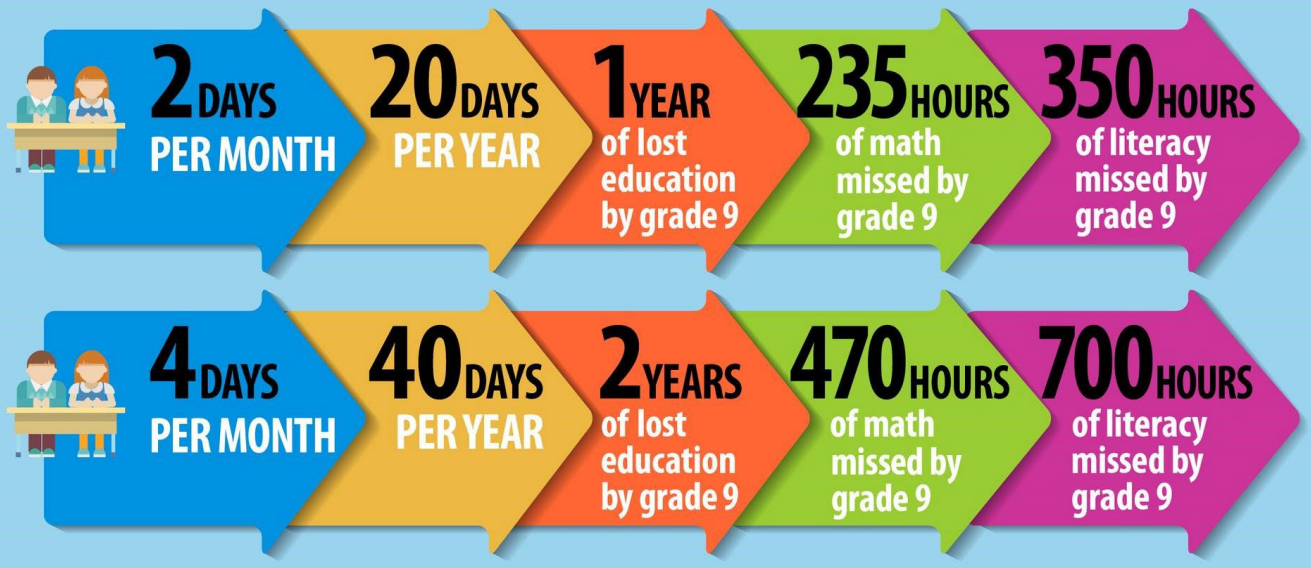


ATTENDANCE IMPACT

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.

HERE TODAY, thrive TOMORROW!

Every Day Counts!



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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.

HERE TODAY, thrive TOMORROW!



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.



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

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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.

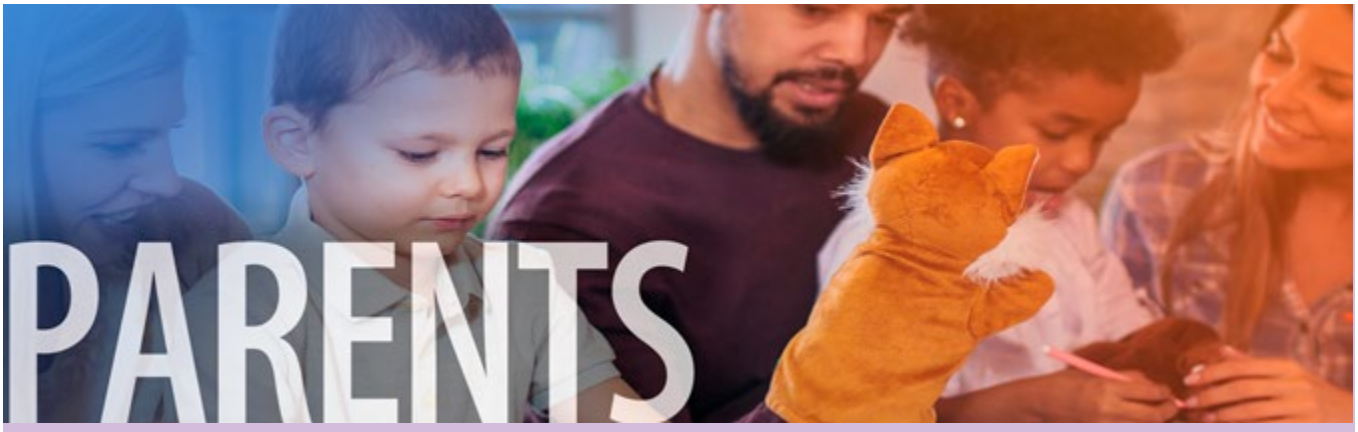


Now Hiring for 2025-2026 School Year

Mirada is looking for help with:

- Lunch Duty/Playground Supervision
- Crossing Guard
- Resource IAs





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.

Tardy

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.

Positive Parenting Series
KYRENE SCHOOL DISTRICT



Parent Information Nights

May 7 - Raising Competent Teenagers
Set your teenager up for life with the strategies in this seminar which focuses on helping your child to get the most out of their school years. Find out how to help them communicate well, develop self-discipline, and good routines, follow rules and solve problems.
Presenter:
Lainie Sgouros
Date and Time:
May 7, 2025
6:00-7:00pm

Location:
Online
Registration/Zoom Link

May 14 - Teen Mental Health - Building Resiliency
This strength-based presentation provides techniques for adults to build resiliency skills in youth.
Presenter:
Danielle Flowers
Date and Time:
May 14th, 2025
6:00-7:00pm
Location:
Online
Registration/Zoom Link

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School Hours: 7:30 am - 2:15 pm

Quicklinks

Food Services and Menu
ParentVUE

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: 480-541-4226
Kids Club: 480-541-4230

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Family Handbook

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