



August 8, 2025

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### **Upcoming Mariposa Events**

#### **AUGUST**

- 8 Chip's Night Out @ KTR Family Night, 2:30pm-8:00pm, KTR Ahwatukee - TONIGHT!!
  - 11 PTO Meeting, 5:30pm-6:30pm, Mariposa Library
  - 13 Early Release, 12:15pm
  - 14 Ice Cream Social, 5:00pm-6:30pm, MPR
  - 15 Early Release, 12:15pm
  - 18 No School, Staff Development
  - 20 Early Release, 12:15pm
  - 27 Early Release, 12:15pm
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### **ParentVUE Acknowledgments**

Dear Mariposa Families,

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](http://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.

Thank you to the families that have already completed these acknowledgements.

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**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.

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Chip's Cheers Winners!

KINDERGARTEN	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	FIFTH
Seville H	Luke B	Rowan F	Knox C	Ace M	Zoey C
Owen W	Connor H	Connor H	Bodhi S	George K	Fin T
	Talia B	Beau B	Bella C	Blake R	

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**School Store Volunteers Needed!**



The Mariposa School Store needs your help! We reward our students twice a month with a school store where they can exchange their Chip's Cheers coupons for prizes. It's a lot of fun, and we can't do it without our awesome parent volunteers!

Sign up [HERE](#) for Volunteer for a School Store shift.

The first shift is 10:10AM to 11:30AM (1st, 2nd and 3rd grade recess times) and the second shift is 11:30AM to 12:10PM (4th and 5th grade recess times). Kindergarten School Store is done at another time.

We LOVE our parent volunteers!

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### **Message from Your Mariposa PTO**

Raise your hand if you're excited for a meeting! In all seriousness, the PTO meetings help plan future events and activities. Plus, you hear updates first from Principal Fallgatter. Everyone is welcome, so we look forward to seeing you there!

Join us in the Library at Mariposa or via Google Meet on Monday, August 11 from 5:30 to 6:30.

Mark your calendar for the 2025-2026 meeting dates:

August 11	February 23
September 15	March 31
October 20	April 20
November 17	May 18
January 12	

Video call link for Mariposa PTO Meetings: <https://meet.google.com/ooz-ghyq-ens>

We hope see some of you on Monday!

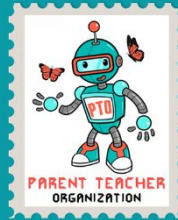
Connect with the PTO:

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>

# AUGUST



**6**

WEDNESDAY

## CURRICULUM NIGHT

🕒 5 - 7 PM (REFER TO SCHOOL FOR TIMES)

📍 MARIPOSA CLASSROOMS

**8**

FRIDAY

## KTR FAMILY NIGHT

🕒 2:30- 8 PM (ANYTIME)

📍 5031 E. ELLIOT RD., PHOENIX

**11**

MONDAY

## PTO MONTHLY MEETING

🕒 5:30 - 6:30 PM

📍 LIBRARY OR ONLINE

**14**

THURSDAY

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

🕒 5 - 6:30 PM (OPEN HOUSE)

📍 MARIPOSA MPR

**FOLLOW MARIPOSA PTO  
ON INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK  
FOR MORE DETAILS**

## Mariposa PTO Family Directory

Haven't filled out the form for the 2025-2026 school year yet?

Here's the link: [Mariposa Family Directory Registration](#)

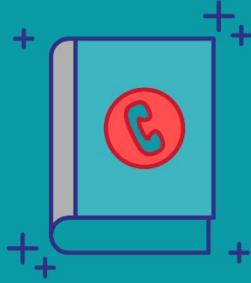
View the directory here: [Mariposa PTO Family Directory](#)

JOIN THE MARIPOSA PTO



# Family Directory

FILL OUT THE NEW FORM FOR 2025-2026



MARIPOSA

## YOU'RE INVITED!



**FOOD SPECIAL!**

**WHEN:**

AUG 8TH  
FRI | 2:30PM-8PM

**WHERE:**

KTR AHWATUKEE  
5031 E Elliot Rd

**2 slices of pizza & drink for \$5!  
Whole pizza and pitcher for \$25!**

(All purchases included in fundraiser)

**Special Admission Price:**

**\$20!**

(per person)

**15% of ticket sales will go to your school!**

**WAIVER**



**KTR AHWATUKEE**  
5031 E Elliot Rd, Phoenix AZ 85044  
www.ahwatukee.ktr-centers.com  
(480) 660-2095

Present this flyer in paper or electronic form upon arrival!



PARENT TEACHER  
ORGANIZATION

THURSDAY  
AUGUST 14

# ICE CREAM SOCIAL

FREE EVENT

MARIPOSA  
MPR

5 - 6:30 PM  
OPEN HOUSE

OPTIONAL:  
BRING SNACKS TO  
DONATE TO THE  
KYRENE FAMILY  
RESOURCE CENTER

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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!

## REPEAT INFORMATION

### 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!

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## **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:**

# Dismissal Procedures

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!

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### **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.

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**Contact Us**

**Kyrene de la Mariposa**

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Tempe, AZ 85284

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**Fax:** 480-541-3810

**Attendance:** 480-541-3801

**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*

**PORTRAIT OF A KYRENE KID** 

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**COMMUNICATOR • CRITICAL THINKER • PROBLEM SOLVER • COLLABORATOR**

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