



OCTOBER 2025

A NOTE FROM **MRS. RODRIGUEZ**

As we wrap up the first quarter of the school year, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for your continued support and partnership. It's been truly rewarding to witness our students' academic progress, social growth, and the vibrant sense of community that continues to thrive across our campus.

From inspiring classroom activities to unforgettable school-wide events, our students have shown remarkable curiosity, compassion, and resilience. We're incredibly proud of their achievements and excited to build on this momentum as we head into Quarter Two.

Please take note of the following important dates and upcoming events:

- **Fall Break**
 - Dates: **September 29 – October 13**
 - School Resumes: **Tuesday, October 14**
- **PTO Meeting**
 - Date: **Wednesday, October 15 at 7:15 AM**
- **Absentee Photo Day**
 - Date: **Thursday, October 23**
 - Details: This session is for students who were absent on the original picture day or those who have registered and paid for retakes via the School Pics website.
- **Trunk or Treat**
 - Date: **Friday, October 24 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM**

Thank you for being an essential part of our school community. We look forward to a successful and enriching second quarter.

Mrs. Margaret Rodriguez

Principal





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.

ATTENDANCE

If your student will be late or absent, please call our 24 hour attendance line at **480-541-5601**

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.



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TRUNK OR TREAT



VISITORS TO WAGGONER

To maintain a safe and focused learning environment, the following visitor guidelines are in place:

Check-In Procedures

- **All visitors** must **enter through the front office**.
- If the visit is deemed appropriate, visitors must:
 - Sign in with their **name, reason for visit**, and **time**.
 - Present a **physical valid photo ID** to exchange for a **numbered visitor badge**.
 - **Digital ID's are not accepted.**
- Visitors **must wear their visitor badge** at all times while on campus.
- No one is permitted on school grounds without a valid, numbered badge.

Volunteers and Guests

- Volunteers and visitors are asked **not to bring siblings or other non-students** with them to campus.
Siblings and other non-students are also **not permitted on school-sponsored field trips**.



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 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.

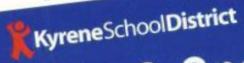
[ASSESSMENT RESULTS IN ParentVUE](#)

[FAMILY GUIDE TO HOME CONNECT LETTERS FOR DIBELS](#)

[UNDERSTANDING YOUR STUDENT'S I-READY DIAGNOSTIC RESULTS](#)

[FAMILY GUIDE TO NWEA GROWTH ASSESSMENTS](#)

M & O ELECTION



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.

Prioritizing Spending on Student Success

Kyrene consistently invests more money into classroom needs when compared to peer and state averages.



One out of every five Kyrene teaching positions is funded by the M&O Override.

12 Kyrene schools hold the **A+ Schools of Excellence™** designation from the AEF.

Kyrene schools consistently outperform peer districts, charter schools, and state averages on academic assessments and benchmarks.

#10 in Arizona for directing the **highest percentage** of operational spending to the classroom. (Out of 210 districts.)

Kyrene dedicates approximately **75% of the operational budget to classroom spending**, while 25% supports non-classroom operations.



Voters have consistently supported Kyrene's M&O Override since 2003.



Financial Responsibility

Kyrene School District operates under strict fiscal stewardship and has received national awards for excellence in financial reporting for 30+ years. Kyrene also holds the highest credit rating given to public school districts. Taxpayers and community members can review Kyrene's Budget Annual Report online at kyrene.org/budget.

OCTOBER	OCTOBER	OCTOBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
6	8	24	28	4
Voter Registration Deadline	Ballots Mailed Drop Boxes Open	Last Day to Request Replacement Ballot	Last Day to Mail Ballots	Election Day

This is a mail-in election. Voters have the option to return ballots by mail, drop it off at a secure ballot drop box or voting location, or vote with a replacement ballot in-person.



For more information, visit www.kyrene.org/election



KYRENE LONG RANGE PLANNING

Kyrene School District is facing some of the most important decisions in its history. Over the past decade, declining birth rates, an aging population, and limited affordable housing have led to steady decreases in student enrollment. Today, Kyrene serves about 12,000 students in schools built for 20,000, and resources are stretched across too many campuses, making it difficult to provide the level of support every school community deserves.

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.

This page is designed as a central hub for information. Here, you will find timelines, FAQs, background and updates to help you stay informed and engaged throughout the process.

LONG RANGE INFORMATION

Upcoming School Events

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 1: NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

SEPTEMBER 8-12: Book Fair

SEPTEMBER 10,11,12: Early Release /
Conferences

SEPTEMBER 19: School Pictures

SEPTEMBER 26: Last Day of Quarter 1

SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 10: NO
SCHOOL Fall Break

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 1-10: NO SCHOOL - Fall Break

OCTOBER 13: NO SCHOOL - Teacher plan
day

OCTOBER 24: Trunk or Treat

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I NEED TO STAY HOME IF.....

I have a fever	I have vomiting or diarrhea	I have a sore throat with fever	I have a rash	I have red, itchy, or draining eyes	I have a persistent Cough
Temperature of 100.4* or higher	Within past 24 hours	Severe sore throat and/or fever of 100.4* or higher.	Body rash with itching/fever or contagious skin condition	Redness, itching and/or draining from eye.	Constant cough or croupy cough or breathing issues.

I AM READY TO RETURN TO SCHOOL WHEN.....

Fever free <u>without the assistance of medications for 24 hours.</u>	Free from vomiting or diarrhea for <u>24 hours</u>	Free from fever or severe sore throat if "strep throat" is diagnosed, student must be on medication for 24 hours before returning to school.	Free from rash, itching or fever and, if needed, evaluated by a doctor.	Free from draining. If "pink eye" is diagnosed, student must be on medication for 24 hours before returning to school.	Cough is more under control and not distracting from school activities.
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**READY
FOR THE
FUTURE**

**Enroll Your
Child Today**
www.kyrene.org
KyreneSchoolDistrict

Contact Us

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Tempe, AZ 85284

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School Hours: 7:30 am – 2:15 pm

Early Dismissal 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

READY FOR THE FUTURE. HIGH SCHOOL. COLLEGE. CAREER. LIFE.