



July/August 2025

Dear Cielo Families,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! We are looking forward to an incredible year with our students and families! Our theme this year is ***Free To Be Me. Every student deserves to feel seen, valued, and empowered. Our role is to support students as they grow into their unique selves, helping them discover their strengths, shape their goals, and develop their individual personalities. When students feel safe to be who they are, they also learn to appreciate the uniqueness of others. This not only builds confidence but also fosters a strong, inclusive community where everyone can thrive.***

Meet the Teacher: Please join us on **Monday, July 21st** from 5:00-6:30pm (open house). This is the evening you will be able to meet your child's teacher and see the classroom. The **A Door** and **B Door** at the front of the school will be open for families to enter. After 10:00am on the 21st, you will be able to view your child's teacher assignment in **ParentVUE**, which will allow families to go straight to the classrooms that evening.

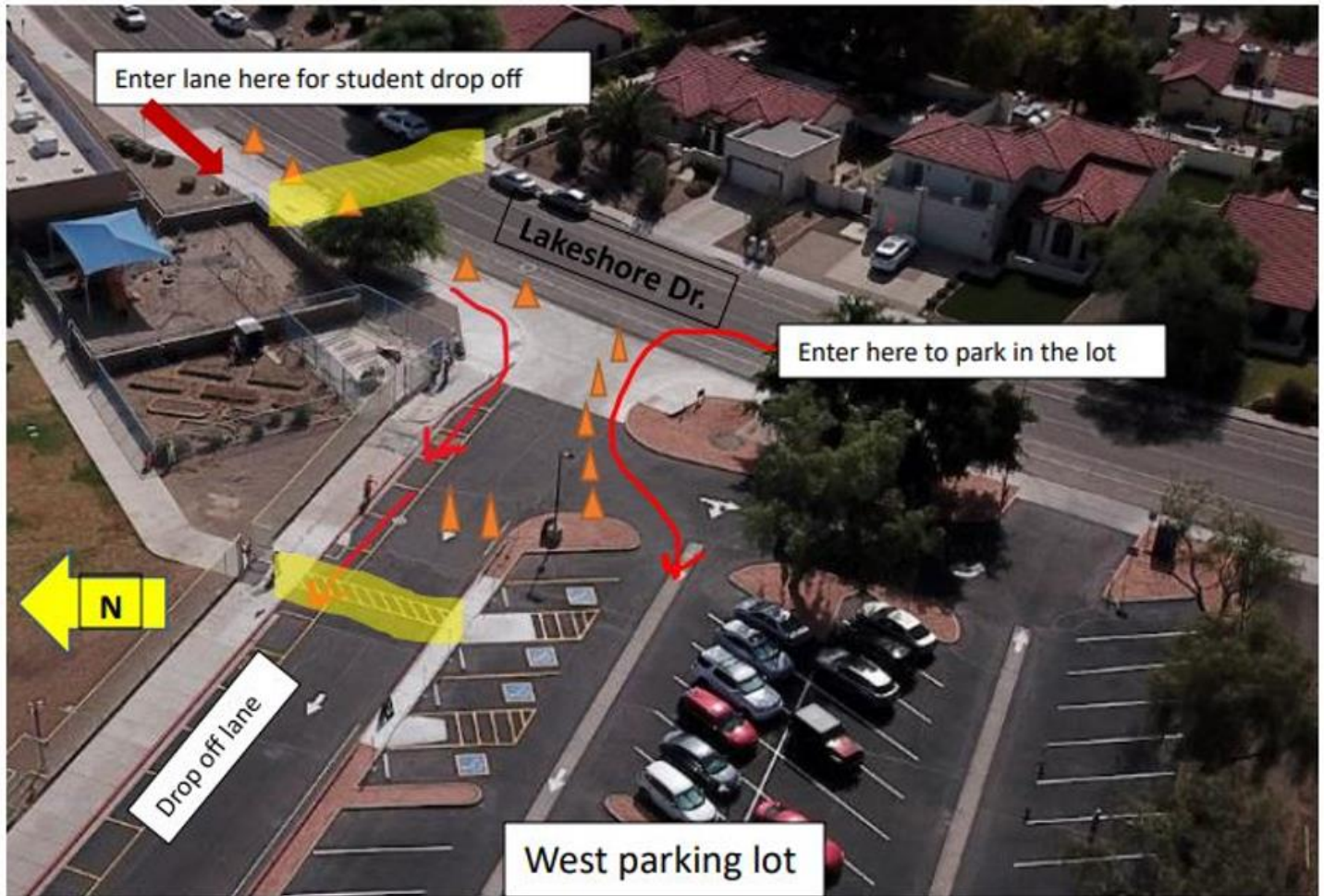
PTO: Information regarding our amazing **Cielo PTO** will be available in the **A Hallway**. Our PTO plans numerous fun events throughout the year that you will not want to miss. Drop by their table and see all the ways you can get involved and support Cielo. Families that **previously ordered school supply kits** from EPI will find these already delivered and on your child's desk at Meet the Teacher.

Health Office: If you need to drop off any **medication for your child**, please be sure to take it to the health office. You can also meet our new health assistant, Whitney Sickman.

The first day of school is Wednesday, July 23rd: The playground gates will open each day at 7:00am. Cielo has two gates where students can enter our campus, either through the parent lot (west side of campus) or at the north gate on Knox Rd. The first bell rings at **7:25** for students to get in line, and the tardy bell rings at **7:30**. The gates will be locked at 7:25 when the first bell rings. **The first day of school is a full day, not an early release day like all other Wednesdays.**

On the first day of school parents can walk with their child onto the playground and help them find their line up location and teacher. Along with Cielo staff members, our appointed 5th grade Firebird Friends will be assisting students and families. Look for them in the blue vests. Once the bell rings, parents will exit the playground through the gates, as no adults are allowed in the building without first checking in at the office. Students will line up with their classmates and teachers will walk them into the building. Give a hug and kiss goodbye and know that your child/children will have a great first day 😊

Arrival & Drop-off, students can be dropped off between 7:00am and 7:25am for morning recess. At 7:25 all school gates will close, and students will enter the building through the front office. Students will be marked tardy if arriving after 7:30am.



High Heat Index Days: For the safety and well-being of our students and staff, we follow the guidance from Maricopa County regarding high heat index days. This results in reduced time spent outside for recess. Therefore, we anticipate that for all of July and August, our lunch recess times will be reduced to 10 or 15 minutes rather than the normal 20 minutes. Please have your child bring a water bottle to school each day and we will help remind them to stay hydrated. It is likely that there will also be some days when we will have indoor recess for our students rather than go outside on the playground. In addition to shortened recess times, we may make a decision to have students go into the building in the morning at arrival times.

Bus Stop Rule for Kindergarten & 1st Graders: Bus Stop Reminder!

Safe transportation is a priority in Kyrene, especially for our youngest bus riders, who may still be getting used to riding a bus. Kindergarten and first grade students must have a parent/guardian present at the bus stop at the end of the day. If a parent/guardian is not present, students will be returned to school. Exceptions will be granted if families specifically request that a student be dropped off unattended or with a sibling. Again, this applies only to kindergarten and first grade bus riders.

Sign up for Text Messages:

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 our school and Kyrene School District.

Attendance Matters!

Kyrene School District is committed to working with families to improve student attendance and academic success. Our school will send email notices when a student misses four or more days of school, whether excused or unexcused. Additional notices are sent when a student reaches 4, 8 and 13 absences. If a student exceeds 18 absences, a more formal letter will be sent, but it is our goal to partner with families before that happens. Kyrene has a [webpage](#) with

resources to maintain good attendance habits, including our “Too Sick for school” guide to help determine when to keep children home.

Mark Your Calendars:

July 23rd - 1st Day of School (full day)

July 28-Aug.8 - BOY Testing window

August 4th - Curriculum video slideshow links will be sent by teachers

August 8th - 6:00pm PTO Back-to-School BINGO/Ice cream social/Watch DOGS info.

August 14th - School Picture Day

August 15th - Friday, Early Release Day - Teacher data planning

August 18th - Staff Development Day - No School

September 1st - No School, Labor Day

September 16th - 7:45am Coffee Chat with Principal Kingsland in the lounge

September 10,11,12 - Parent/Teacher Conferences & Early Release days

September 17th - 7:45am Coffee Chat w/ Principal Kingsland

September 26th - Cielo Fun Run (annual PTO fundraiser event)

Enthusiastically,

Kristin Kingsland

Principal

“The mission at Kyrene del Cielo Elementary School is to inspire every child to learn, grow, and achieve.

Mark Your Calendars for the 25-26 School Year:

Friday, July 18th - Training for 5th grade Firebird Friends 1:00-2:00 in the library

Monday, July 21 - Meet the Teacher 5:00-6:30

On the morning of July 21st, you can log-in to your ParentVue account to see your assigned teacher(s)

Wednesday, July 23 - First Day of School



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



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.



Save the Date!!
School Picture day August 14, 2025
Look for the flyer to be coming home soon.

FALL 2025 YOUTH ENRICHMENT

REGISTRATION OPENS

✦ 7.21.25 ✦

AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT CLASSES AVAILABLE
MONDAY - FRIDAY ON YOUR SCHOOL CAMPUS!

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, SPORTS,
ART, MUSIC, DANCE, LANGUAGE, AND MORE!

SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT US ONLINE, BOOKMARK
THE PAGE, AND CHECK BACK ON 7.21.25 TO
EXPLORE CLASSES AT YOUR SCHOOL!



kyrene.ce.eleyo.com



480-541-1500



Join Challenge Island for a STEAMtastic adventure!

Kyrene del Cielo

Fridays

2:20-3:20 PM

6 Weeks \$102

October 24-December 5

No Class November 28

Amusement Park Island®
has STEAM based activities like:

- Elephant Bridge
- Zipline Cove
- Jellyfish Junction
- Slowler Coaster
- Rollercoaster Ridge
- Catapult Cove

get,
YOUR
TICKETS



Registration OPENS on JULY 21 on the Kyrene ELEYO Website

Email: tcollins@challenge-island.com Call: 480-818-9836



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.



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.



Meal Applications for the 2025-2026 School Year Now Open!

Families are encouraged to submit an application to determine eligibility for free or reduced-price meals. Applications are available online, and paper copies can be picked up at your school site.

Looking for ways to support your child's nutrition this summer? SUN Bucks can help! See if your kids are eligible and if they've been automatically enrolled or need to apply. Visit the right-hand column of this page for important SunBucks information and updates.

National School Lunch Program

The National School Lunch Program is a program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Through this program, eligible students may be offered free or reduced-price meals. We also participate in the School Breakfast Program at most schools. Meal payments may be made online, as this program operates in all of the schools in the Kyrene School District. Meal application information is distributed and made available to every student in the district at the beginning of the school year. Application information will remain confidential and will be used only to determine eligibility for free or reduced-priced meals. Applications are also available at all school offices or by clicking on the meal application links.

Please visit [Linq Connect](#) to submit an online meal application to our district. You may turn in paper meal applications to any school office. We strongly encourage all families to apply. The free, reduced-price, and paid meal information is used to qualify the school district for other student qualifications and funding. You will receive an eligibility letter via email once your application has been processed that includes the status of your student(s) meal eligibility. If you have a concern regarding the decision of your meal application, please email kbs@kyrene.org.

Meal Costs

Grade	Breakfast <i>all schools</i>	Elem Lunch (including KTA & Manitas)	Middle (6-8) Lunch
Price	\$1.70	\$3.00	\$3.10
Reduced	\$0.30	\$0.40	\$0.40
Adults	\$2.10	\$3.90	\$3.90

Payment Options

Online (Please visit [In-Touch](#) to pay using your credit or debit card).

Check (Please make checks payable to Kyrene School District, checks are accepted at all school sites).

Cash (Please send cash in a sealed envelope labeled for the student. Cash is accepted at all school sites).

[Online Lunch Payment Instructions](#)

We offer an optional online payment option via [In-Touch](#) to submit meal account payments. Choose meal account to apply money to your student(s) meal accounts. Payments will be applied to your students meal account at 6:50 AM, 9:35 AM, 11:05 AM, 12:05 PM and at night at 11:35PM daily to update the meal account balance. Balances can be checked at any time by visiting linqconnect.com. Negative balance notices will be emailed weekly to parents during the school year. Meal account balance notices are sent on Friday to notify you of the current amount as your student(s) may/or may not spend money to purchase 2nd meals or A-l-a-Carte items.

An account needs to be created to view your child's meal balance at linqconnect.com. Linq Connect/Titan IT support is available by dialing 1-844-467-4700 (Option 2 Option 1 for assistance).

Contact Food Services for meal account issues by phone at 480-541-1368 or email at kbs@kyrene.org.

[Unpaid Meal policy](#)

SMART SNACKS: Please contact the SFE office by calling 480-541-1660 or by email for information regarding Smart Snacks and the current list of items.

Email: foodservice@kyrene.org.



Cielo PTO's 2025 - 2026

CALENDAR OF cielopto.org EVENTS

July

21 - Meet the Teacher
21 - Raising Cane's

August

1 - Jeremiahs @ Cielo
7 - Volunteer Q&A
8 - Back to School
Bingo Party
11-15 - Culver's
week**
19 - PTO Meeting
23* - Aspire KNO

September

10 - Rubio's
16 - PTO Meeting
17 - Coffee Chat
18 - Parent Social
25 - Zoyo
26 - Cielo Fun Run

October

21 - PTO Meeting
20-24 - Book Fair
24 - Pumpkinpalooza
29 - Chipotle

November

9 - Family Kickball
14 - Jeremiahs @ Cielo
15* - All Star KNO
18 - PTO Meeting
25 - Turkey Trot
26 - Freely

December

2 - Five Guys
8 - Movie Night
16 - PTO Meeting
16 - MOD Pizza
16-17 - Gift of Time

January

13 - Feta Cowboy
20 - PTO Meeting
30 - Coffee Chat
30 - Fancy Dance

February

5 - Chick-fil-A
7* - Aspire KNO
17 - PTO Meeting
24 - Flower Child
28 - Carnival

March

2-6 - Book Fair
5 - Brusters
6 - Field Day
23 - Slick City
27 - Jeremiahs @
Cielo

April

1 - Freely
1 - Parent social @ Freely
10 - Postino S. Tempe
21 - PTO Meeting
25* - All Star KNO
27 - Movie Night

May

4-8 - Teacher Appreciation Week
11-15 - BOGO Book Fair
19 - PTO Meeting
19 - Yearbook Signing Party @ PPP
26-28 - 5th Grade celebration
week

*Kids Night Out (KNO) dates subject to change pending district approval

**Teacher night at Culver's is Weds 8/13

JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER



at

Monday, July 21st | 2:00PM - 9:00PM

Raising Cane's | 1781 E. Warner Rd

Mention the fundraiser at the Restaurant or apply code **RCFUND96** to online or app orders at checkout and Cane's will **donate 15% of Net Sales*** to:

**Kyrene del Cielo
PTO**

Raising Funds with Raising Cane's

Learn more about how we can support you at CaneFundCommunity.com

Raising Cane's

Maximum donation amount will be 15% of the Net Sales donated directly to your organization. Not valid on local orders. **Net Sales** means the purchase price of food and beverages sold during the event to customers who do not mention your organization when ordering. Taxes and/or 15% are the code RCFUND96 when a dining online or in the Raising Cane's app. The purchase price excludes specialty limited time offers, discounts, rebates, and taxes. **Net Sales** does not include gift cards and retail merchandise purchases.

RaisingCane's





NEEDED



**PLEASE COMPLETE THE
SURVEY BY FRIDAY
AUGUST 15TH TO BE
ADDED TO THE
CORRESPONDING
VOLUNTEER LISTS FOR
THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL
YEAR.**



Student Attendance

We know from research and experience that regular attendance and being on time to school are two factors that help shape a child's attitude and performance at school. These are also lifelong habits that are important for your child. Therefore, we consider school attendance a very important factor in your children's academic success. Please review the following procedures for school attendance.

Absences

Parents must call the attendance line at 480-541-2401 (24 hour message machine) when your child is absent. We can no longer accept email notifications from parents or messages from teachers. This information must be conveyed via a phone call to our front office staff or a recorded message left on our attendance line. If the school does not hear from you or cannot get in touch with you, your child will be marked unexcused truant until our attendance clerk has made contact with you. For your child's safety, it is important for the school to be notified of an absence. You may check your child's absences and tardies through your ParenVue account.

Have You Moved?

If you have moved, please log in to ParentVue and update your new information. You will also need to upload your new utility bill/lease/mortgage agreement. We also will need families to sign a new State of Arizona Residence form that is located in the front office. We appreciate your assistance with this.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

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Q4 Student Days: 47

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Q1 Student Days: 47

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Q2 Student Days: 44

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Q3 Student Days: 42

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Total Student Days: 180

Total Retaining/New Teacher Days: 100/194

■ DATES TO REMEMBER
■ HOLIDAYS & BREAKS - NO SCHOOL
■ TEACHER & STAFF DAYS - NO SCHOOL

2 Hour Early Release Days

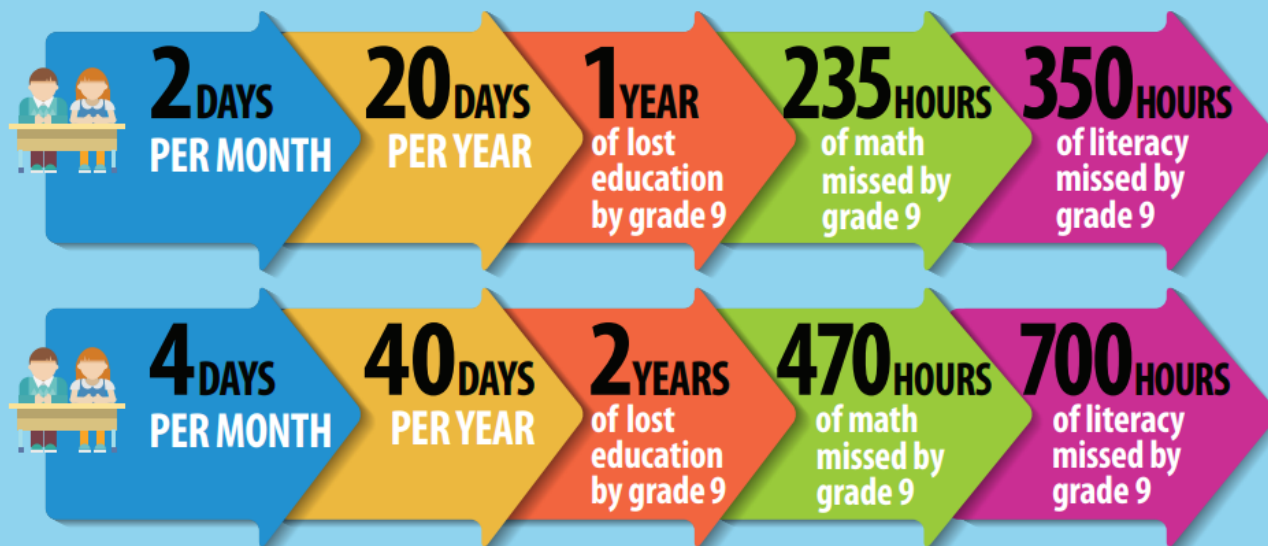


ATTENDANCE IMPACT

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.



Every Day Counts!



 **KyreneSchoolDistrict**



Quick Links

[School Website](#)

[Breakfast/Lunch Menu](#)

[2025-26 Calendar](#)

[ParentVue](#)

Upcoming Events

2025-26

July 23 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - WED. FULL DAY OF CLASS

Aug. 18 - Staff Development Day, No School

Sept. 1 - Labor Day, No School
Oct. 11 & 12 - Parent/Teacher Conferences, Early Release
Sept. 29 - Oct 10 - Fall Break
Oct. 13 - Teacher Plan Day, No School
Nov. 11 - Veterans Day, No School
Nov. 26, 27, 28 - Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 22 - Jan. 2 - Winter Break

2026

Jan. 5 - Teacher Plan Day, No School
Jan. 19 - MLK Day, No School
Feb. 5 & 6 - Parent Teacher Conferences, Early Release
Feb. 16 - Presidents' Day, No School
Mar. 9 - 20 - Spring Break
Mar. 23 - Teacher Plan Day, No School
April 18 - Early Release
May 25 - Memorial Day, No School
May 28 - Last Day of School

If you haven't done this yet! Please sign up to receive text messages, as we use this as a quick parent communication to families.

STAY CONNECTED!



Kyrene School District and your child's school want to keep you informed of important news and events.

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All families are automatically enrolled to receive **email** and **phone calls**. No sign up required!



ONLINE PAYMENTS

CONVENIENT AND FAST!

- Purchase an item
- Pay an athletic or activity fee
- Pay for a lost or damaged library book
- Make a tax credit donation



Kyrene Online Payment Center

Click here to access the [Payment Center](#)

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School Hours: 7:30am – 2:15 pm

Every Wednesday at 12:15 pm

Office Hours: 7:00 am – 3:30 pm

Every Wednesday at 1:30 pm