



# CHALLENGER NEWS

August 1, 2025

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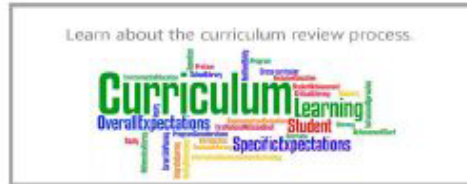
## Upcoming Mariposa Events

### AUGUST

- 6 Early Release, 12:15pm  
Curriculum Night, 5:00-7:00pm
  - 8 Absentee School Picture Make Ups  
Chip's Night Out @ KTR Family Night, 2:30pm-8:00pm, KTR Ahwatukee
  - 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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## Curriculum Night, August 6th

**Why should you attend Curriculum Night?!** Curriculum Night is a fantastic way to learn what your student's day looks like, what they will be learning throughout the year and provide an opportunity to ask your student's teacher questions and more! There are also two presentations offered by our Principal, Spencer Fallgatter. We hope to see you there!



## Wednesday, August 6, 2025 CURRICULUM NIGHT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Please join us for information about your child's curriculum as well as other pertinent topics. During this evening, the faculty will give you information regarding your child's curriculum.

In order to learn as much as possible during that night, we ask that only adults visit the classrooms during this time.

This is a prime opportunity to familiarize yourself with your child's program so that we can work together to benefit him/her this year. Below is the schedule of times for the evening. We look forward to seeing you and working with you throughout the year. If you are unable to attend, curriculum information will be sent home with your child.

**5:00 - 5:40**

Gifted Resource - Room 29

CCBS: Classrooms - Rooms 1 & 2

**5:40 - 6:10** Information Presentation by Principal, Mr. Fallgatter (Library)

**5:30 - 6:10**

Kindergarten: Classrooms - Rooms 5 & 6

First Grade: Classrooms - Rooms 7, 8 & 9

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: MPR

**6:15 - 6:45:** Information Presentation by Principal, Mr. Fallgatter (Library)

**6:15 - 6:55**

Second Grade: Room 12

Third Grade: Classrooms - Rooms 36, 38 & 39

Fifth Grade: MPR

**NOTE:** The presentations with the Principal, Mr. Spencer Fallgatter - are in the library. All presentations will be the same - you may attend any of the two presentations offered this evening to receive the same information.

Questions, please call the front office 480-541-3800.

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**School Safety**

Parents, please be aware 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:
Lucy B.	Willow J.	Max D.	Amaya S.	Zion S.	Jilian K.
Hannah S.	Juliette P.	Emi C.	Alia M.	Melody K.	Cora A.
	Rhylan W.	Ellie L.	Vincent S.	Calvin S.	David B.

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### 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.

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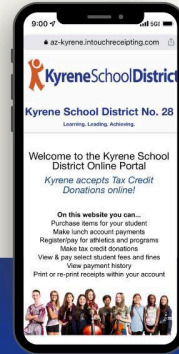
### School Meal Payments

## 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

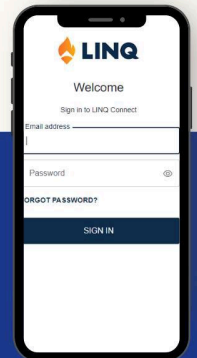
✓ Add money to your student's account.

✗ Account balances not available.

## Linq Connect

✓ View your student's account balances.

✗ Payments not accepted.



## 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.

Are you looking for the family directory for playdates and birthday parties? Fill out the 2025-2026 form [here](#).

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](mailto:kyrenemariposapto@gmail.com).

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

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

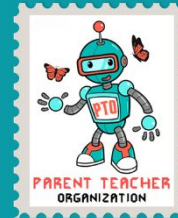
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Instagram: [instagram.com/kyrenemariposapto](https://www.instagram.com/kyrenemariposapto)

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

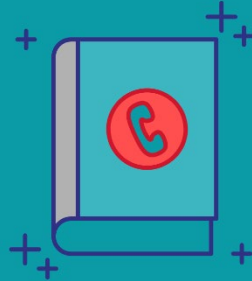
**FOLLOW MARIPOSA PTO  
ON INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK  
FOR MORE DETAILS**

JOIN THE MARIPOSA PTO



# Family Directory

FILL OUT THE NEW FORM FOR 2025-2026



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



MARIPOSA

# YOU'RE INVITED!



**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!**

**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!

## REPEAT INFORMATION

### 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.



## **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! Bus routes will be posted by July 9.

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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://lingconnect.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**  
50 E Knox Rd  
Tempe, AZ 85284

**Phone:** 480-541-3800  
**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 

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

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