Kyrene del Cielo

September 2025

Dear Cielo Families,

It's hard to believe we are nearing the end of the first quarter of the school year! Thank you for your partnership in getting students to school on time each day and for helping keep our arrival and dismissal times safe for everyone. Students have now completed their beginning-of-year assessments, and we are excited to see their growth already taking shape. Our classrooms are buzzing with engaging lessons and fun learning activities, and we look forward to all the progress and achievements yet to come!

Important Dates:
September 2nd – Pre-registration begins for the Cielo Fun Run Fundraiser
September 6th – Night of Kyrene at Wild Horse Pass Casino & Resort https://kyrenefoundation.org/
September 10,11,12 – Parent/Teacher Conference days & Early Release Days
September 16th – Fun Run Fundraiser Kickoff Day https://cielopto.square.site/fun-run
September 17th – Coffee Chat w/Principal Kingsland, 7:45-8:15 in the staff lounge
September 26th – End of the 1st Quarter
September 26th – Fun Run (run times to be announced soon)
September 29th – October 10th – FALL BREAK
October 13th – Teacher Workday ~ No School for students
October 14th – Students return/begin 2nd Quarter
October 20-24 – Scholastic Book Fair (open at lunch recesses)
October 24th – PTO Pumpkinpalooza Event 6:00-8:00

Cielo PTO Website: https://cielopto.square.site/

Parent/Teacher Conferences:
It's hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the 1st quarter and the fall Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place on September 10th, 11th and 12th.

Please look for an email from your child/children's teacher(s) to sign-up for a conference.

Parent-Vue:
Please be sure to log-in to your Parent Vue account to see your child's beginning of year assessment results; iReady Math, DIBELS and NWEA Reading. If you have any questions about the scores, reach out to the teacher(s). ParentVue

NEW **Speak Up Kyrene** – Anonymous Reporting System for School Safety:
Speak Up Kyrene

PBIS: *Positive Behavior Intervention Supports*:

Cielo earned the highest-level award; ***Level 4*** Fidelity Award from the Arizona PBIS Coalition. Cielo earned the award for meeting all the criteria for Tiers 1,2 & 3 and by reducing the number of office discipline referrals.

Enthusiastically,
Kristin Kingsland
Principal
"The mission at Kyrene del Cielo Elementary School is to inspire every child to learn, grow, and achieve.

Saturday, September 6, 2025 | 6pm-10pm

Your sponsorship helps fund the Kyrene Foundation's key initiatives such as: supporting the Family Resource Center, student scholarships, educational grants for teachers and principals, and much more. **A variety of Sponsorship levels are still available and tickets are just $125 or reserve a table for $1,500.**

Can't make the event? There are more ways to get involved. You can elevate the evening's excitement, and contribute to our charitable cause by donating a silent auction item! By donating an item, you can make a big impact.

We're seeking all sorts of items to make our silent auction a success: electronics, restaurant vouchers, sports memorabilia, destination experiences, and more. We welcome your creativity!
Thank you for considering this opportunity to support our students and community.

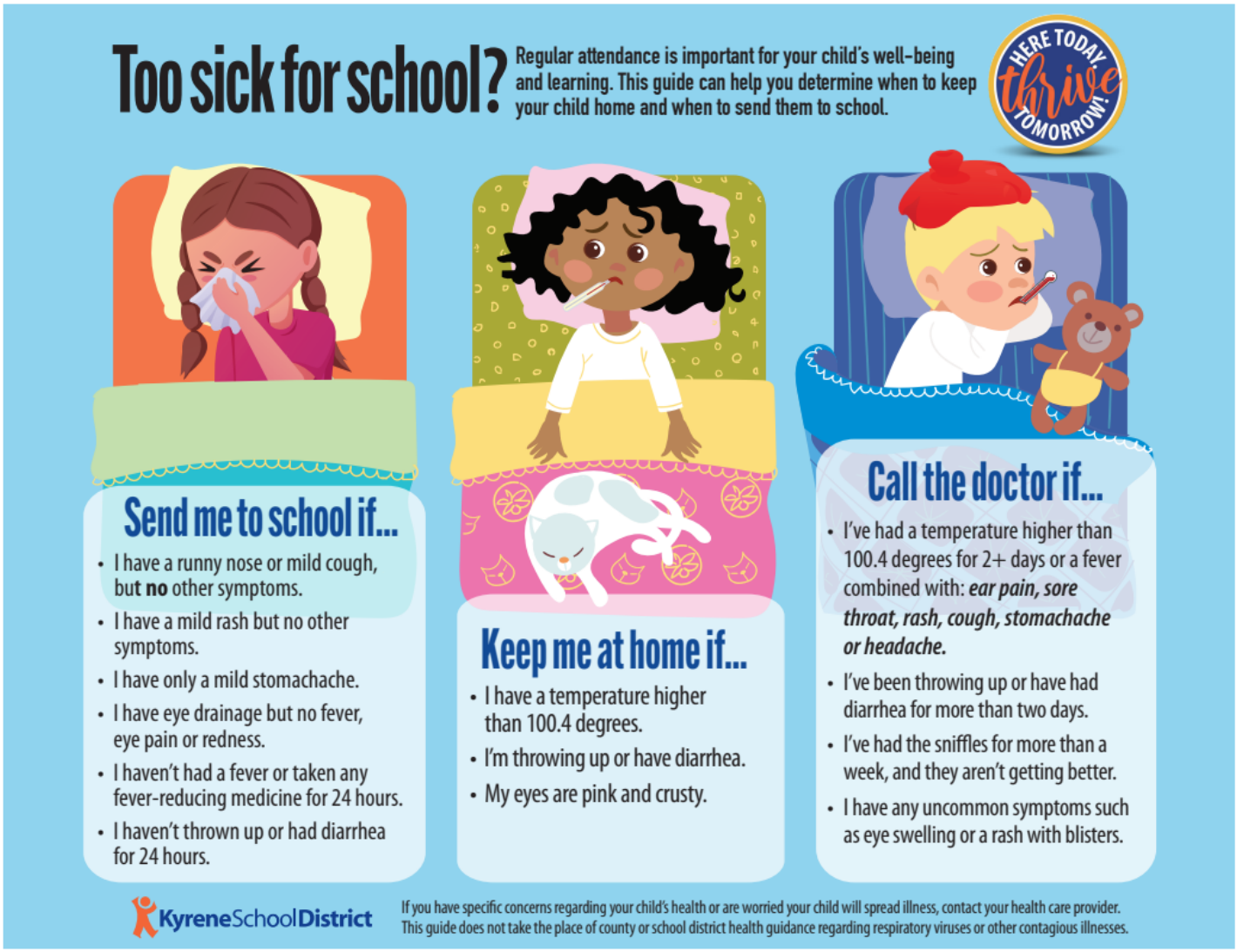
Learn More: Night of Kyrene

Ready to sponsor?
Sponsorships level vary. Explore tiers and pay online by visiting us online or contacting Danielle Ulm.

Looking for other ways to get involved?
Consider donating an item for our silent auction! Reach out to Shirley Coomer or use the link below.

Questions?
Please email danielle.ulm@kyrenefoundation.org
www.kyrenefoundation.org/event/night-for-kyrene/

Our health office is requesting donations of Goldfish crackers and waters 8oz size for kids.



Meal Applications for the 2025-2026 School Year Now Open!

Families are encouraged to submit an application to determine eligibility for free or reduced-price meals. Applications are available online, and paper copies can be picked up at your school site.

Looking for ways to support your child's nutrition this summer? SUN Bucks can help! See if your kids are eligible and if they've been automatically enrolled or need to apply. Visit the right-hand column of this page for important SunBucks information and updates.

National School Lunch Program
The National School Lunch Program is a program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Through this program, eligible students may be offered free or reduced-price meals. We also participate in the School Breakfast Program at most schools. Meal payments may be made online, as this program operates in all of the schools in the Kyrene School District. Meal application information is distributed and made available to every student in the district at the beginning of the school year. Application information will remain confidential and will be used only to determine eligibility for free or reduced-priced meals. Applications are also available at all school offices or by clicking on the meal application links.

Please visit Linq Connect to submit an online meal application to our district. You may turn in paper meal applications to any school office. We strongly encourage all families to apply. The free, reduced-price, and paid meal information is used to qualify the school district for other student qualifications and funding. You will receive an eligibility letter via email once your application has been processed that includes the status of your student(s) meal eligibility. If you have a concern regarding the decision of your meal application, please email kbs@kyrene.org.

Meal Costs

Grade	Breakfast *all schools*	Elem Lunch (including KTA & Manitas)	Middle (6-8) Lunch
Price	$1.70	$3.00	$3.10
Reduced	$0.30	$0.40	$0.40
Adults	$2.10	$3.90	$3.90

Payment Options
Online (Please visit **In-Touch** to pay using your credit or debit card).
Check (Please make checks payable to Kyrene School District, checks are accepted at all school sites).
Cash (Please send cash in a sealed envelope labeled for the student. Cash is accepted at all school sites).

Online Lunch Payment Instructions

We offer an optional online payment option via **In-Touch** to submit meal account payments. Choose meal account to apply money to your student(s) meal accounts. Payments will be applied to your students meal account at 6:50 AM, 9:35 AM, 11:05 AM, 12:05 PM and at night at 11:35PM daily to update the meal account balance. Balances can be checked at any time by visiting **linqconnect.com**. Negative balance notices will be emailed weekly to parents during the school year. Meal account balance notices are sent on Friday to notify you of the current amount as your student(s) may/or may not spend money to purchase 2nd meals or Al-a-Carte items.

An account needs to be created to view your child's meal balance at **linqconnect.com**. Linq Connect/Titan IT support is available by dialing 1-844-467-4700 (Option 2 Option 1 for assistance).

Contact Food Services for meal account issues by phone at 480-541-1368 or email at kbs@kyrene.org.

Unpaid Meal policy

SMART SNACKS: Please contact the SFE office by calling 480-541-1660 or by email for information regarding Smart Snacks and the current list of items.
Email: foodservice@kyrene.org.

Cielo PTO's 2025 - 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

cielopto.org

July

21 - Meet the Teacher
21 - Raising Cane's

August

1 - Jeremiahs @ Cielo
7 - Volunteer Q&A
8 - Back to School Bingo Party
11-15 - Culver's week**
19 - PTO Meeting
23* - Aspire KNO

September

10 - Rubio's
16 - PTO Meeting
17 - Coffee Chat
18 - Parent Social
25 - Zoyo
26 - Cielo Fun Run

October

21 - PTO Meeting
20-24 - Book Fair
24 - Pumpkinpalooza
29 - Chipotle

November

9 - Family Kickball
14 - Jeremiahs @ Cielo
15* - All Star KNO
18 - PTO Meeting
25 - Turkey Trot
26 - Freely

December

2 - Five Guys
8 - Movie Night
16 - PTO Meeting
16 - MOD Pizza
16-17 - Gift of Time

January

13 - Feta Cowboy
20 - PTO Meeting
30 - Coffee Chat
30 - Fancy Dance

February

5 - Chick-fil-A
7* - Aspire KNO
17 - PTO Meeting
24 - Flower Child
28 - Carnival

March

2-6 - Book Fair
5 - Brusters
6 - Field Day
23 - Slick City
27 - Jeremiahs @ Cielo

April

1 - Freely
1 - Parent social @ Freely
10 - Postino S. Tempe
21 - PTO Meeting
25* - All Star KNO
27 - Movie Night

May

4-8 - Teacher Appreciation Week
11-15 - BOGO Book Fair
19 - PTO Meeting
19 - Yearbook Signing Party @ PPP
26-28 - 5th Grade celebration week

*Kids Night Out (KNO) dates subject to change pending district approval
**Teacher night at Culver's is Weds 8/13

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Coffee Chat with Mrs. Kingsland
Come Discuss PBIS and the 90 day Plan!
SWEET TREATS!
September 17, 2025
7:30am in the staff Lounge

FROM THE OFFICE

Student Attendance
We know from research and experience that regular attendance and being on time to school are two factors that help shape a child's attitude and performance at school. These are also lifelong habits that are important for your child. Therefore, we consider school attendance a very important factor in your children's academic success. Please review the following procedures for school attendance.

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.

Absences
Parents must call the attendance line at 480-541-2401 (24 hour message machine) when your child is absent. We can no longer accept email notifications from parents or messages from teachers. This information must be conveyed via a phone call to our front office staff or a recorded message left on our attendance line. If the school does not hear from you or cannot get in touch with you, your child will be marked unexcused truant until our attendance clerk has made contact with you. For your child's safety, it is important for the school to be notified of an absence. You may check your child's absences and tardies through your ParenVue account.

Have You Moved?
If you have moved, please log in to ParentVue and update your new information. You will also need to upload your new utility bill/lease/mortgage agreement. We also will need families to sign a new State of Arizona Residence form that is located in the front office. We appreciate your assistance with this.

Parent Information Nights

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 District Office
8700 South Kyrene Road
Tempe, AZ 85284

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

Cielo: Car Lane Drop Off & Pick Up

Cielo families,

It's been a fantastic first day of school! Thank you for having your children ready with their school supplies, lunches, water bottles, smiling faces and positive attitudes.

Here is some information about our morning drop-off & afternoon pick-up procedures:

The drive through car lane is the preferred method for dropping off and picking up students. Please see the map below indicating how to enter the drive through lane or how to enter the parking lot if you want to park your car and walk up.

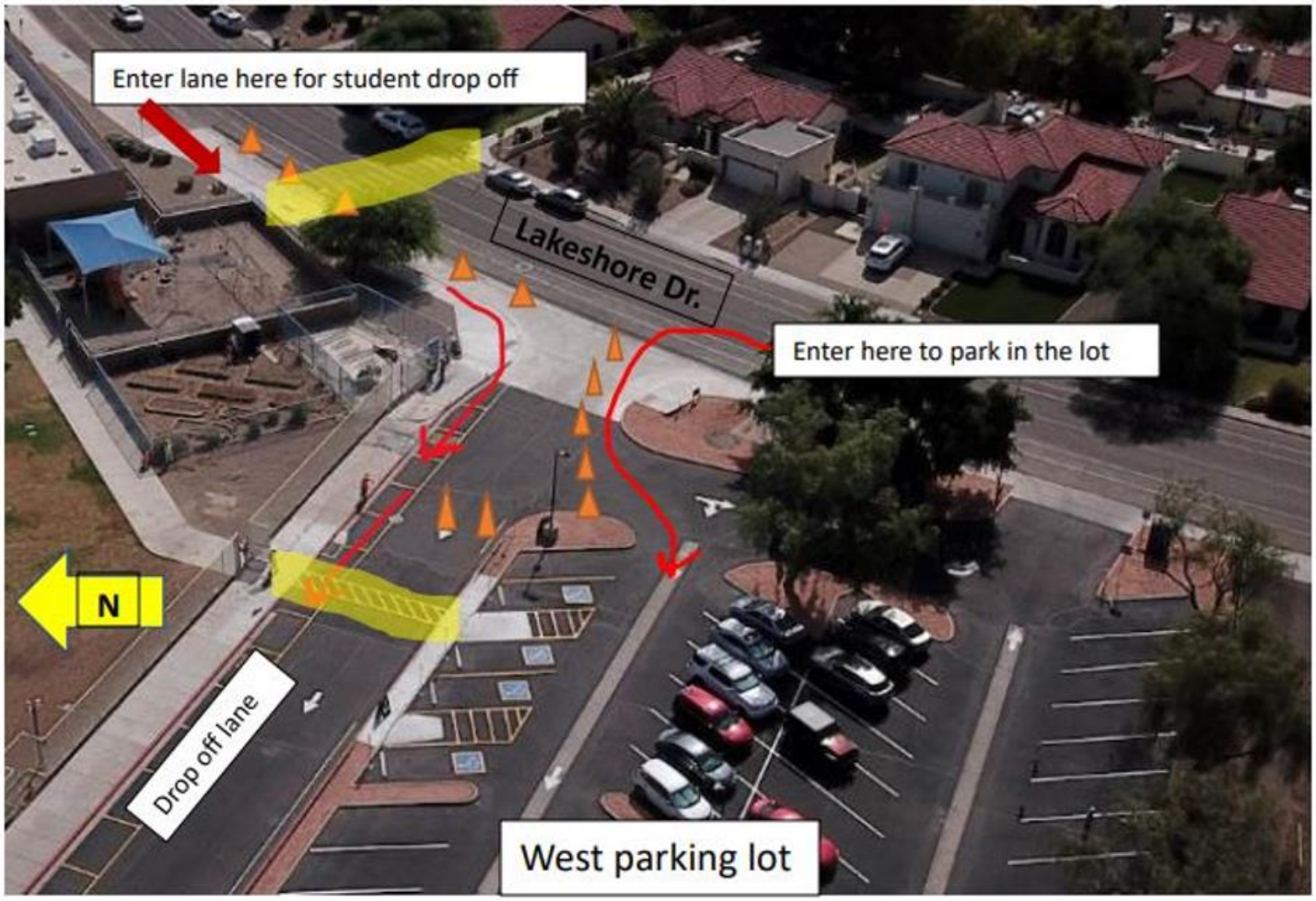
Please do NOT cross over into the lanes of traffic shown by the red arrows. We ask that all families using the drive through drop off lane must enter from the east side of Lakeshore.

If you are going to park your car in the west parking lot, please enter coming from the south on Lakeshore Drive.

Most importantly:

- **Drive slowly with caution**
- **Follow the 15MPH speed limit**

- **Please be patient with all the traffic**
- **Watch for children at all times**
- **Always use the crosswalks**
- **on Lakehsore Drive**
- **in the drive through lane**



ACADEMIC CALENDAR

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

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Q1 Student Days: 47

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Q2 Student Days: 44

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Q3 Student Days: 42

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Q4 Student Days: 47

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Total Student Days: 180
Total Returning/New Teacher Days: 190/194

- DATES TO REMEMBER
- HOLIDAYS & BREAKS - NO SCHOOL
- TEACHER & STAFF DAYS - NO SCHOOL

2 Hour Early Release Days

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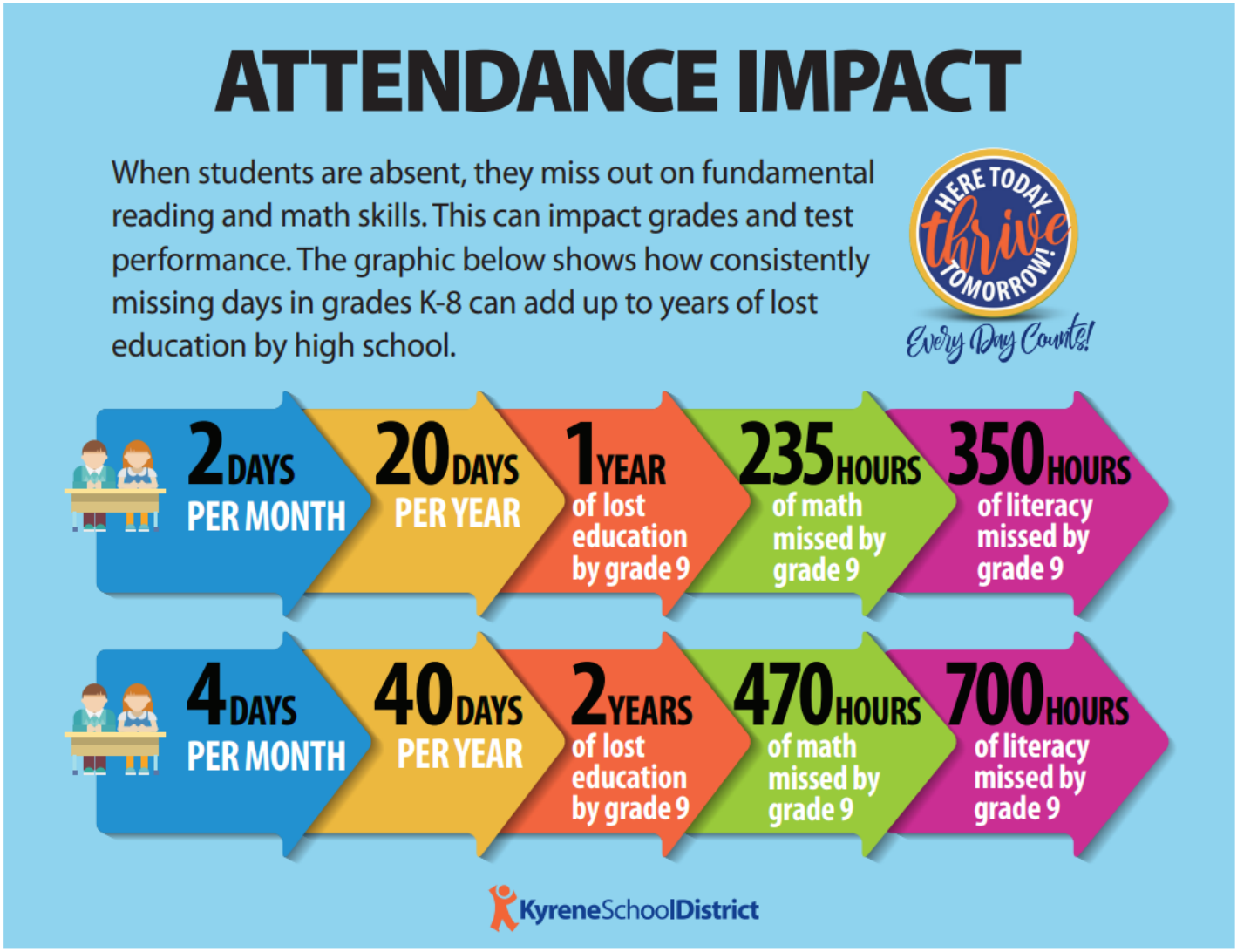

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Quick Links

School Website
Breakfast/Lunch Menu
2025-26 Calendar
ParentVue

Upcoming Events

2025-26

Sept. 11 & 12 - Parent/Teacher Conferences, Early Release
Sept. 29 - Oct 10 - Fall Break

Oct. 13 - Teacher Plan Day, No School
Nov. 11 - Veterans Day, No School
Nov. 26, 27, 28 - Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 22 - Jan. 2 - Winter Break
2026
Jan. 5 - Teacher Plan Day, No School
Jan. 19 - MLK Day, No School
Feb. 5 & 6 - Parent Teacher Conferences, Early Release
Feb. 16 - Presidents' Day, No School
Mar. 9 - 20 - Spring Break
Mar. 23 - Teacher Plan Day, No School
April 18 - Early Release
May 25 - Memorial Day, No School
May 28 - Last Day of School

If you haven't done this yet! Please sign up to receive text messages, as we use this as a quick parent communication to families.

Kyrene Online Payment Center

Click here to access the Payment Center

Contact Us

Kyrene del Cielo
1350 N. Lakeshore Drive
Chandler, AZ 85226

Phone: 480-541-2400
Fax: 480-541-2410
Attendance: 480-541-2401

School Hours: 7:30am – 2:15 pm
Every Wednesday at 12:15 pm

Office Hours: 7:00 am – 3:30 pm
Every Wednesday at 1:30 pm