Kyrene de la Mirada - Leadership Academy

MIRADA NEWS

May 28, 2025

Message from the Principal

How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.

We have a few staff members who will be retiring, moving out of state or seeking new opportunities outside of the field of education:

Retiring:
Ann Leftwich will be retiring after 24 years in Kyrene.

Seeking new opportunities:
Kalynn Schweichler (Alicata), Michele Ferber (transferring to Pueblo Middle School), Amy Helton, Josclyn Taylor, Alexis Hill, Sydney Johnson, Kayla Newton, Gianna Stinbrink, Darcy Calleja and Laura Dill.

To avoid the summer slide, it is important for students to continue engaging in educational activities during the summer break. Here are some ways to prevent learning loss over the summer:

1. Encourage reading: Encourage students to read regularly over the summer. Visit the library, set reading goals, and discuss books as a family.
2. Enroll in summer programs: Look for summer camps, workshops or educational programs that focus on areas of interest or academic subjects that need reinforcement.
3. Practice math skills: Incorporate math activities into daily routines, such as cooking, shopping or playing math games. Online math resources can also be helpful. **iReady will be accessible until June 30th.**
4. Explore educational apps and websites: There are many educational apps and websites that offer interactive learning experiences in various subjects. Encourage students to use these resources for fun and learning. **Amplify will be accessible until June 30th.**
5. Set learning goals: Practice Habits 2 and 3 by helping your child(ren) set specific learning goals for the summer, such as mastering a new skill, learning a new language, or completing a project.
6. Stay active: Physical activity is important for overall well-being and can also help improve cognitive function. Encourage your child(ren) to stay active through sports, outdoor activities, or exercise routines.

By incorporating these strategies into summer routines, students can continue learning and growing over the break, preventing the summer slide and being better prepared for the upcoming school year.

As we head into the summer break, I encourage you all to take time to rest, recharge, and spend quality time with loved ones. Remember to stay safe, stay healthy, and continue to be kind to one another.

I am really looking forward to the start of the new school year and all the exciting opportunities it will bring. Thank you for another wonderful year, and I wish you a happy and relaxing summer break.

Kindly,
Michelle Anderson

Upcoming Events

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

2025-26 District Calendar

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

Please note that Wednesday, May 28th is a regular release day. Students will be dismissed at 2:15pm.

Thursday, May 29th is an Early Release Day. Students will be dismissed at 12:15pm.

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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.


BACK TO SCHOOL

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

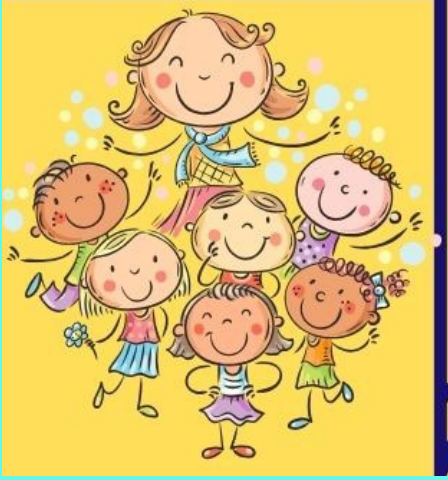
12 - #2 Ticonderoga pencils-sharpened
1 - Earbuds/headphones
2 - Single subject spiral notebooks
1 - Pack of colored pencils
2 - Folders
2 - Glue sticks
1 - Pack of markers
1 - Pack of crayons
1 - Pack of eraser tops OR 2 Pink pearl erasers
2 - Highlighter
1 - Sharpie marker
1 Pair of scissors
1 - 1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

MIRADA FAMILIES

LAST NAMES A-M
5-5:45PM

LAST NAMES N-Z
5:45-6:30

Please observe the posted times to alleviate parking congestion and allow teachers to maximize time with students.



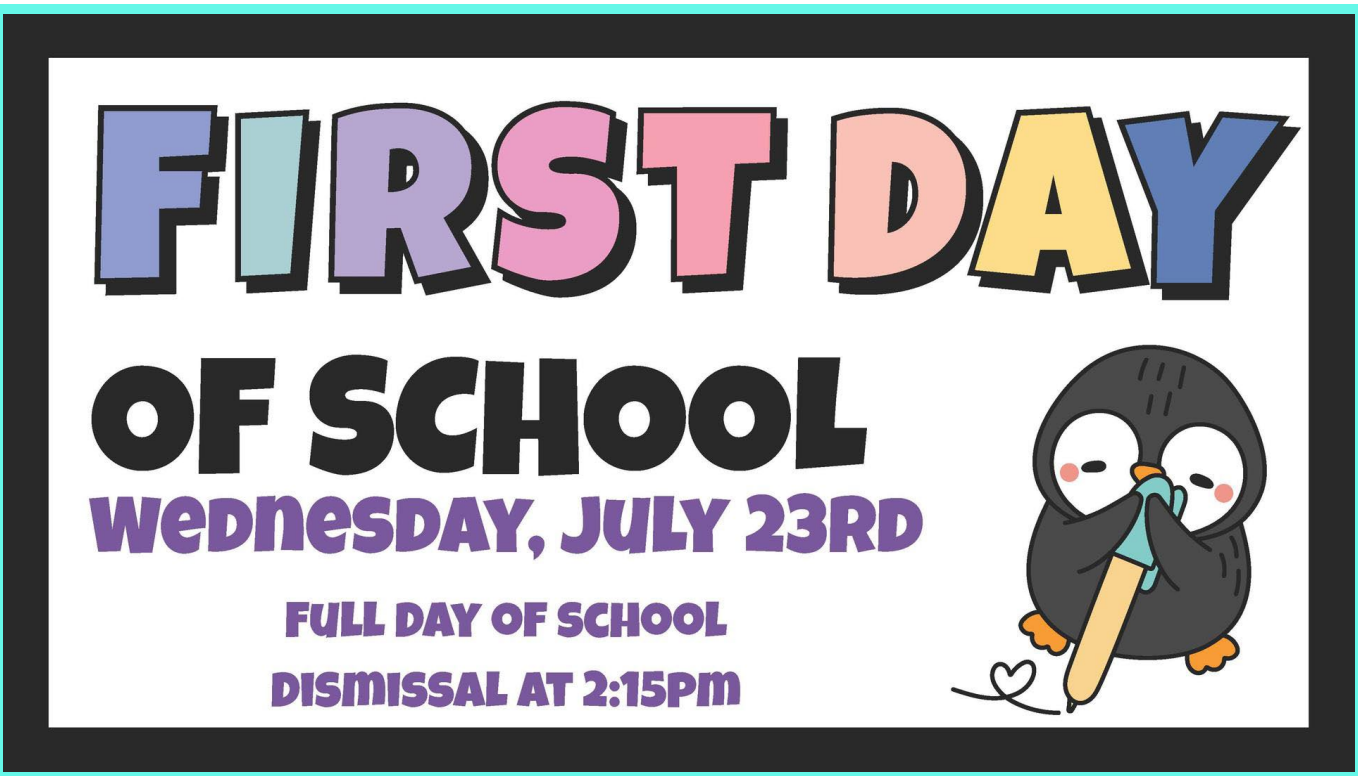
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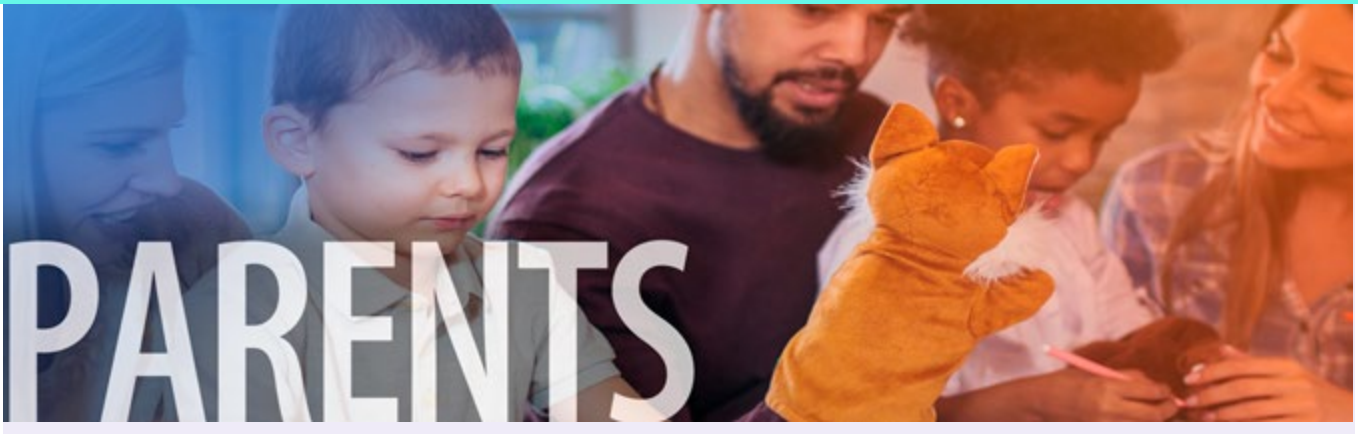
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MEET THE TEACHER

Monday, July 21

1-4 p.m.	**Middle Schools &** **6-8 grade** students from Kyrene Traditional Academy
5-6:30 p.m.	**Elementary Schools &** **K-5** students from Kyrene Traditional Academy, and **all grades** at Kyrene de las Manitas





State Assessment Information

State assessment results and end 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 the attachment 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.

Accessing Assessment Results in ParentVUE
AASA Family Guide (State Assessments ELA & Math Grades 3-8)
AzSCI Family Guide (State Assessment Science Grades 5 and 8)
DIBELS Family Guide (Reading Grades K-3)
iReady Family Guide (Math Grades K-5)
NWEA Family Guide (ELA Grades 2-8 and Math Grades 6-8)

Big Bus News! Better Tracking Coming Soon.
Attention Bus Riders! Kyrene School District will be launching a new and improved app for tracking your child's bus route next school year. ***Stopfinder*** *is an easy-to-use, all-in-one app that provides accurate information about bus routes and locations. You'll be able to track your child's bus, set up*

alerts for bus arrivals and departures, and communicate directly with the Kyrene Transportation team—all through the Stopfinder app. Kyrene will be sending additional information to all eligible bus riders in July.

Stopfinder can be downloaded for free from the App Store or Google Play, but please note that you won't be able to use the app without an invitation to register from Kyrene. Those email invitations will be coming in July, before the start of the new school year. In the meantime, please log in to your ParentVUE account to verify your contact information is correct.

***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 gifted education services. Kyrene makes gifted testing available for students at school sites three times per year by application, and universally tests all grade 2 in each Spring. **Applications for the 1st window (grades 3-5) are due July 18, 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.*

Contact Us

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Early Release Wed: 12:15 pm

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Wednesday: 7:00 am - 1:30 pm

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