



August 15, 2025

Upcoming Mariposa Events

AUGUST

- 18 No School, Staff Development
- 20 Early Release, 12:15pm
- 27 Early Release, 12:15pm
- 28 Parent Acknowledgements Due - info below
- 29 Mariposa School Store, during lunches

Message from Principal

Dear Families,

Welcome to Kyrene de la Mariposa Computer Science Academy! We are the only designated Computer Science Academy in the Kyrene School District. We are proud to be an “A+ Excellence in Education Award School” as designated by the Arizona Educational Foundation in 2004, 2009, 2015, 2019 and 2024! We are one of ten schools in the entire state of Arizona that has received this distinction five consecutive times!

Our mission is to educate and foster the development of the whole child in a safe environment by collaborating with families, staff, and the community. We strive to meet individual needs while instilling a love of learning in every student to ensure continuous academic achievement.

It is not uncommon for each of us to set goals at the beginning of a new year or in this case, the beginning of a new school year. I would like to ask you to join me in setting goals with your children for this important year of learning. Some examples may include:

1. Establish a good routine to manage your time and complete any assigned homework on a nightly basis. Good study habits are essential.
2. Limit social media and gaming activities and instead make time to read resulting in improved reading comprehension.
3. Prepare for the next day the evening before and get a good night's sleep
4. Be on time for school, ready to learn, and be a HERO!
 - a. **H** – Here
 - b. **E** – Every day
 - c. **R** – Ready to learn
 - d. **O** – On time
5. Socialize with your peers, make friends, and expand your network.

Mariposa is a great place for children and adults alike! We are committed to providing a caring environment for your child and providing an experience for them that will last a lifetime.

Thank you for joining us for last evening's Ice Cream Social. It was wonderful to see our community together enjoying each other's company. A great time was had by all!

This coming Monday, August 18th is Staff Development Day so there will be no school for students. We look forward to expanding our knowledge and learning new skills to benefit children.

Thank you for choosing Mariposa as your child's school! Our primary goal is to put your children at the heart and center of our decision-making and to make this goal our practice in all that we do. We are looking forward to a great year of learning!

Sincerely,

Spencer Fallgatter, Principal

ParentVUE Acknowledgments

Each year, families are required to acknowledge important documents through our online parent portal, [ParentVUE](#). It is important that one parent or guardian logs into ParentVUE to acknowledge these items and confirm emergency contact information by **August 28, 2025**.

Examples of required items include:

- Acknowledgment of the Kyrene Family Handbook
- Acknowledgment of technology use guidance
- Selection of preference for student survey participation

ParentVUE is accessible from the Kyrene website or directly at www.kyrene.org/pvue. You can also download the ParentVUE app on your mobile device. If you are logging in for the first time, contact the front office for an access code.

When you log into ParentVUE, you will receive an immediate prompt, asking for your acknowledgment of any outstanding items. Please note that if you also use ParentVUE for a Tempe Union High School student, we recommend you log in to your Kyrene account on the website, rather than through the app.

ParentVUE is also where you will find your child's test results and quarterly grades. Report cards will be posted in ParentVUE by Monday, October 20.

We appreciate the families that have already logged in and completed these acknowledgements.

School Safety

Parents, for the safety of our students we ask that you please use the designated lanes in the carline during the morning student drop off. The parking lot is a busy area and students should always be dropped off along the designated curb where school staff is on duty.

Also a reminder that students should not be left unattended on campus prior to the start of our morning supervision at 7:00am. Student safety is a priority and we need everyone's cooperation.

Thank you for your help and understanding.



Chip's Cheers Winners!

Students who have received Chip's Cheers were recognized by teachers or staff as a leader on campus by following Chip's Way: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe. Congratulations!

Kindergarten	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
Kelley E	Reyna S	Charlotte H	Danica P	Rylee C	Vivian N
Archer A	Kaeley S	Addy S	Leia J	Andrew S	Annivia E
	Jameson N	Madoc B	Bennett D	Mikey S	

Fall Pictures are Online!



Your children's Fall school portrait proofs have been delivered to the school, and they will be going home with your child. Please check their backpacks and refer to the proof for instructions on how to view and order your child's photos.

Order by 08/19/25 to unlock the discounted Digital Download **Add-on** specials and free delivery to the school.

If you have any challenges accessing your child's portraits or ordering online, please email customerservice@schoolpicsaz.com. Include your child's school, name, and teacher, and we will be happy to assist you.



Message from Your Mariposa PTO

Wow! We had so much fun at the Ice Cream Social last night! Thank you to all the families who attended. The kids seemed to enjoy a sweet treat and playing in the heat! We are **so grateful** for TWO reasons:

- Collectively, families donated \$238, a new record! It almost covered all of our expenses, which allows us to continue hosting these events for free.
- Families brought in several boxes of snack items for the Kyrene Family Resource Center, making a difference in our community!

On Monday, we had a great first PTO meeting of the school year. We had 2 folks join virtually and 14 in person! If you couldn't make it, but you are wondering what we need help with? **Music to our ears!** Below is a list of a few opportunities. If you don't see anything that resonates, let's chat to find the right fit with your family, work and schedule. As we get closer to events, we'll send out the SignUp Genius links for shifts during the school day, such as the Fall Book Fair, and at evening events, like Trunk or Treat.

Help Wanted:

- School teacher workroom volunteering (PALS group)
- Fundraising coordination (supporting fundraising activities, asking businesses for donations)
- Teacher appreciation (monthly meetings, snacks, and appreciation week)
- Financial auditing (reviewing monthly budget reports/expenses)
- Event coordination

Reach out to us at kyrenemariposapto@gmail.com or send us a message on [Instagram](#).

Connect with the PTO:

Facebook: [facebook.com/mariposapto](https://www.facebook.com/mariposapto)

Instagram: [instagram.com/kyrenemariposapto](https://www.instagram.com/kyrenemariposapto)

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

Mariposa PTO Family Directory

The most important thing we need your help with right now is getting everyone signed up on the 2025-2026 Family Directory. Most of you have already filled it out, but if you haven't yet, here is the [link](#).

View the directory [here](#) and reach out to friends you don't see on the list yet.



PTO Calendar



We've made it easy for you to stay in sync with our events. **Subscribe to the PTO calendar** and MAGIC... it appears alongside your personal calendar.

Android:

calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=Y29udGFjdEBreXJlbnVtYXJpcG9zYXB0by5vcmc

iPhone:

calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/contact%2540kyrenemariposapto.org/public/basic.ics

Mark your calendars for our next events:

Parent Meet Ups

Thursday, Aug. 28 - 5-7 p.m. - Location TBD

Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 30 and 31 - Time & Location TBD

Chip's Night Out at Barro's Pizza (Kyrene & Warner) on Wed., Sept. 10

REPEAT INFORMATION

School and District Communication

**KYRENE 2025-26
SCHOOL YEAR
PARENT TRAININGS**



ESS Parent Trainings

Plan to attend the following ESS parent trainings:

All trainings will be at the District Office from 6-7:30 pm.

SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

IEP TRAINING WITH ENCIRCLE FAMILIES (FORMERLY RAISING SPECIAL KIDS)

Learn about the special education process and the Individualized Education Program (IEP). Understand who is required to attend the IEP meeting and the roles of each team member (including parents). Review the required parts of an IEP, learn how parents can prepare for and be more effective during the IEP meeting and how they can track their child's progress. Discover the options available if the IEP team does not agree.

OCTOBER 20, 2025

HANDS ON OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Come and explore items and get ideas from our Occupational therapists and Assistive Technology specialist. An area will also be set up for families to make and take items home to use with your children.

NOVEMBER 20, 2025

CALM BODIES, READY MINDS

Understanding Sensory Processing and the Functions of Behavior to Promote Home and Classroom Readiness. Join Bri Armijo, Lead Behavior Intervention Teacher and Amy Hecker OTR/L, Lead OT to learn different strategies to support self-regulation and sensory processing to improve your child's readiness for home life and in the classroom.



JANUARY 12, 2026

OVERVIEW AND Q&A WITH THE DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND ENCIRCLE FAMILIES

Join us for an information session with representatives from the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) and Encircle Families. They will provide an introduction to the supports and services their organizations provide to children with disabilities and their families and be available for questions after the presentation.

FEBRUARY 19, 2026

IEP TRAINING WITH ENCIRCLE FAMILIES

Learn about the special education process and the Individualized Education Program (IEP). Understand who is required to attend the IEP meeting and the roles of each team member (including parents). Review the required parts of an IEP, learn how parents can prepare for and be more effective during the IEP meeting and how they can track their child's progress. Discover the options available if the IEP team does not agree.

APRIL 1, 2026

EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY

Parents are invited to learn more about the importance of oral language & reading in the home to set up children for school readiness. Each participant will be able to take home an early literacy bag.

APRIL 22, 2026

ESS FAMILY RESOURCE FAIR

Kyrene del Pueblo Middle School. More information to come!

School Meal Payments

Need to add funds to your student's meal account?

Kyrene provides an optional credit card payment platform called InTouch for families to quickly add funds to their student's meal accounts and make payments. Using a separate platform called Linq Connect, families may check meal balances, transfer funds between

siblings, apply for free or reduced-priced meals or create spending limits for their students.

Learn more at [Kyrene Food Services](#).

Guide to School Meal Payments

InTouch

- ✓ Add money to your student's account.
- ✗ Account balances not available.

Linq Connect

- ✓ View your student's account balances.
- ✗ Payments not accepted.

District Attendance Update!

As we continue to partner with you regarding your child's attendance, we need to inform you of an important update regarding how "absences due to appointments" should be reported. In alignment with guidance from the Arizona Department of Education (ADE), please be specific when reporting the reason for your child's appointment. Only appointments for medical, dental or behavioral health will be marked as excused. All other appointments will be considered unexcused. If you have any questions about this update or your child's attendance, please contact your school's attendance clerk.

PLEASE READ

If you are not set up to receive text messages from us, you are missing out on extremely valuable information!

Please opt in today! It takes seconds! Thank you! Text "Y" or "yes" to 67587 to begin receiving text messages from our school and Kyrene School District.

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!

KyreneSchoolDistrict

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 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.

Dismissal Procedures:

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Campus opens at 7:00am and dismisses at 2:15pm (Wednesdays at 12:15pm)

For the safety of your child, all parents and staff, we have new dismissal procedures. Please follow the guidelines below:

Parking and Crosswalk Guidelines:

- Do not park in the City of Tempe “No Parking” zones, designated by signs and cones, between the hours 7:00 am- 3:00 pm, school days only.
- Use designated crosswalks at all times.
 - After school ONLY, the east bike rack CROSSWALK will be closed.



Car Line Pick-up Procedures:

- Display placards with your child’s full name/grade level on your dashboard. (These will be provided by teachers at the Meet the Teacher night or in the front office)
- When picking up your child in the car line, please **pull forward** until you arrive at the loading zone.
 - Students will be loaded into the first five cars in the five designated loading zones.
 - Once ALL five cars have been loaded, they will be directed to leave.
- In the car line area, students will be seated in designated grade level or sibling zones.

Front of School Grassy Area Pick up Procedures:

- Meet your child at the designated grade level cone.
- Check out with the staff member on duty.



Bus Stops, Routes & Reminders



Kyrene is proud to provide transportation for students in an environment that is safe, courteous, and on time. Be sure to review the [Bus Rules](#) and expectations as well as our video reviewing seat belt usage during the bus ride.

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

Better Bus Tracking!

Kyrene School District has a new and improved app for tracking your child's bus route this 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.

Note: Even if your child has ridden the bus in the past, please check the online [transportation portal](#) to verify eligibility and bus stop locations!

Free and Reduced Meals

An application for Free and Reduced Meals goes way beyond the cafeteria! Families who receive Free and Reduced Meals also have the opportunity to help maintain school funding and become eligible for discounted/free services. Families can apply for the 2024-25 school year today!

Applications are accepted online: <https://linqconnect.com/public/meal-application/new>

and paper applications are now available at your school's office.

REMINDER: Eligibility from the 2024-25 school year will expire in September.

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

<p>PORTRAIT OF A KYRENE KID </p>	<p>ADAPTABLE LEARNER • SELF-ADVOCATE • COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTOR COMMUNICATOR • CRITICAL THINKER • PROBLEM SOLVER • COLLABORATOR READY FOR THE FUTURE. HIGH SCHOOL. COLLEGE. CAREER. LIFE.</p>
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