



CHALLENGER NEWS

September 5, 2025

Upcoming Mariposa Events

SEPTEMBER

- 6 Night for Kyrene Gala, 6:00pm-10:00pm
- 10 **Early Release, 12:15pm** Parent Teacher Conferences
Chip's Night Out at Barro's Pizza, see PTO info below
- 11 Patriots' Day Assembly - see PTO info Below
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- 29 - Oct 10 Fall Break - Schools Closed

OCTOBER

- 13 Teacher Work Day - Schools Closed
- 14 School Resumes



Parent Teacher Conferences

Our fall Parent Teacher Conferences are next week on September 10, 11 and 12. All of these days are EARLY RELEASE at 12:15pm. If you still need to sign up for a conference, be sure to check your emails or reach out to your child's teacher, as invitations were sent last week.

Chip's Cheers Winners!

Students who have received Chip's Cheers were recognized by teachers or staff as a leader on campus by following Chip's Way: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe.

Congratulations!

K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Max	Agustin	Messiah	Wilder	Michael	Maria
Zander	Jace	Remy	Arianna	Kiarah	Mila
	Tabitha	Eden	Kai	Alexa	



Kyrene de la Mariposa



Mariposa Families,

As we shared last week, we send a **note of support** to our families and this special community of dedicated staff and teachers. ***Thank you for the outpouring of support for our beloved Mariposa community*** since last week's news about Kyrene's Long Range Planning. Many of you have offered to attend the public hearings. Please reach out to us at kyrenemariposapto@gmail.com if you'd like to join us.

Stay up-to-date by following Mariposa PTO on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

During this time of uncertainty about the future of Mariposa, we want you to know that we remain steadfast in our support of you, our Mariposa community, and are dedicated to making this our *best year yet*.

Your Mariposa PTO Board

Co-Presidents: Jennifer Olanon and Kelsey Wolf-Donnay

Secretary: Jennifer Pratt

Treasurer: Sarah Alexander

In-School Support: Jeni Fuhrmann

Fundraising: Suzanne Percy

Mariposa PTO Family Directory

Thank you for filling out the Mariposa Family Directory over the past few weeks.

[View the Family Directory](#)

Please reach out to us at kyrenemariposapto@gmail.com or send us a message on [Instagram](#) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.



Connect with the PTO:

[Mariposa PTO Facebook](#)

[Mariposa Instagram](#)

[Mariposa PTO Website](#)

PTO Calendar



We've made it easy for you to stay in sync with our events. **Subscribe to the PTO calendar** and MAGIC... it appears alongside your personal calendar.

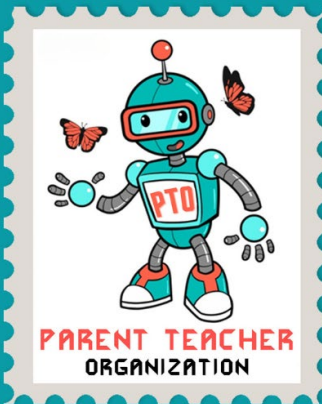
Android Calendar: [Android PTO Calendar](#)

iPhone: [iPhone PTO Calendar](#)

Mark your calendars for our next events:

Next PTO Events:

- Chip's Night Out at Barro's Pizza (Kyrene & Warner) on Wednesday, September 10 - all day - take out, dine-in with fellow Mariposa families or order delivery. Just make sure to mention Mariposa!
 - Thursday, Sept. 11 - Patriots' Day Assembly - Calling all Cub and Girl Scouts from any troops/packs, you are invited to recite the Pledge of Allegiance in the Library in your uniforms during the morning announcements.
 - Save the date - Trunk or Treat - Friday, October 24 from 5 to 7 p.m. Stay tuned for more details!
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MARIPOSA RESTAURANT NIGHT

20% of proceeds will go
back to Mariposa!



**DINE OUT OR
PICK UP ON
WEDNESDAY,
SEPT. 10**

Barro's Pizza
Kyrene & Warner
Mention Mariposa

School and District Communication

Speak up Kyrene

Kyrene School District is proud to announce that later this month, we will officially launch Speak Up Kyrene, an anonymous reporting system available 24/7/365. This tool is a partnership with Sandy Hook Promise and Navigate360, and will provide licensed crisis counselors and a safe way for students, families, and community members to share concerns such as bullying or threats. Be on the lookout for an email from the District with more information once the system goes live.

Night For Kyrene

The Night for Kyrene gala is Saturday, September 6th at 6:00pm at Wild Horse Pass Casino and Resort. This is the Foundation's largest fundraising event and sets us up to fund all Holiday meals and gifts, Grants for Teachers and Principals, Community Ed scholarships, Slater Newman awards, new teacher gift cards, retirement gifts, supply the Kyrene Resource center and MORE! We are aiming to raise \$80,000. Find out more information about sponsorships, tickets, and tables at www.kyrenefoundation.org

**KYRENE 2025-26
SCHOOL YEAR
PARENT TRAININGS**



ESS Parent Trainings

Plan to attend the following ESS parent trainings:
All trainings will be at the District Office from 6-7:30 pm.

SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

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.

OCTOBER 20, 2025

HANDS ON OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Come and explore items and get ideas from our Occupational therapists and Assistive Technology specialist. An area will also be set up for families to make and take items home to use with your children.

NOVEMBER 20, 2025

CALM BODIES, READY MINDS

Understanding Sensory Processing and the Functions of Behavior to Promote Home and Classroom Readiness. Join Bri Armijo, Lead Behavior Intervention Teacher and Amy Hecker OTR/L, Lead OT to learn different strategies to support self-regulation and sensory processing to improve your child's readiness for home life and in the classroom.



JANUARY 12, 2026

OVERVIEW AND Q&A WITH THE DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND ENCIRCLE FAMILIES

Join us for an information session with representatives from the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) and Encircle Families. They will provide an introduction to the supports and services their organizations provide to children with disabilities and their families and be available for questions after the presentation.

FEBRUARY 19, 2026

IEP TRAINING WITH ENCIRCLE FAMILIES

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APRIL 1, 2026

EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY

Parents are invited to learn more about the importance of oral language & reading in the home to set up children for school readiness. Each participant will be able to take home an early literacy bag.

APRIL 22, 2026

ESS FAMILY RESOURCE FAIR

Kyrene del Pueblo Middle School. More information to come!

REPEAT INFORMATION

**PLEASE READ
TEXT MESSAGE SYSTEM**

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.



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](#).

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.

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!

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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

PORTRAIT
OF A
KYRENE KID 

ADAPTABLE LEARNER • SELF-ADVOCATE • COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTOR
COMMUNICATOR • CRITICAL THINKER • PROBLEM SOLVER • COLLABORATOR
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