



# CHALLENGER NEWS

October 17, 2025

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## Upcoming Mariposa Events

### OCTOBER

20 - Mariposa PTO Meeting, Room 28/Online, 5:30pm - 6:30pm

20-24 - Fall Book Fair, during lunch recess [Volunteers Needed](#)

24 - Trunk or Treat & Family Book Fair, info below, 5:00pm - 7:00pm

27 - Running Club - Info below

Mariposa PTO Kindness Fundraiser Kick-Off

See PTO Information below for upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

**Reminder: Every Wednesday is Early Release at 12:15pm**

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## Message from Principal

Dear Families,

I hope that you and your families had a relaxing Fall Break! We are excited to be back in school and are looking forward to a great second quarter!

Trunk or Treat is returning on Friday, October 24th. The event will be held on the north field from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Food trucks will be available for families to purchase dinner and 1st; 2nd & 3rd place gift card prizes will be given to the trunks receiving the most votes. Support your child's classroom by donating candy for this exciting event. The class that brings in the most candy before Friday, October 24th will win a popsicle party.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the week of October 20th during the school day as well as in the MPR on Friday the 24th during Trunk or Treat. Be on the lookout for a flyer explaining when and how your child will have the opportunity to purchase books.

Be on the lookout for information about our PTO's Kindness Fundraiser. It will officially begin on Monday, October 27th. Your support is very much appreciated as the funds raised provide additional resources for teachers in their classrooms. It does take a village and this village working together will experience great success! To celebrate the success of our fundraiser, your students will be participating in a Day of Awesomeness on Tuesday,

November 18th. Children will have the opportunity to enjoy an inflatable extravaganza. This is a day to dress in comfortable clothing and tennis shoes. As we get closer to the date, be on the lookout for a signup genius inviting you to support our students on this special day!

We are excited that students are back and engaged in their learning with the second quarter having officially begun on Wednesday, October 15th. We have finally transitioned to cooler weather, making students' time on the playground more productive and enjoyable.

Thank you for being an important part of our Mariposa community. I am grateful for having the opportunity to work in this special place. 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

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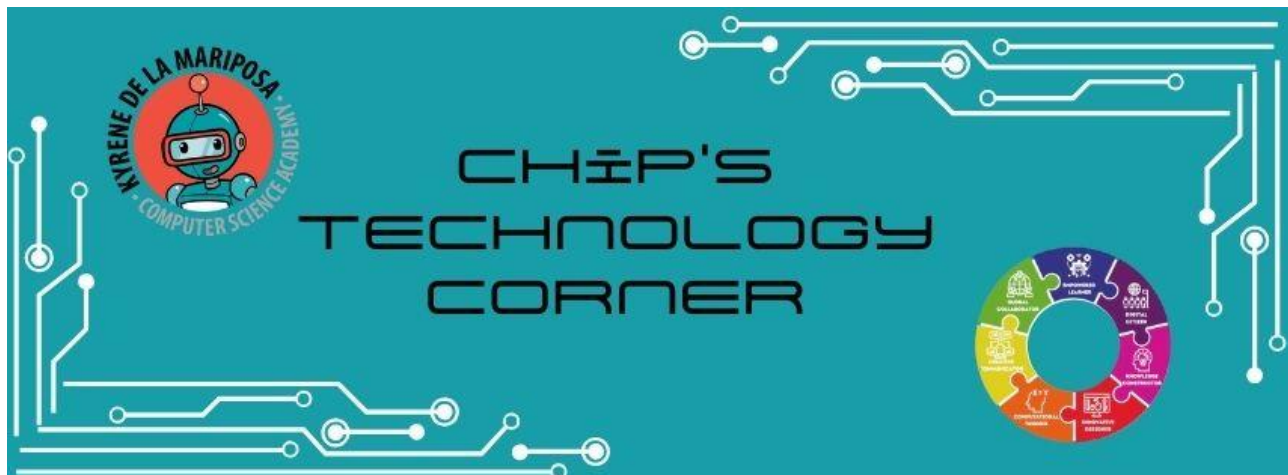
## Chip's Cheers Winners!

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 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Eliza	Lauren	Ty'keira	Greyson	Princeton	Riley
Luis	Kyle	Jocilynne	Ray	Lachelle	Antonio
		Ryan		Knight	



In the September 19th Challenger News we shared the ISTE Standards for Students. Of the seven standards, this newsletter will focus on the Creative Communicator. As a Creative Communicator, students communicate clearly and express themselves creatively for a variety of purposes using the platforms, tools, styles, formats and digital media appropriate to their goals. Students first have to choose platforms or tools for meeting the desired objectives of their creation or communication. Students create original and remixed works where they responsibly repurpose or remix digital resources in new creations. Students also use digital tools to visually communicate complex ideas to others. Finally, students publish or present content that customizes the message and medium for their intended audiences.



## Kyrene Running Club

Kyrene Running Club encourages a healthy and active lifestyle for students while having fun with their friends!

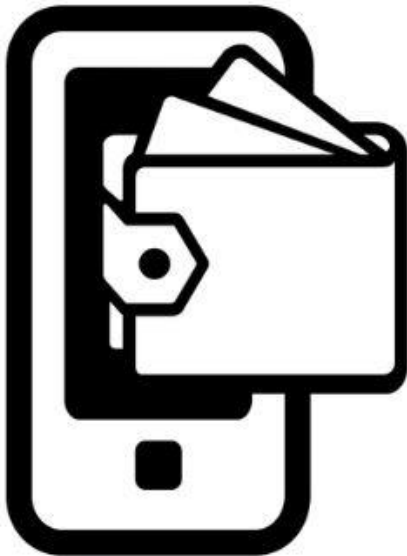
Practice begins the week of October 27th.

K-2 will practice once a week  
3-5 will practice twice a week

The class culminates with a final fun run on December 13th in conjunction with the district Cross Country championship

Registration Fee:  
Grades K-2 \$85  
Grades 3-5 \$100

[Run to registration today!](#)



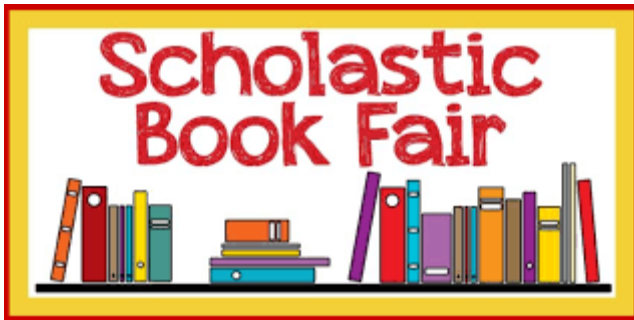
## Set Up Your Scholastic Book Fair eWallet

The easy way for kids to pay!

Easy for families to set up, easy for others to contribute. eWallet lets your child shop independently and choose books they want to read. After the Fair, any unspent funds become a Scholastic eGift balance to use at a future Fair or to shop online.

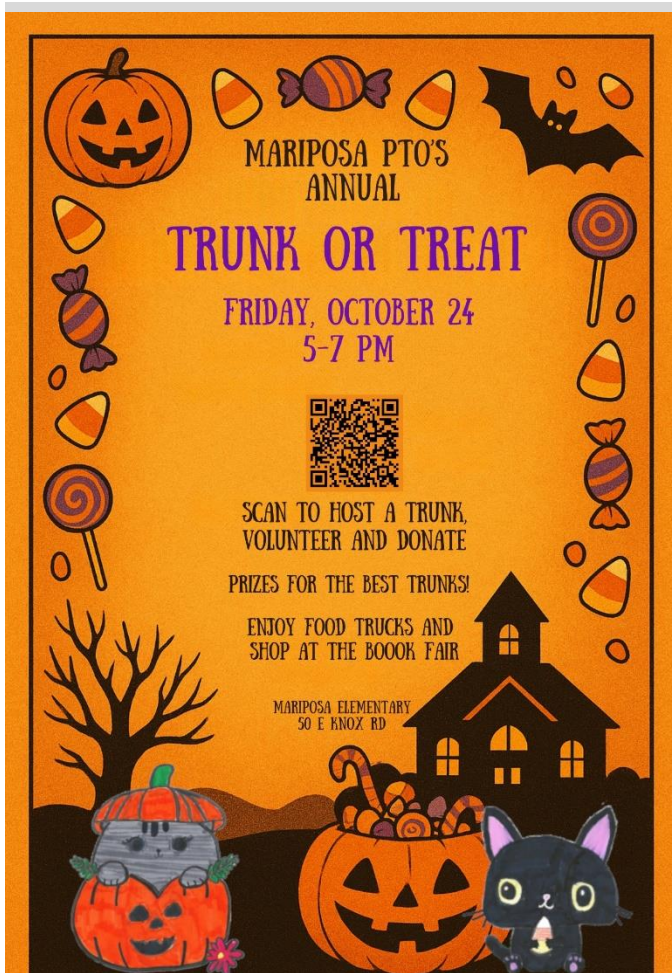
For full details, and to create an eWallet, visit our school's Book Fair homepage: [Mariposa Book Fair Homepage](#)

Set up your  
Scholastic Book Fair  
eWallet



## Fall Scholastic Book Fair

Join the fun in the book fair! The book fair is during lunch recess and the PTO needs volunteers to help our students. You can sign up here: [Book Fair Volunteer](#)



## Mariposa PTO Trunk or Treat 2025

Our fourth annual Trunk or Treat event is taking place on Friday, October 24, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM

If you would like to help make this year's Trunk or Treat another successful event, please sign up here: [Trunk or Treat Volunteer](#)



## Mariposa School Store

The Mariposa School Store needs your help! We've had a few volunteer spots open up and would be thankful for any help to get these filled. We reward our students twice a month with a school store where they can exchange their Chip's Cheers coupons for prizes. It's a lot of fun, and we can't do it without our awesome parent volunteers!

You can find the sign up [HERE](#) for the available spots.

**We LOVE our parent volunteers!**

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## Special Picture Day

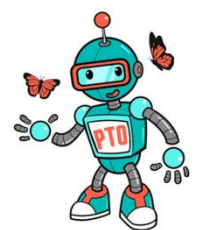
School Pics will be hosting a special picture day at our Ahwatukee studio on Saturday, November 8th, 2025. We set up our office as a portrait studio from 8am until 12:00pm to accommodate staff or students that were newly enrolled since we took pictures or were not able to take a school portrait on those days. The address is 9830 S. 51st Street, Suite A-130, Phoenix, 85044. Please register and book your appointment using the "Schedule Appointment" link on our website: <https://www.schoolpicsonline.com>

If you have any questions, please email [tara@schoolpicsaz.com](mailto:tara@schoolpicsaz.com)

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## A Message from Your Mariposa PTO



Kyrene de la Mariposa



Hi Mariposa families,

We had a great group of families show up last night at the first of many Kyrene Regional Public Hearings. To join us at future meetings, fill out [this form](#).

We have two big events next week with Book Fair and Trunk or Treat, so thank you in advance for your help to make them successful!

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

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## Mariposa PTO Family Directory

[View the Family Directory](#)

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



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### Connect with the PTO:

[Mariposa PTO Facebook](#)

[Mariposa PTO Instagram](#)

[Mariposa PTO Website](#)

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## 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:

October:

- PTO Meeting - Monday, October 20 - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at Mariposa, Room 28 or [virtual](#).
- Fall Scholastic Book Fair - Week of October 20 Volunteers Needed: [Sign Up Here](#)
- Trunk or Treat - Friday, October 24 from 5 to 7 p.m. Stay tuned for more details! [Trunk or Treat Sign Ups, Volunteers and Donations](#)

## School and District Communication

# What's on the ballot?

## M&O OVERRIDE CONT.

Ballots must be mailed by **Oct. 28** or dropped in a drop box by **Nov. 4**.



### **SMALLER CLASSES**

Funds 200 teaching positions, or **1 in 5** Kyrene teachers.

### **CRITICAL SERVICES**

Supports services like hearing, OT/PT therapies, speech and more.

### **ROBUST ELECTIVES**

Maintains specials like art, music, culinary, STEM, P.E. and more.

### **EDUCATOR SALARIES**

Maintains competitive pay to attract and retain high-quality educators.

**LEARN MORE @ [KYRENE.ORG/ELECTION](https://kyrene.org/election)**

**What's on the Ballot for Kyrene?**

This November, Kyrene voters will decide whether to continue the Maintenance & Operations (M&O) Override. This critical source of funding is directed to classrooms and helps sustain core parts of the Kyrene experience. Override funds support 200 teaching positions (one in five Kyrene educators), maintain smaller class sizes, preserve electives such as art, music, and P.E., and provide essential student services, including speech, hearing, and physical/occupational therapies. Learn more at [kyrene.org/election](https://kyrene.org/election).

**REPEAT INFORMATION**

**KYRENE 2025-26  
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](mailto:adill@kyrene.org)  
for more information.



**SCAN ME**



## Library Materials Review

Kyrene has updated how we share new library book purchases with families. In lieu of a once-a-year 60-day review window, the district and school websites will have lists of new library purchases. The list will be updated up to 3-times a year in order to capture all new titles purchased and available to students for check-out. Families may request that a student be opted out of specific titles, and those who want a broader review can use the District's existing reconsideration process. Details on this process can be viewed on the [Media Center Public Review Webpage](#). Questions can be directed to the [Academic Equity and Excellence Department](#).

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## School Meal Payments



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](#).

### 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.



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## 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.

## 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*



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