



CHALLENGER NEWS

July 25, 2025

School Picture Day - Thursday, July 31

A colorful flyer for School Picture Day. The background features a film strip and a smiling girl. The text is arranged in a central white box with a pink header and a blue footer.

PICTURE DAY ...COMING SOON!

Kyrene de la Mariposa
Picture Day: July 31, 2025
Absentees: August 8, 2025

How to Dress: School Pics are a keepsake you'll treasure for years to come, so look and dress your best. Avoid highly reflective neon colors, and please use this flyer as a reminder to schedule haircuts so your student will be "camera ready" by picture day. For more information, and to view the current season background, visit us at: <https://www.schoolpicsonline.com>


What to Bring: Nothing but your smile! No money is needed on picture day!

Please Note: All students will be photographed for yearbook and school services.

About Us: Our School Pics Proof Program allows you to view several proofs of your child before you purchase

Ordering: Digital Proofs and ordering information will be available at: <https://www.schoolpicsonline.com> approximately 2 weeks after the absentee picture day. Your child's school will email access instructions once they are available for viewing and ordering.

If you have any questions, please email us at:
customerservice@schoolpicsaz.com

 **School Pics**
by Mejdreich Photography

Student Testing

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s),

During the week of July 28, 2025, your child will take a MAP Growth Reading test and i-Ready Math test on a computer. These two tests provide scores and information to help teachers check student performance by measuring achievement and growth. Teachers use results to inform classroom lessons and set goals for students.

MAP Growth and i-Ready tests are unique as they adapt to each student's responses to measure their skill level. If a student answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. These results will provide a more complete picture of what students know and are ready to learn - whether it is on, above, or below their grade level.

Since these tests provide immediate and accurate information about a student's learning, teachers can identify students with similar scores that are generally ready for instruction in similar skills and topics, and then plan instruction accordingly.

MAP Growth and i-Ready reports also provide data on typical growth for students who are in the same grade and subject and have the same starting performance level. Each school year, students will take these two tests in the Fall, Winter, and Spring. Following each testing period, individual student reports will be uploaded in ParentVUE so you can review these results further with your child or their teacher.

If you would like additional information about MAP Growth, please visit <https://www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/family-toolkit/>.

For additional information on i-Ready, please visit <https://i-readycentral.com/familycenter/>

Sincerely,
Natalie Tucker, Assistant Principal

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.

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.



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! Bus routes will be posted by July 9.

Free and Reduces 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.

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

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