Kyrene de la Mirada - Leadership Academy

MIRADA NEWS

September 12, 2025

Message from the Principal

Dear Mirada Families and Staff,

I want to take a moment to address the uncertainty surrounding the possibility of closure. I know this news may feel heavy, and it's natural to experience concern and worry. Please know that we are committed to keeping you informed and supporting one another every step of the way.

While we don't yet know what the future will hold, one thing remains clear: our community is strong, resilient, and deeply connected. Together, we've built something truly special—full of care, dedication, and hope for brighter days ahead.

We encourage everyone to stay positive and hopeful. No matter the outcome, the spirit of this community will continue. Let's hold on to the good we've shared, the progress we've made, and the belief that challenges can bring new opportunities.

I want to share with you a message that the principal of Kyrene de las Manitas sent to the Manitas community this week. It answers common questions that have arisen in our own school community, regarding the current learning model and grade level configurations at Manitas. This information has also been added to the online FAQs at www.kyrene.org/longrangeplan today. Should the board approve the Long-Range Planning

Committee's recommendation, there would be much more to come, but I wanted to make sure you all have this information as it becomes available.

Thank you for your continued support, your kindness, and your trust. We are stronger together, and together we will face whatever comes next.

Read-a-thon Update

Thank you so much for supporting our Read-a-thon! As your child reads each day, please help them log their reading minutes so they get full credit for their hard work. Every minute counts toward their personal goals, classroom totals, and our school-wide success!

Your encouragement makes a big difference—when children see their families invested in their reading, they feel motivated to read even more. Together, we're building lifelong readers and making this Read-a-thon a success!

Congratulations to Mrs. Williams' Kindergarten Class, Mrs. Williams' Second Grade Class and Mrs. Juetten's Fourth Grade Class for registering 100% of their students on FundHub for our Read-a-thon. ONLY 54% of our students are registered.

Please take a moment to register your child. To register just go to www.getmovinfundhub.com. If you had an account last year just sign in and follow the steps to set up your child for this year. Otherwise create an account, our school identifier is 66b0be620f5dc.

As of right now, students have logged 99,802 minutes and have raised $22,055. Our school goal is to log 250,000 minutes and to raise $35,000.

Parent Teacher Conferences

A big thank you to all of our parents for taking the time to attend parent-teacher conferences. Your partnership and involvement mean so much and play an important role in your child's growth and success. We truly value working together to support our students!

M&O Override Continuation

The Kyrene Governing Board has called for a special election on **November 4, 2025**, to seek voter approval for the continuation of our **15% Maintenance & Operations (M&O) Override**. This measure is crucial for maintaining the quality of education and services our students deserve. If the M&O Override should pass, the tax rate would not increase and the average home owner would continue to pay approximately $178 per year based on the average limited assessed home value in the District.

This funding supports:

Teacher Salaries: Ensuring competitive pay to attract and retain qualified educators.

Reduced Class Sizes: Maintaining smaller class sizes by funding the equivalent of 200 teaching positions.

Special Area Instruction: Providing access to art, music, physical education, and more across all Kyrene schools.

Student Support Services: Offering services such as physical and occupational therapy, speech, vision, and hearing services.

💬 Stay Informed

The Kyrene Long-Range Planning Committee has provided a Fact Sheet with detailed information about the override continuation. We encourage all community members to review this material and participate in upcoming public hearings to share your thoughts and questions.

Recovery Update

I'm happy to share that my recovery from hip replacement surgery is going well. Each day I'm getting a little stronger and feeling better. Thank you for all the care, encouragement, and support—it truly means so much!

Kindly,

Michelle Anderson

Upcoming Events

September 15-19	Monarch WEEK OUT at Culver's-Mention Mirada when ordering!
September 16	Picture Make Ups for Absent students
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
	3rd Grade Performance 6pm in the MPR
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

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 attachment for directions with screenshots. Need help understanding the reports or how to support your child? See the family guide for each assessment or reach out to your child's teacher.

Understanding i-Ready Results Assessment Results in ParentVUE

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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.



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.*

Families, please make sure you are signed up to receive text messages. Two texts went out this week regarding Picture Day and Early Release. School newsletters are also sent via text. We want to make sure you have access to all the important news regarding school events and happenings. You can also stay informed by checking out the Mirada website at https://mir.kyrene.org/.

Stay Connected

Be sure to Text "Y" to 675-87 to accept emergency text alerts and information from Kyrene School District AND Mirada Leadership Academy.

Don't forget your Parent Vue is a great resource for information.

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Kyrene de la Mirada

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

Leadership Academy

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Chandler, AZ 85226

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

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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

Kids Club: 480-541-4230



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