



CHALLENGER NEWS

September 12, 2025

Message from Principal

Dear Families,

As I write this, I hope that you and your families had an enjoyable Labor Day Holiday weekend! On Thursday, September 11th Mariposa featured our Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and two parents who were Army Veterans in a Patriot's Day Ceremony at the start of the school day. The announcements commemorated and remembered all the heroes who were forged in the hours, days and years that followed that terrible morning of September 11, 2001. This commemoration marks the 24th year since this tragedy occurred. On Thursday morning you should have received a text message of the morning announcements. Enjoy!

Fall Break is just around the corner beginning on Monday, September 29th with students returning on Tuesday, October 14th. Monday, October 13th is Teacher Planning Day.

Our PTO remains very active throughout the year and is organizing a Scholastic Book Fair for the Week of October 20th and a Trunk or Treat for October 25th for our community. Please join us at these special events.

Thank you for being an important part of our Mariposa community. I am grateful for having the opportunity to work in this special place for my 14th year. Mariposa is home to a Computer Science Academy, to supportive and wonderful families and most importantly, beautiful children who are a joy to see and interact with each day!
Sincerely,

Spencer Fallgatter, Principal

Upcoming Mariposa Events

SEPTEMBER

- 15 - No Place for Hate, 2:20pm-3:15pm
PTO Meeting, Mariposa Library, 5:30pm-6:30pm
- 16 - Governing Board Meeting, 6:00pm

18 - Third Grade Musical Performance, MPR, 6:00pm
20 - PTO Park Meet Up, Green Park, 8:00am-10:00am
29 - Oct 10 Fall Break - Schools Closed

OCTOBER

13 Teacher Work Day - Schools Closed
14 School Resumes

Patriot Day

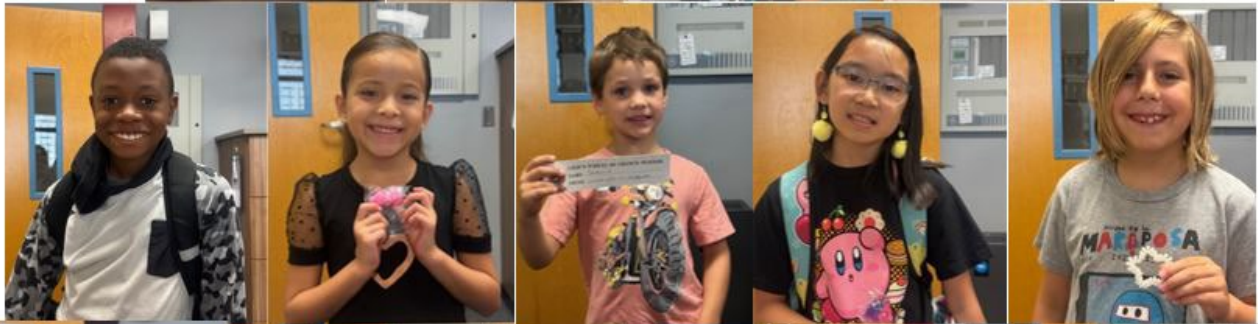


We were proud to have Army Veterans and Mariposa parents, Josefina Quiroga and Irelin O'Donnell join us during our Patriot Day news broadcast. We honored their service to our country and the lives of those who perished on September 11, 2001, 24 years ago today. They were joined by Mariposa Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts representing the following troops: Girl Scout Troops 2567, 3222 and 1234 and Cub Scout Packs 178 and 472. If you would like to see the news broadcast, please use this link: [Mariposa News: Patriot Day](#)

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	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Salem	Elaina	CC	Lilliana	Je'myah	Aly
Thiago	Iris	Blake	Quentin	Andrew	DJ
	Shakira	Peyton	Charlotte	Tara	MaKayla



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.

Student Assessment Reports

Beginning of the year district assessment reports have been posted to ParentVUE. Families are able to access the results through ParentVue in the documents section. Need help accessing the reports? See the information below for directions with screenshots. Need help understanding the reports how to support your child? See the family guide for each assessment or reach out to your child's teacher.

Assessment Results in ParentVUE

Navigate to the ParentVUE website (www.kyrene.org/pvue)

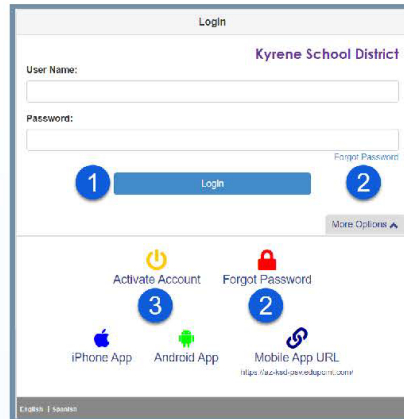
ParentVUE Login

Forgot Password

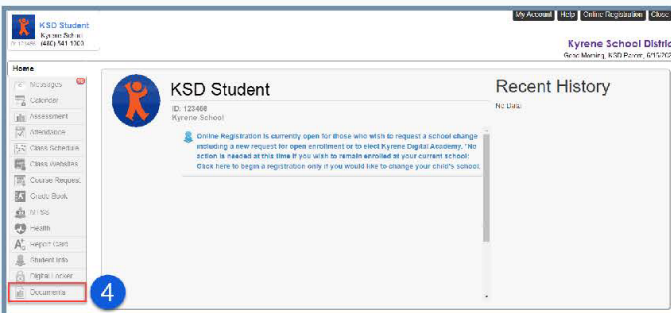
Activate Account

View Assessment
Results

1. Enter your Username and password and click the **Login** button.
2. If you are unsure what your username or password is, click the **Forgot Password** link. The username associated with your ParentVUE account will be emailed to you along with a link to reset your password.
3. If you do not have a ParentVUE account, contact your child's school to issue you an Activation Key with directions on how to create an account.



4. Once logged in to ParentVUE, click on the **Documents** tab on the left-hand side.



5. Click on the blue hyperlink in the "Document" column to open each report.

DOCUMENTS		
Documents		
Upload Date	Document	Document Category
06/15/2021	AzMERIT Spring 2021 Math	Assessment Results
06/15/2021	AzMERIT Spring 2021 ELA	Assessment Results
01/29/2021	2020-2021 2nd Quarter Grading Report	Report Cards
10/27/2020	2020-21 1st Quarter Grading Report	Report Cards
05/28/2020	2019-20 4th Quarter Grading Report	Report Cards
03/21/2020	2019-20 3rd Quarter Grading Report	Report Cards
07/29/2019	AzMERIT Spring 2019 ELA	Assessment Results
07/29/2019	AzMERIT Spring 2019 Math	Assessment Results

Understanding Your Student's i-Ready Diagnostic Results

For Families

What is the Diagnostic?

The Diagnostic is an adaptive assessment that adjusts its questions for each student. As a student answers correctly, the questions get more difficult. As a student answers incorrectly, the questions get easier. This adaptability allows the Diagnostic to identify the strengths and opportunities for growth of each student.

Why is my student taking it?

The purpose of the Diagnostic is not to give your student a grade, but instead to determine how best to support their learning. It will help your student's teacher(s) determine their needs, personalize their learning, and monitor progress throughout the year.

How should I interpret my student's results?

How is my student doing overall?

The goal is for your student to be performing at or above grade level, which means they have mastered the skills students at that grade level are expected to master and are prepared to learn more advanced skills.

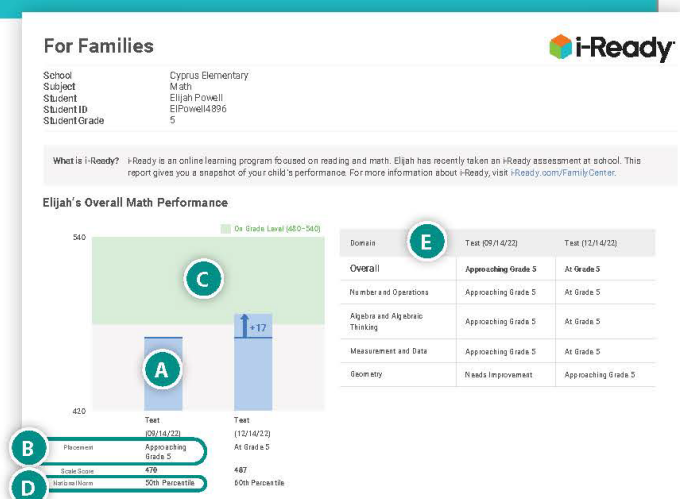
On the For Families report, the **A** blue bar(s) on the graph and the corresponding **B** placement level(s) indicate how your student performed on each test in relation to their grade level, which is indicated by the **C** green shading. The **D** National Norm percentile below the graph indicates how your student performed in relation to students in the same grade level nationwide.

How is my student doing in specific learning areas?

Students have different areas of strengths and opportunities for growth. It is important to understand how your student did in more specific learning areas, which are called **domains**. The **E** domain table shows how your student did in specific domains and helps teachers know where to build on strengths and focus their support.

How is my student progressing over time?

The goal is also for your student to be making progress in their learning. After your student has taken more than one Diagnostic in the school year, you will see results for each Diagnostic, allowing you to see the progress your student is making both overall and in each domain.





Starting September 15, Kyrene families will have a new way to manage student meal accounts. In addition to InTouch Receipting and cash/check payments, families may now use **LINQ Connect**—a website and mobile app that allows instant deposits, spending limits, alerts, sibling transfers, and more.

Learn more at the [Food Services webpage](#).



A Message from Your Mariposa PTO



Kyrene de la Mariposa



Hi Mariposa families,

We are hard at work supporting our amazing teachers and staff. Thank you to the many volunteers who have stepped up to help our Mariposa Together efforts! 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](#).

Your Mariposa PTO Board

Co-Presidents: Jennifer Olonan and Kelsey Wolf-Donnay

Secretary: Jennifer Pratt

Treasurer: Sarah Alexander

In-School Support: Jeni Fuhrmann

Fundraising: Suzanne Percy

Mariposa PTO Family Directory

[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:

- MONDAY, Sept. 15 from 5:30 to 6:30 PM- Everyone is welcome to our monthly PTO meetings! Join us in the Library at Mariposa or via Google Meet. Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ooz-ghyq-ens>
- Saturday, Sept. 20 - 8 to 10 AM - Park Meet-up - Green Park
- Save the date:
- Fall Scholastic Book Fair - Week of October 20
- Trunk or Treat - Friday, October 24 from 5 to 7 p.m. Stay tuned for more details!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EAFA62AA1FBC52-58081483-mariposa#/>

School and District Communication

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SCHOOL YEAR
PARENT TRAININGS



ESS Parent Trainings

Plan to attend the following ESS parent training

HANDS ON OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

OCTOBER 20, 2025

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.

October 20, 2025 | 6-7:30 pm
Kyrene District Office

Scan the QR code to register or go to:
<https://forms.gle/Qgzi7eFVNN3eEbYX8>

Contact Amy Dill, adill@kyrene.org
for more information.



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 **KyreneSchoolDistrict**

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.



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!

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

<p>PORTRAIT OF A KYRENE KID</p> 	<p>ADAPTABLE LEARNER • SELF-ADVOCATE • COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTOR COMMUNICATOR • CRITICAL THINKER • PROBLEM SOLVER • COLLABORATOR</p> <p>READY FOR THE FUTURE. HIGH SCHOOL. COLLEGE. CAREER. LIFE.</p>
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