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MIRADA NEWS

September 2025

A Message from Mrs. Anderson

It's hard to believe we are already six weeks into the school year! The first days of fall are here, and with them, a wonderful rhythm has settled into our classrooms and hallways. Students are growing in confidence, diving deeper into their learning, and strengthening the friendships and routines that make our school community so special.

As we move into September, I am excited about the momentum we've built together. Thank you for your continued partnership, encouragement, and support—it makes such a difference in helping every child thrive.

Our annual Read-a-Thon starts on Wednesday, September 3rd! You may notice that we are starting the Read-a-Thon a little earlier than expected this year. I will be taking a medical leave of absence due to a hip replacement surgery. I wanted to make sure that I could help the kids kick it off. We have a new theme and some new incentives this year to keep it fun for the kids. Our goal is to raise at least $35,000 and read at least 250,000 minutes. ALL of the proceeds go right back to our students and staff.

Parents: you can register your kids at www.getmovinfundhub.com school code 66b0be620f5dc. If you already have a FundHub account, just simply log in and it will lead you

through the process to update your student's info. More information will be sent home on Tuesday, September 2nd.

Parent Teacher Conferences begin Wednesday, September 9- Friday, September 11th. ALL three days are Early Release Days. Teachers have emailed you a sign up form for your child's fall conference. It is imperative that you sign up to meet with the teacher. Research from the National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education shares that »no.matter.their.income.or.background?students.with.involved.parents.are.more.likely.to.have.higher.grades.and.test.scores?attend.school.regularly?have.better.social.skills?show.improved.behavior.and.adapt.well.to.school¡

Below are a few reminders of our schoolwide W.I.G.S. and updates.

Schoolwide iReady Goal:

Grades K-2 - pass 2 or more iReady lessons a week

Grades 3-5 - pass 1 or more iReady lessons a week

Schoolwide Amplify Goal:

Students will be on Amplify for 45 minutes or more a week.

iReady and Amplify are personalized computer programs that adapt to your child's needs in math and in reading. They are great tools in closing any learning gaps your child may still experience. The expectation is for students to complete the lessons and time at home or at an appropriate time at school.

Long Range Planning Committee

Additionally, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the recent news regarding the recommendation to close Mirada Leadership Academy. Please know that no final decision has been made. I recognize how concerning this may feel, and I am committed to keeping you informed and updated throughout this process.

No matter the outcome, our commitment to our students and families will remain steadfast. We will continue to provide excellent learning experiences, support, and care for every child. Mirada Leadership Academy has always been a place where great things happen, and that will continue to be true.

We are deeply grateful for your trust, support, and partnership. Together, we will ensure our students continue to learn, grow, and thrive. As we learn more, we will share updates and offer opportunities for you to stay engaged.

Here are a few ways you can make your voice heard:

1. Attend the school board meetings, fill out a blue card, and speak directly to the board. If you can't be there in person, you can submit a blue card electronically, and all submissions will be read. There is a board meeting today at 6 pm.
2. Attend one of the regional public hearings in October and November. All hearings are open to the public, but the one that will focus on our region is Nov. 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Pueblo Middle School MPR.
3. Submit an electronic comment. If you are unable to attend a hearing, there will be an option to submit electronic comments for the official governing board record. Instructions for submitting formal electronic comments will be provided in advance.
4. The best way to submit questions is to use the form on the Long Range Planning web page. The district is using these submissions to update and grow the FAQ section of the web page.

See below for the timeline, regional public hearing dates, and more information.

Here is the link to the Long Range Planning web page https://www.kyrene.org/about-kyrene/governing-board/long-range-planning-committee

Lastly, as stated above, I will be on a medical leave from September 3rd in hopes to return on September 22nd. I want to reassure you that Mirada is in excellent hands. Mrs. Adey, along with our front office team and our incredible staff, will continue to uphold the high standards and caring spirit that define the Mirada Way. I have complete confidence in their ability to support our students and families with the same dedication and excellence you have come to expect.

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership—it means so much to all of us.

With gratitude,

Michelle Anderson

Principal

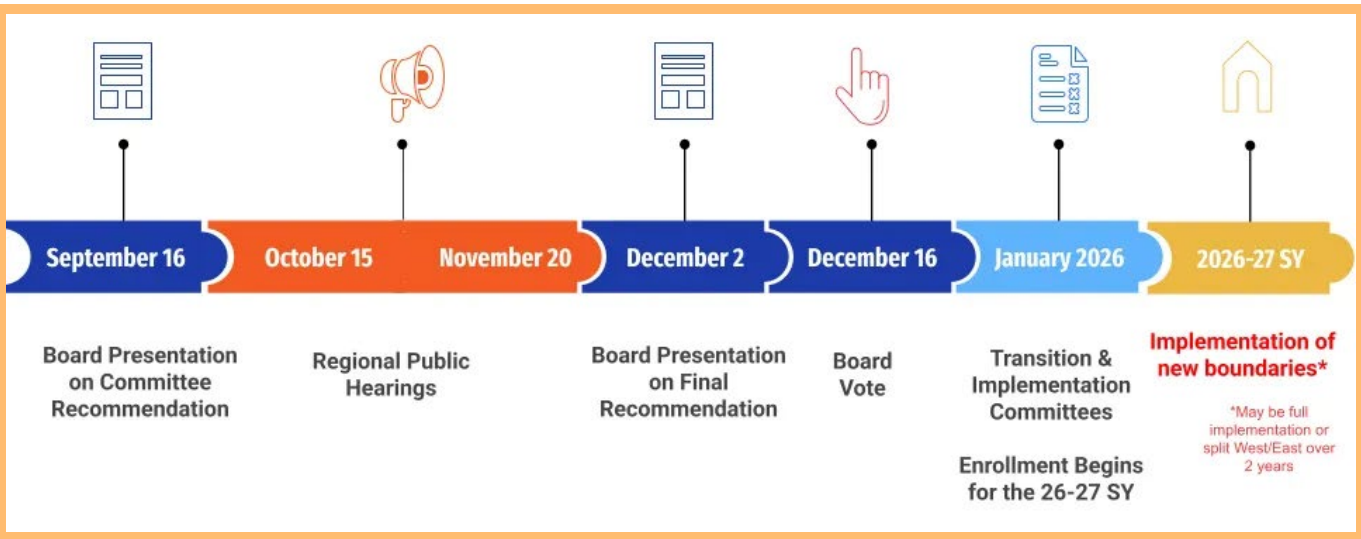
Kyrene Long Range Planning Committee

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.

FAQs. In addition to our internal Long Range Planning FAQs, Kyrene has now published public-facing FAQs on the Long Range Plan web page to address the most common questions received so far.

Website Updates. The web page, www.kyrene.org/longrangeplan, went through an overhaul today to transition to the community engagement phase of long-range planning. Content includes an outline of the committee's recommendation, a map, a timeline, public hearings, FAQs, communications archives, board meetings, and a portal for public comment. Committee work (including agendas, minutes, slide decks and live streams) can still be found on a sub page.

Enrollment for Next Year: Enrollment for the next school year does not begin until January. At this time, no decisions have been finalized, and there is nothing families need to do.





Kyrene Long Range Planning Site
Click here for FAQs & more info

Upcoming Events

September 1	No School-Labor Day
September 3-21	Readathon
September 8-12	Book Fair Week during library time and 9/10, 9/11 from 1-7pm
September 9	Fall Picture Day
September 10-12	Early Release for Parent Teacher Conferences
September 15-21	Monarch WEEK OUT at Culver's-Mention Mirada when ordering!

September 18 PTO Meeting 5:30pm in the Media Center

September 19 MML Awards

7:40-8:20am Grades K, 2, 3

8:30-9:10am Grades 1, 4, 5

September 25 4th Grade Field Trip

September 29-Oct 13 No School (Fall Break and Teacher Plan Day)

October 14 Students return

October 14 Monarch Night Out at Zesty Zzeek's-All Day- Please come to see your favorite server, Mrs. Anderson, from 5:00-6:30pm

October 16 PTO Meeting 2:45pm in the Media Center

October 23 Mirada Family Night at Mother Nature's Farm

View Full Calendar

Click Below for Important School Calendars

District Calendar September Calendar PTO Calendar

EARLY RELEASE on all Wednesdays

Students will be released at 12:15pm.



Wednesday 9/10

Thursday, 9/11

Friday, 9/12

Early Dismissal at 12:15pm

for Teacher Conferences

There will be no after school

Community Ed classes on

Conference Days.



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.❹and.7❾absences¡.If.a.student.exceeds.7❹absences?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¡

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¡

How to Submit Absences in ParentVue

Additional Way to Report Absences in ParentVue

Parents, you are now welcome to report absences in ParentVue in addition to calling the 24 hour Attendance Line at 480-541-4201. Remember, you must inform the front office of any absences even if you let the teacher know.

PICTURE DAY ...COMING SOON!

Kyrene de la Mirada

Picture Day: September 9, 2025
Absentees: September 16, 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

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7 Habits : Habit 1 - Be Proactive!

At Mirada Leadership Academy our students practice the 8 Habits of a Happy Kid every day. As we deepen our understanding and incorporate them into daily life, it is important to understand the meaning of each habit.

This past month, our focus as been Habit 1: “Be Proactive.” Being proactive means you are in charge of yourself. You choose your actions, attitudes, and moods. You don’t blame others for your actions. You do the right thing without being asked, even when nobody's watching. You have a “can do” attitude. All students can learn to be in charge of themselves and practice a “can do'' attitude.

We asked a few kindergartener students the following questions. "What does being proactive mean to you? How can you be proactive?" Below are a few of their responses.

Student: "I am proactive when I am in charge of myself."
Student: "I am proactive when I am respectful."
Student: "I am proactive when I listen to my teacher and follow directions."
Student: "I am proactive when I help my friends."
Student: "I am proactive when I walk in the hallway."

Student: "I am proactive when I am responsible."
Student: "I am proactive when I am kind."

We want students to be proactive at school and at home! If you have a child that is constantly complaining of being bored, try some of these ideas.
1) Fill Someone's Bucket: Have them brainstorm ways that they could do something nice for someone else, either a neighbor, friend, or family member.
2) Circle of Control: Take some sidewalk chalk, go outside, and draw two circles within each other big enough to stand in. The middle one is the circle of control. Give your kids examples of different things they can control (homework) and other things they can't (weather). Have them move in and out of the circle depending on the scenario.
3) Role-play Proactive vs. Reactive: Demonstrate for your kids how to deal with a situation proactively vs. reactively.
If you are wanting to incorporate some chores into your child's life to help them be proactive, the chart below can help you and your child find age appropriate chores.

AGE APPROPRIATE CHORES

2-3 YEARS

- PICK UP TOYS AND BOOKS
- PUT TRASH IN GARBAGE CAN
- PUT LAUNDRY IN HAMPER
- DUST
- PUT AWAY SILVERWARE
- WIPE BASEBOARDS
- FOLD RAGS AND DISHCLOTHS
- PUT CLOTHES IN HAMPER
- PUT CLOTHES AWAY IN DRAWERS

4-6 YEARS

- ALL PREVIOUS CHORES
- TAKE CARE OF PETS
- SET AND CLEAR THE TABLE
- MATCH SOCKS
- PUTTING AWAY GROCERIES
- MAKE BED
- WIPE DOWN DIRTY WALLS
- EMPTY TRASHES
- SWEEP WITH SMALL BROOM

Habit 1
Be Proactive!

7-11 YEARS

- ALL PREVIOUS CHORES
- FOLD LAUNDRY
- SWEEP
- VACUUMING
- TAKE OUT TRASH
- WASH MIRRORS
- MEAL PREP
- TAKE TRASHCAN TO CURB
- WEED FLOWERS / GARDEN
- CLEAN OUT THE CAR
- CLEAN TOILETS
- CLEAN ROOM
- ORGANIZE TOY ROOM
- BRING IN MAIL / NEWSPAPER

12± YEARS

- ALL PREVIOUS CHORES
- MOW LAWN
- BABYSIT SIBLINGS
- WASH WINDOWS
- IRON
- WASH CAR
- COOK SIMPLE MEALS
- LAUNDRY
- MOP FLOORS
- CLEAN BATHROOM
- CLEAN OUT FRIDGE



Opt in to Receive Text Messages

In.the.event.of.an.emergency?.text.messages.are.the.fastest.and.most.effective.way.to.communicate.information.to.families¡.You.must.opt.in.

to.receive.text.communications*.Text›»Y‹ .or›»yes‹ .to.❷❸❶❹❸to.begin.
receiving.text.messages.from.our.school.and.district¡

ParentVUE Emergency Information

Families are required to verify emergency contact information every year.

This is critical for your school to be able to reach you in the event of an emergency.

To date over 70% of Mirada students have updated
emergency and contact information.

We kindly ask the remaining 30% to verify your emergency

contact information and make any necessary changes.

Please remember, we cannot release your children to anyone not listed as an emergency contact

nor without a picture id.

Address changes will need new proof of residence.

It is also important to have the correct home and mailing address in ParentVue.

Teachers use that information if they would like to share extra correspondence with families.

Also, if you are due any refunds from the district, the address you entered in ParentVue

is the one they will use to mail checks.

Please contact the office with any questions.

Parent Acknowledgements are overdue-Please submit ASAP

Families, Grades K-8 All families are required to submit their agreement that they will review the handbook and technology agreement forms with their child and follow expectations.
Family Handbook (all families)

Technology User Agreement (all families)
Stay Connected - Text Messaging Permission (all families)

Families and specific grades: All families who have children in these grades are provided their children's grade level survey items and then required to submit their position on their child's participation. Depending on the age of the students, families will see a different set of items.
School Quality Survey (Grades 3-8 only)
Social Emotional Survey (Grades 3-8 only)
Leader in Me Survey (Grades 3-8 and only PUE, MIR, CER)

Currently 88% of our families have completed their submissions! We are striving for 100% completion rate so please log on to your ParentVue account to review these acknowledgements.



Mirada Snack Drive

As our 2025/2026 gets underway we are finding that some of our students may be facing challenges in accessing snacks. We believe that a well nourished student is better equipped to focus on their studies and succeed in the classroom.

Our Snack Drive is focused on assisting specifically Mirada students in need, providing additional resources for teachers and staff to access for those identified students whose families may be struggling to provide food due to financial hardship. We understand that circumstances can vary, and we want to ensure that every student at Mirada can thrive, regardless of any hurdles that may be in their way. By bridging the gap of need, we aim to continue to foster an environment where every student feels cared for and can fully engage in their education.

We encourage you to contribute to our Snack Drive by donating non-perishable snacks (see list below). These snacks will be distributed discreetly to students who may need them.

Your support is crucial in making this initiative a success. Together, we can continue to make Mirada a supportive and loving environment for all students. By coming together as a community, we can ensure that no student goes hungry, allowing them to focus on their education and personal growth.

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to creating a nurturing environment for all Mirada students.

Individual packages of snacks such Cheezits, Goldfish crackers, fruit snacks, popcorn, pretzels, veggie straws, granola bars, fig bars, Nutrigrain bars, BelVita. Please no candy or chips especially "hot" type of snacks. We appreciate your kindness and generosity.

PTO Corner



New Year, New Contact List:

Please make sure you join this year's PTO email list to receive our monthly newsletter, updates on events and volunteer opportunities. You can signup here: PTO Newsletter Sign Up

PTO Mix 'n' Mingle:

Are you interested in being more involved at the school? Or getting to know our principal, Mrs. Anderson? We will have a PTO table at the Monarch Night Out on 8/21 from 6:30-7:30pm. Come meet us, share ideas, or have any of your questions answered.

Leo's Birthday Donations:

Our mascot's birthday party is on 8/22. In lieu of presents again this year he is asking for donations of pasta and sauce for the Kyrene Resource Center. Everyone who brings a donation will be entered into a raffle for prizes. More info to come.

Welcome Back, Monarchs!
We are so glad you're here!

August Events:

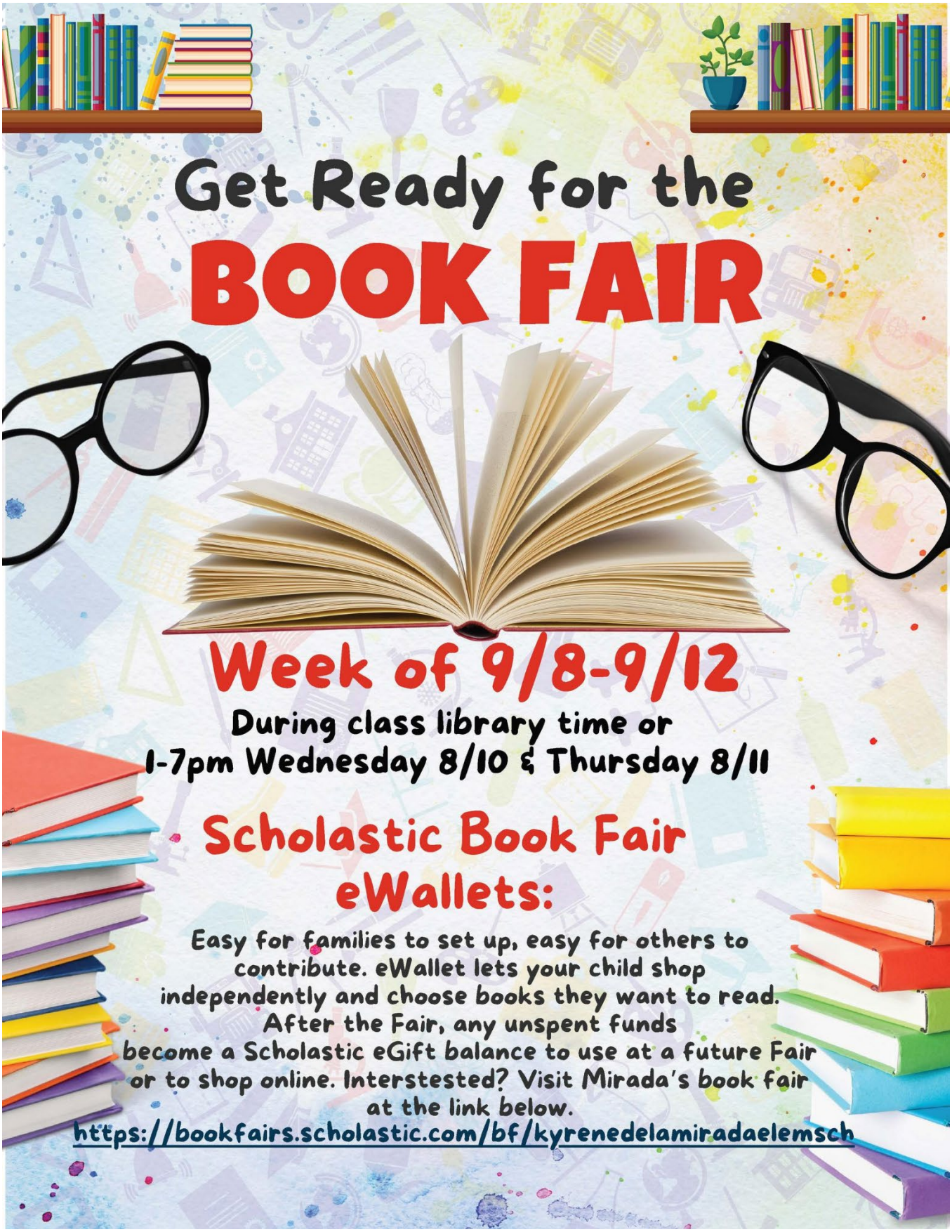
8/7 Parent Connect Night Pre K 4:30, 4th 5:00, 3rd 5:45, 5th 6:30
8/14 PTO Meeting 2:45pm in the Library
8/14 Parent Connect Night K 5:00, 1st 5:45, 2nd 6:30
8/15 Early Release at 12:15pm
8/18 No School for students
8/21 Monarch Night Out at Bonfire 4-8pm
8/21 PTO Mix n Mingle 6:30-7:30pm
8/22 Leo's Birthday Party 5:30-7pm in the MPR
8/28 Watch DOGS Kickoff Party 6-7pm in the MPR
Coming Soon: Yearbook and Merch purchase info

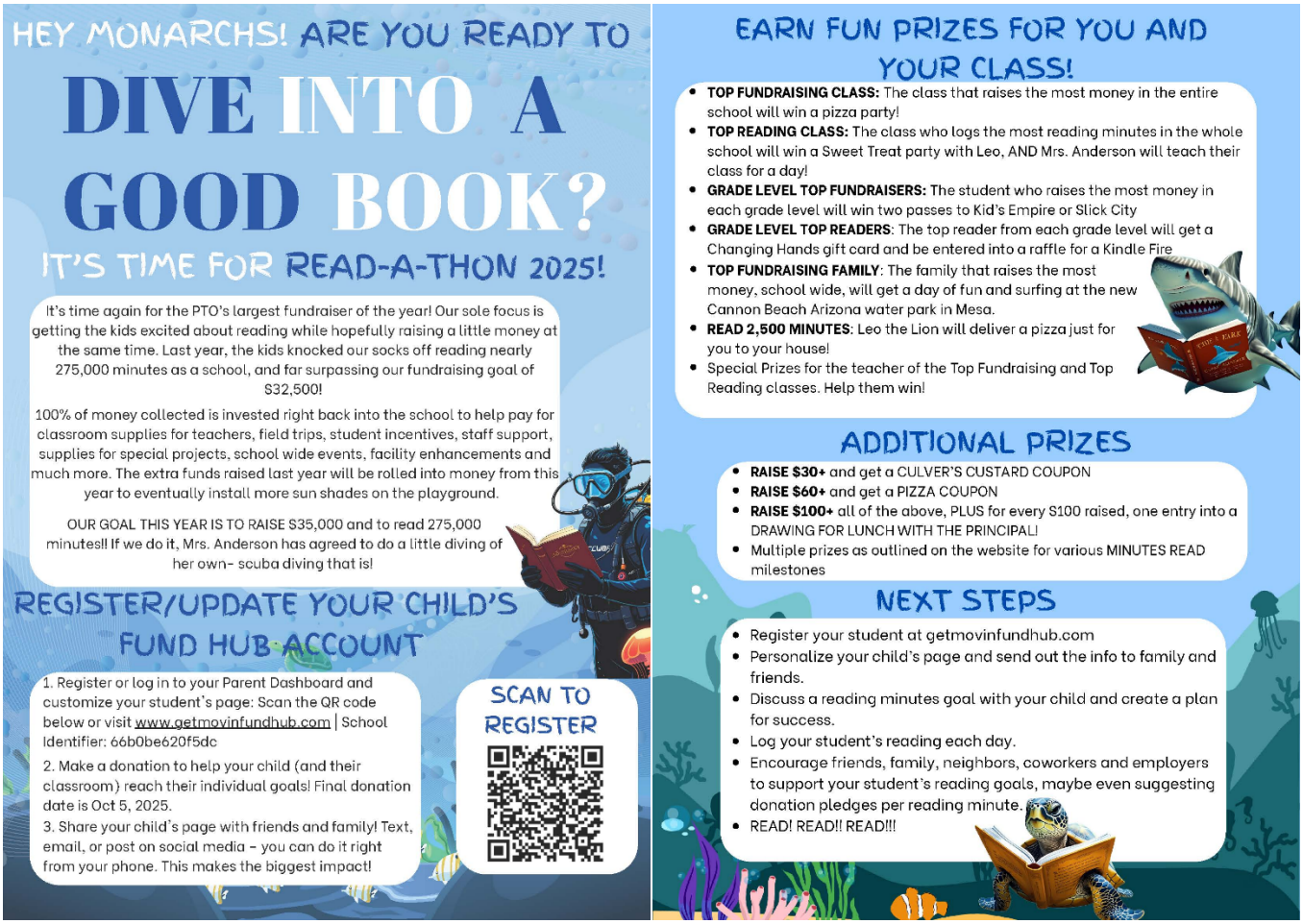
Watch DOGS:

We introduced the Watch DOGS (Dads of Great Students) program a few years ago at Mirada and it's been a big hit. Dads spend the day helping out at school, including assisting at lunch and in their child's classroom. Our kickoff event is Thursday August 28th from 6-7pm in the MPR. This is a fun event for dads and kids to have a night out together. We provide the pizza and fun, and at the end of the night we will share the link to sign up. Slots fill up very fast so we suggest you join us. We will release the sign up link the morning of 8/29 for anyone who was unable to attend. We ask that dads only sign up for one time slot for the year as we had many who were not able to get a time slot last year. We also ask that only dads (or an important male figure in the absence of a dad) sign up. If you are unable to get a spot please email hello@ptomirada.org to join the wait list.

Email: hello@ptomirada.org Web: miradapto.org IG: @miradapto

Join the PTO Contact List


Get Ready for the
BOOK FAIR
Week of 9/8-9/12
During class library time or
1-7pm Wednesday 8/10 & Thursday 8/11
Scholastic Book Fair
eWallets:
Easy for families to set up, easy for others to contribute. eWallet lets your child shop independently and choose books they want to read. After the Fair, any unspent funds become a Scholastic eGift balance to use at a future Fair or to shop online. Interstested? Visit Mirada's book fair at the link below.
https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/kyrenedelamiradaelemsch



[Click Here to Watch Mrs. Anderson and Leo Dive into a Good Book!]

2025 Maintenance & Override Election

The Kyrene Governing Board has called for a special election on November 4, 2025, as recommended by the Long Range Planning Committee. 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.



[2025 Maintenance and Override Election]

[Link to District Info]



Now Hiring for 2025-2026 School Year



Mirada is looking for help with:

- Media Tech
- Lunch Duty/Playground Supervision
- Crossing Guard

Lunch/Recess Job ID 9002

Crossing Guard Job ID 9003



Kyrene Positive Parenting – September Presentations

The Kyrene School District is pleased to continue the successful Positive Parenting Series this school year, focusing on issues that affect families both at school and at home. We hope you can join us.

Sept. 4 – 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.

Hosted By:
ESS Department

Date and Time:
September 4, 2025
6:00pm - 7:30pm

Location:
Kyrene Del Pueblo Middle School
360 S. Twelve Oaks Boulevard
Chandler, AZ 85226

Sept. 17 – Childhood 2.0 – How to Reach, Teach, and Support iGeneration Students
Children are growing up in a world in which technology is ubiquitous. Join us to gain valuable insight into tips and strategies for raising children for whom technology has always been present.

Presenter:
Katey McPherson

Date and Time:
September 17, 2025
6:00-7:00pm

Location:
Online

Registration & Zoom Link

Registration-Childhood 2.0
September 17th



Parent Reminders

Opt in for text communication

IMPORTANT: In the event of an emergency, text messages are the fastest and most effective way to communicate information to families. You must opt in to receive text communications! Text “Y” or “yes” to 67587 to begin receiving text messages from both your child’s school and the Kyrene School District.

Birthday Celebrations

No celebrations of individual student birthdays are to be held in classrooms, on the school campus. We understand that parents and friends like to celebrate various occasions. However, cakes, cookies, cupcakes, candy, flowers, balloons, etc. cause many distractions and cannot be allowed on campus or on the bus. These items are disruptive in the classroom and are a safety concern on the bus. If they are delivered they will be kept in the office for parents/guardians to pick up. This policy helps to ensure that instructional time is protected and that all students are treated equally. Party invitations may not be distributed at school.

Need to Report an Absence?

Call our 24 Hour Attendance Line at 480-541-4201 to report a student absence.

Please leave a message on the attendance line indicating the student's name, grade, date(s) and reason for absence. When your student is absent and we have not received notification, we will contact the parents. If we do not receive a return phone call, the student will be marked truant.

Note Parents MUST call the attendance line within 24 hours of an absence, even if you spoke to the Health Office or communicated to the Teacher.

Tardy

If your child is tardy, you must park in the parking lot and walk your child to the office. Sign them in and provide the reason why they are tardy. A tardy is defined as arriving at school or class after the scheduled start time. Students should be in their seats and ready to learn when the bell rings at the scheduled start time. Students are considered tardy if they are not in their seats at the scheduled start time. Mirada students need to arrive with enough time to make it to their classroom by 7:30am. Students who are tardy must enter through the school's front office and receive a Tardy pass.

Excused Absences

In cases involving prolonged illnesses, a written excuse from a physician may be requested to verify the absence. A student has an excused absence when one of the following conditions are met:

When a student is not in attendance for any portion of or an entire school day and,

- The parent/guardian called the school's attendance line to report the student's absence within 24 hours and provided an acceptable excuse* for the absence, OR
- The parent/guardian was reached by the attendance office and provided the attendance office with an acceptable excuse* for the absence.

*Please note: we cannot excuse an absence that is reported via email; all absences must be reported to the school's attendance office via a telephone call.

Unexcused Absences

A student has an unexcused absence under and of the following conditions

- When a student is not in attendance for any portion of or for an entire day and does not have an acceptable excuse*.
- The parent/guardian has not called the school's attendance office to report the student's absence and provide an acceptable excuse* within 24 hours.
- The parent/guardian cannot be reached by the attendance office to obtain an acceptable excuse* for the absence.

*The District will report all student absences and tardiness to school in accordance with A.R.S.§ 15-901 (A)(1) and defined by the Arizona Department of Education.

Students and Electronic Devices

Many parents choose to have their child carry a cellular telephone or other electronic devices (such as an Apple watch or Fitbit) as a means of before and/or after school communication and for safety purposes. Electronic devices can be disruptive in an educational environment, but may also be used to enhance instruction. If parents have decided that it's necessary for a child to carry a cell phone or electronic device, parents and students must be aware of the following:

Kyrene School District Policy 3-401 states that the District does not assume responsibility for the loss of, or damage to, personal property. If your child has a cell phone on campus or on the bus and it is damaged or stolen, we will not be able to utilize administrative time to investigate the incident, nor will the District be able to take any financial responsibility for the cell phone or cell phone charges.

Cellular phones must be turned off and kept in backpacks at all times on campus, except for prior to the ringing of the first bell for the start of the instructional day and after the ringing of the last bell for the end of the instructional day.

This exception does not apply if the student is on the school bus. When appropriate, cell phones and other electronic devices may be used during the school day under the direct supervision of the teacher. If these rules are not followed, the cell phone may be confiscated and kept in the front office for pick up after school.

Please assist us in keeping our learning environment free from distractions. When it is necessary for a student to contact you during the day, we have telephones available in classrooms and in the office. If it is necessary for you to get an important message to your child during the school day, you may contact the school office and our staff will relay the message to your child.



Payment & Balance Info Food Services FAQs Mirada Menus

Apply for Free and Reduced Meals

- Please remember you must re-apply for Free and Reduced Meals each year.
- Students may bring large bills to pay for their meal account – please remember no change is provided back to the student, the entire amount is applied to the student's account.
- If a student does not have enough funds on their account, after two (2) meals (breakfast or lunch) they are provided an alternate meal as per District policy. The student may still get side options and salad bar along with their milk.
- Please remember that dietary restrictions must be accompanied by a Dr's note and will be accommodated to the best of our ability. SFE is unable to honor preferences or requests.

- You may check your student's lunch balance by visiting linqconnect. Linq Connect is our self-service lunch account portal, which makes it possible for Kyrene families to easily manage their student(s) lunch account. Families may check meal balances, transfer funds, apply for free or reduced-priced meals or create spending limits for their students by visiting linqconnect. For any additional questions or assistance with your linqconnect account please call 1-844-467-4700 and follow the prompts. Payments are applied to your student's meal account at 6:50am, 9:35am, 11:05am, 12:05pm and 11:35pm daily to update the meal account balance.
- Kyrene and SFE want to assure you that when your child chooses to enjoy ala carte snacks from their cafeteria, they are selecting options that meet the strict nutritional standards outlined by the USDA's Smart Snack guidelines. These guidelines prioritize offering snacks that are lower in fat, sugar, and sodium, while also providing essential nutrients to support your child's overall health and well-being. The guidelines require that drinks be either unflavored water or 100% juice, and that snacks contain at least 50% whole grain or list the first ingredient as a fruit, vegetable, dairy food, or protein food.

It's also important to note that while some snack packaging may appear similar to those found in stores outside of school, each product has been carefully reformulated to comply with federal Smart Snack guidelines. Our foodservice management company, SFE, works diligently to ensure that all snacks offered to students are both delicious and nutritious, meeting or exceeding federal standards.

We encourage you to discuss with your child the importance of making mindful choices when it comes to snacking. By reinforcing healthy eating habits both at home and at school, we can collectively support our children in making nutritious choices that contribute to their overall growth and development. If you would like more resources and information about Smart Snack requirements, including activities that can be done at home, we recommend checking out the USDA's website here.

Thank you for partnering with us in promoting a culture of health and wellness for our students. If you have any questions or concerns about the smart snack options available in your child's cafeteria, please don't hesitate to reach out to the foodservice office at 480-541-1660.



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

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

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Front Office: 480-541-4200

Fax Number: 480-541-4210

Attendance: 480-541-4201

Health Office: 480-541-4220

Cafeteria: 480-541-4226

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