Kyrene de la Mariposa – Computer Science Academy

CHALLENGER NEWS

July 18, 2025

Meet the Teacher

Our Meet the Teacher Night is Monday, July 21nd from 5-6:30pm! We invite ALL families to attend! Please enter through the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR)/Cafeteria. Doors will open at 4:45pm. Your student's school supplies with you, please bring them to help alleviate some stress on the first day!

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.

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS A FULL DAY OF SCHOOL; 7:30am -2:15pm!

On the first day of school, parents may accompany their children to the fire lane beginning at 7:00am until students line up and enter the school building at 7:25am. Per Kyrene School District guidelines, parents may not enter the building with their child. Staff will be available to help students who need assistance.

If your child will not be returning to Mariposa next year, please notify the office as soon as possible at 480-541-3800! If your child will be continuing with us, they will automatically be enrolled. Additionally, it is your responsibility to keep your ParentVue account up to date with your current contact information, address and emergency contacts.

School Supplies

You can find our grade level supply lists on our website. Please bring your supplies with you to Meet the Teacher night to alleviate some stress on the first day!

First Day of School Guide

Team Kyrene has compiled our best tips, tricks and conversation starters for both students and parents. This guide is filled with school calendars, bell schedules and other important details you may need throughout the year. You can find it all in our annual First Day Guide!

School and District Communication

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.

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.

The City of Tempe as advised us that the area in front the wall on Knox Road is a **No Parking Zone**. You will see that we have placed additional cones in the area. The no

parking zones are shown in the image below. Thank you for your understanding and help with keeping our students and families safe.

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! Bus routes will be posted by July 9.

Mariposa PTO

Dear Mariposa Families,

Hello to new and returning families! Thank you to everyone who contributed time and donations to make last school year a success. We are excited for a new year, filled with fun events to engage families and ways to support our incredible teachers.

Did you know that ALL Mariposa parents, caregivers and teachers are automatically members of the PTO? Our PTO collaborates to raise funds for the school, including providing teachers with essential supplies and organizing community events throughout the year, such as Trunk or Treat and the Family Dance.

We're always eager to include more parents and caregivers to help us meet this goal. Even a few hours over the school year makes a big impact. Reach out to us at kyrenemariposapto@gmail.com.

We look forward to growing and celebrating together as a school community. Stay tuned for opportunities to get involved as the school year begins.

Your Mariposa PTO board for 2025-2026:

Co-Presidents: Jennifer Olonan and Kelsey Wolf-Donnay
Secretary: Jennifer Pratt
Treasurer: Sarah Alexander
In-School Support: Jeni Fuhrmann
Fundraising: Suzanne Percy

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Facebook: facebook.com/mariposapto
Instagram: instagram.com/kyrenemariposapto
Website: https://sites.google.com/view/kyrenemariposapto

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 2025-26 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

Fax: 480-541-3810
Attendance: 480-541-3801

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