



CHALLENGER NEWS

August 22, 2025

Upcoming Mariposa Events

AUGUST

- 26 Order School Portraits for School Delivery
- 27 Early Release, 12:15pm
- 28 Parent Acknowledgements Due - info below
- 29 Mariposa School Store, during lunches

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Labor Day, Schools Closed
- 3 Early Release, 12:15pm
- 6 Night for Kyrene Gala, 6:00pm-10:00pm

Reminder: Every Wednesday is Early Release at 12:15pm.

ParentVUE Acknowledgments - Due Next Week

Every year we ask families to check a few things for us—like emergency contacts, district policies, and survey preferences. If you have yet to do this, it only takes a few minutes, and it really helps us keep everything up to date for your child. 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.

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.

You’ll find it all waiting for you in **ParentVUE**. Thanks so much for logging in and taking care of it! If you have a question or can’t get into your account, don’t worry—just reach out and we’ll get you set up.

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
Layla P.	Jiarui Z.	Delilah M.	Leo N.	Olivia J.	Vivian N
Luis G.	Hannah S.	Hudson J.	Andres S.	Gavan B.	Gaureesh S.
	Cecilianna G.T.	Austin J.	Rashid K.		



Mariposa Broadcast Crew - Fall 2025

We are excited to introduce our Fall 2025 Mariposa Broadcast Crew! This team of 5th grade leaders brings us the Mariposa News every morning that includes the daily lunch menu, school events, birthday celebrations and the Chip's Challenger Pledge:

Today I will...
Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Safe.
Chip Chip Hooray!



Fall 2025 Mariposa Broadcast Crew
Riley P., Jubiee K., Brielle B., Nainika R.
Maria P., Finley T., Edith F., Caden J.



Fall Pictures - Online Order Extended for School Delivery!

Your children's Fall school portraits are available for online viewing and ordering, and we have extended the deadline for delivery to school and special pricing of up to 60% off on Digital Download Add-ons to 08/26/25!

A printed proof was sent 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 **08/26/25** 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.

Night For Kyrene

The Night for Kyrene gala is Saturday, September 6th at 6:00pm at Wild Horse Pass Casino and Resort. This is the Foundation's largest fundraising event and sets us up to fund all Holiday meals and gifts, Grants for Teachers and Principals, Community Ed scholarships, Slater Newman awards, new teacher gift cards, retirement gifts, supply the Kyrene Resource center and MORE! We are aiming to raise \$80,000. Find out more information about sponsorships, tickets, and tables at www.kyrenefoundation.org

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.





Mariposa PTO Family Directory

Thank you for filling out the Mariposa Family Directory over the past few weeks.

We still need a few more families to complete it, but we wanted to ensure you have the link to view it for birthday party invites and playdates. If you have yet to fill out the directory for 2025-2026 school year, here's the link: [Mariposa Family Directory Registration](#)

[View the Family Directory](#)

Please reach out to us at kyrenemariposapto@gmail.com or send us a message on [Instagram](#) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.



Connect with the PTO:

[Mariposa PTO Facebook](#)

[Mariposa Instagram](#)

[Mariposa PTO Website](#)

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: [Android PTO Calendar](#)

iPhone: [iPhone PTO Calendar](#)

Mark your calendars for our next events:

Next PTO Events:

- 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

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

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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

PLEASE READ TEXT MESSAGE SYSTEM

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.



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.

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.

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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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 

ADAPTABLE LEARNER • SELF-ADVOCATE • COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTOR
COMMUNICATOR • CRITICAL THINKER • PROBLEM SOLVER • COLLABORATOR
READY FOR THE FUTURE. HIGH SCHOOL. COLLEGE. CAREER. LIFE.

A+ School of Excellence™



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