



SEPTEMBER 2025

A NOTE FROM **MRS. RODRIGUEZ**

As we move quickly through the first quarter, it has been wonderful to see our students settling into routines, engaging in learning, and building strong classroom communities. The energy on campus is inspiring!

We also have several important dates coming up that we want families to be aware of:

Parent/Teacher Conferences

- Dates: **September 10th, 11th, & 12th**
- Look for specific information from your student's teacher regarding scheduling.

Extra Early Release Days

- To accommodate conferences, school will release early at **12:15 PM** on:
 - **September 10th**
 - **September 11th**
 - **September 12th**

Fall Book Fair

- Dates: **Week of September 8th–12th**
- A great opportunity to support reading and our school!

School Photo Day

- Date: **Friday, September 19th**
- Please ensure students come dressed appropriately for their photos.

Last Day of Quarter 1

- Date: **Friday, September 26th**

Fall Break

- Dates: **September 29th – October 13th**
- **School resumes Tuesday, October 14th**

Mrs. Margaret Rodriguez

Principal





A graphic with a blue background and a large orange circle on the left. It features three calendar icons for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (Sept. 10-12) and the text "CONFERENCES Early Release" and "School releases at 12:15PM". The word "CONFERENCES" is in a white, sans-serif font, "Early Release" is in a large, orange, cursive font, and "School releases at 12:15PM" is in a white, sans-serif font. The calendar icons are white with blue text and are arranged horizontally.

ATTENDANCE

If your student will be late or absent, please call our 24 hour attendance line at **480-541-5601**

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.



PICTURE DAY
September 19th



CELEBRATE

Birthday, Other Celebrations, and Nutrition Standards

We understand that parents and friends enjoy celebrating special occasions. However, to minimize distractions and maintain a safe, focused learning environment, the following items are **not allowed** on campus or on the school bus:

- Balloons
- Cakes
- Candy
- Flowers
- Other similar celebratory items

If these items are delivered to the school, they will be kept in the office and **not** delivered to classrooms or buses. This policy ensures instructional time is protected and that all students are treated equally.

Classroom Parties and Celebrations

Classroom celebrations may be held **up to four times per school year**. Schools may choose to celebrate:

- Winter break
- End of school year
- Two additional special days, determined individually by each school

These events are designed to be both **instructional and inclusive**, honoring religious and cultural diversity. The goal is to help students learn about and respect different heritages and beliefs.

Birthday Parties and Personal Celebrations

- **Individual student birthdays may not be celebrated** in classrooms or on school grounds.
- Students may **not host parties for teachers** at school.

Party invitations may not be distributed at school.

VISITORS TO WAGGONER

To maintain a safe and focused learning environment, the following visitor guidelines are in place:

Check-In Procedures

- **All visitors** must **enter through the front office**.
- If the visit is deemed appropriate, visitors must:
 - Sign in with their **name, reason for visit**, and **time**.
 - Present a **valid photo ID** to exchange for a **numbered visitor badge**.
- Visitors **must wear their visitor badge** at all times while on campus.
- No one is permitted on school grounds without a valid, numbered badge.

Volunteers and Guests

- Volunteers and visitors are asked **not to bring siblings or other non-students** with them to campus.

Siblings and other non-students are also **not permitted on school-sponsored field trips**.



Fall Break

SEPT. 29TH - OCT. 13TH

School resumes on Tuesday, October 14th



Maintenance & Operations Override Continuation Fact Sheet

The Kyrene Governing Board has called for a special election on November 4, 2025. The measure calls for the continuation of the Maintenance & Operations (M&O) Override. This override is a voter-approved initiative that generates 15% additional maintenance and operations funding for schools.

M&O Overrides provide additional funding to support people, positions, and programs that would not be possible with state funding alone—such as teacher salaries, special area instruction and targeted student-support services.

M&O OVERRIDE CONTINUATION \$14.6M



Special Area Instruction

Ensures access to art, music, language, and physical education across all Kyrene schools



Reduced Class Sizes

Keeps Kyrene class sizes smaller by funding the equivalent of 200 teaching positions, or approximately one in five Kyrene teachers



Educator Pay

Allows Kyrene to offer competitive salaries to attract and retain high quality teachers



Student Support Services

Provides school-based services, including physical and occupational therapy, speech, vision, and hearing services

Estimated Tax Impact

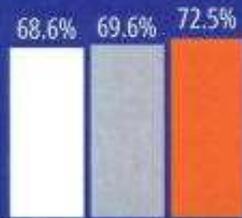
If the M&O Override should pass, **the tax rate would not increase**, and the average homeowner will **continue to pay approximately \$178 per year**, based on the average limited assessed home value in the District.

Prioritizing Spending on Student Success

Kyrene consistently invests more money into classroom needs when compared to peer and state averages.

Classroom Investment

■ State Average
■ Peer Average
■ Kyrene



One out of every five Kyrene teaching positions is funded by the M&O Override.



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in Arizona for directing the highest percentage of operational spending to the classroom. (Out of 210 districts.)

Kyrene dedicates approximately 75% of the operational budget to classroom spending, while 25% supports non-classroom operations.

Classroom
Operations



12 Kyrene schools hold the A+ Schools of Excellence™ designation from the AEF.

Kyrene schools consistently outperform peer districts, charter schools, and state averages on academic assessments and benchmarks.



Voters have consistently supported Kyrene's M&O Override since 2003.



Financial Responsibility

Kyrene School District operates under strict fiscal stewardship and has received national awards for excellence in financial reporting for 30+ years. Kyrene also holds the highest credit rating given to public school districts. Taxpayers and community members can review Kyrene's Budget Annual Report online at kyrene.org/budget.

OCTOBER

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Voter Registration Deadline

OCTOBER

8

Ballots Mailed Drop Boxes Open

OCTOBER

24

Last Day to Request Replacement Ballot

OCTOBER

28

Last Day to Mail Ballots

NOVEMBER

4

Election Day

This is a mail-in election. Voters have the option to return ballots by mail, drop it off at a secure ballot drop box or voting location, or vote with a replacement ballot in-person.



For more information, visit www.kyrene.org/election

 **KyreneSchoolDistrict**

ELECTION INFORMATION

KYRENE LONG RANGE PLANNING

Kyrene School District is facing some of the most important decisions in its history. Over the past decade, declining birth rates, an aging population, and limited affordable housing have led to steady decreases in student enrollment. Today, Kyrene serves about 12,000 students in schools built for 20,000, and resources are stretched across too many campuses, making it difficult to provide the level of support every school community deserves.

The Kyrene Governing Board established a Long-Range Planning Committee to address enrollment trends and maximize the use of facilities. After months of study, the committee reached consensus on a recommendation, which will be presented to the board in September. The recommendation is not a reflection of the quality or achievements of any school, but rather a reflection of Kyrene's commitment to ensuring all Kyrene schools are better-resourced and positioned for long-term success. **No decisions will be made until December at the earliest**, so there is time for families, staff, and community members to learn more, ask questions, and share feedback.

This page is designed as a central hub for information. Here, you will find timelines, FAQs, background and updates to help you stay informed and engaged throughout the process.

[LONG RANGE INFORMATION](#)

Upcoming School Events

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 1: NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

SEPTEMBER 8-12: Book Fair

SEPTEMBER 10,11,12: Early Release /
Conferences

SEPTEMBER 19: School Pictures

SEPTEMBER 26: Last Day of Quarter 1

SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 10: NO
SCHOOL Fall Break

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 1-10: NO SCHOOL - Fall Break

OCTOBER 13: NO SCHOOL - Teacher plan
day

OCTOBER 24: Trunk or Treat

STAY CONNECTED!

Kyrene School District and your child's school want to keep you informed of important news and events.

Kyrene may send text messages in the event of an emergency or for other critical communications, but families must sign up to receive text communications. Text "Y" or "yes" to 67587 to begin receiving text messages from both your child's school and Kyrene School District.



All families are automatically enrolled to receive **email** and **phone calls**.
No sign up required!



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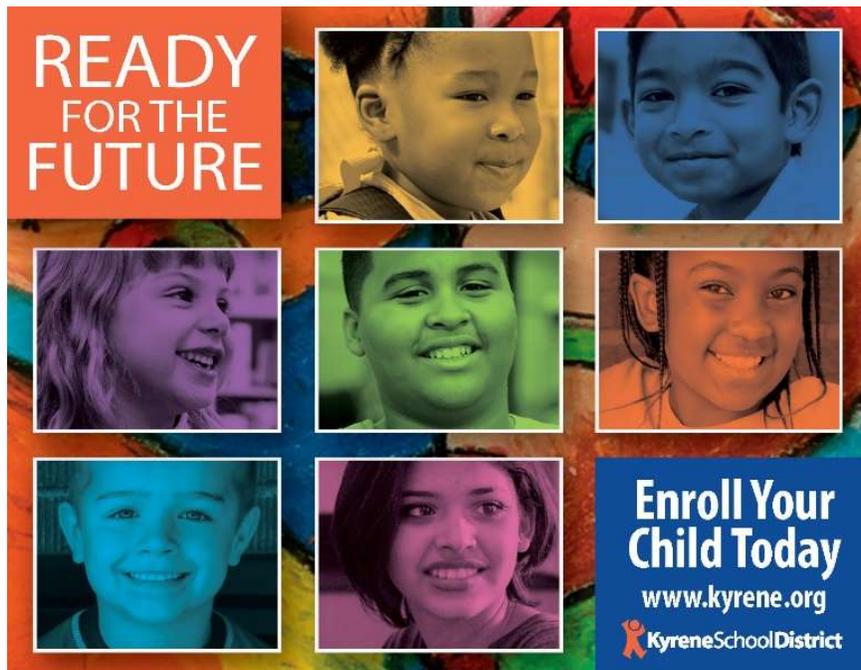


@ C.I. Waggoner



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I NEED TO STAY HOME IF.....					
I have a fever	I have vomiting or diarrhea	I have a sore throat with fever	I have a rash	I have red, itchy, or draining eyes	I have a persistent Cough
					
Temperature of 100.4* or higher	Within past 24 hours	Severe sore throat and/or fever of 100.4* or higher.	Body rash with itching/fever or contagious skin condition	Redness, itching and/or draining from eye.	Constant cough or croupy cough or breathing issues.
I AM READY TO RETURN TO SCHOOL WHEN.....					
Fever free <u>without the assistance of medications for 24 hours.</u>	Free from vomiting or diarrhea for <u>24 hours</u>	Free from fever or severe sore throat if "strep throat" is diagnosed, student must be on medication for 24 hours before returning to school.	Free from rash, itching or fever and, if needed, evaluated by a doctor.	Free from draining. If "pink eye" is diagnosed, student must be on medication for 24 hours before returning to school.	Cough is more under control and not distracting from school activities.



Contact Us

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School Hours: 7:30 am - 2:15 pm

Early Dismissal Wed: 12:15 pm

Office Hours: 7:00 am - 3:30 pm

Wednesday: 7:00 am - 1:30 pm



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