



# CHALLENGER NEWS

November 7, 2025

## Upcoming Mariposa Events

### NOVEMBER

Kindness Fundraiser - NOW through next Tuesday, Nov 11!!

8 - School Pics Special Picture Day - see info below to register

11 - Veterans Day - No School

12 - Early Release, 12:15pm

17 - Mariposa PTO Meeting, Library/Online, 5:30pm - 6:30pm

18 - Day of Awesomeness, Fundraiser Celebration

19 - Early Release, 12:15pm

20 - Thanksgiving Lunch, info and lunch times listed below

24 - Turkey Trot, info below

Chip's Night Out @ BJs Restaurant, 1:00pm - 10:00pm

26-28 - Thanksgiving Break - No School

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



Thank you to those who have served our country.  
In honor of Veterans Day, schools will be closed on Tuesday, November 11

## 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>
Mateo	Emiliano	Greyson	Lilliana	Olivia	Antonio
Thiago	Juliette	Landon	Atharv	Ty 'Zaire	Xavier
	Xander	Dean	Harper	Olivia	



## National Elementary Honor Society



Congratulations to our 2025-2026 Mariposa National Elementary Honor Society inductees. Our Induction Ceremony was held last night to honor our new 4th and 5th grade Mariposa NEHS Members. NEHS membership is centered on recognizing students for their accomplishments while challenging and equipping them to develop further as leaders through service to their school and community. Thank you to our NEHS sponsors, Ms. Stupica, Ms. Harshfield and to Mr. Ballatore for helping to host the event.



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## Thanksgiving Lunch



If you would like to join your student, you will need to purchase and reserve your Thanksgiving meal no later than November 12th. We will need to provide meal numbers to our cafeteria staff by the end of the day on November 12th.

**Cost:** \$3.90 (for visiting adults and children not enrolled in Kyrene, such as siblings or cousins).

**Payment Options:**

**Online via InTouch:** An online meal ticket purchase option is available through InTouch. Please log into your InTouch account to view and pay for lunches. The item is featured at the top of the InTouch page or can be located under the Meal Account Payment Tab for each school site.

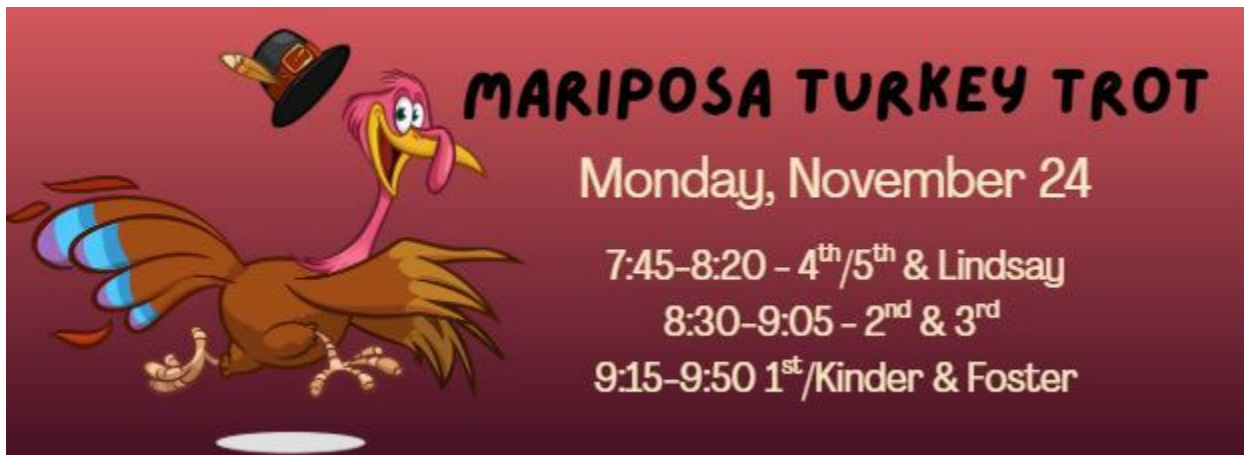
**Cash or Check:** Cash or Check (made out to Kyrene Meal Account) can be used in the school office. If paying by cash, we ask for exact change, since schools do not maintain change funds. As has been past practice, if payment is not made with exact change, any remaining balance will be added to the student's meal account.

Your student's lunch account cannot be used to pay for guests. You are more than welcome to come without buying lunch.

Lunch will be served outside. Families will enter campus through the East Gate. A physical photo ID is required to enter the school at all times. Please call the office with any questions and thank you for your understanding!

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## Mariposa Turkey Trot



**Get out your running shoes, Mariposa families!**

You are invited to run/walk with us at our annual Turkey Trot on Monday, November 24th! This event highlights lifelong health, quality time with loved ones, and doing our personal best.

This month in Physical Education, students will be learning about cardiorespiratory endurance, pacing strategies while jogging, and the many benefits of exercise. The turkey trot is a great opportunity for students to apply this knowledge with you.

**Our Turkey Trot schedule:**

**7:45-8:20 - 4th & 5th & Lindsay**  
**8:30-9:05 - 2nd & 3rd**  
**9:15-9:50 - 1st & Kindergarten & Foster**

Students and families should wear active clothing & tennis shoes and bring a water bottle on the day of the Trot. All visitors must sign in at the Primary Gate with a physical photo I.D. We recommend carpooling or walking, as parking is limited.

[A few volunteers are needed; please consider signing up for one or more slots at this link.](#)

One of our goals in Physical Education is to help all children gain the knowledge, skills, confidence, and appreciation to lead an active, healthy lifestyle. When families join us at events like this,

you support this goal as we value being active together.

Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving!

Mrs. Aguinaga and Mr. Moser  
Physical Education Teachers

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## Mariposa Health Office - Donations Needed



Our Mariposa Health Office is in need of clothing donations. As you go through your child's closet and pull out items that are too small or unneeded, please think about donating them to our health office.

Items needed are:

**Boys clothes:**

Pants: Sizes 14-16

Shirts: Sizes 5-7

Socks: Large

New/Unopened underwear: Sizes 4-8

**Girls clothes:**

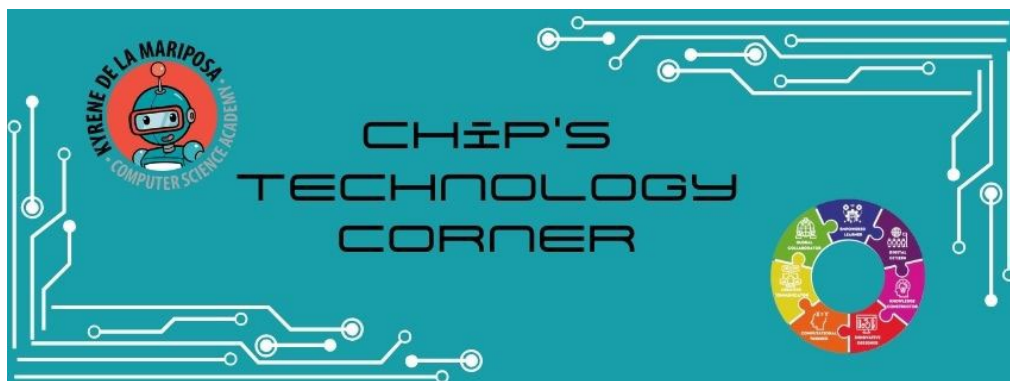
Pants: Size 7-16

New/Unopened underwear: Sizes 4-6

Sweaters: Sizes 12 and larger

If your student has come home wearing any clothes that are labeled "health office" it would be greatly appreciated if you could return the items to the school office

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Second graders dedicate 2 days a week to integrate technology in their lessons and recently the students were given a technology choice board to dive deeper in their Greek Civilizations lessons. The choice boards consisted of 9 different boxes and had a variety of technology choices with programs such as Wixie, Discovery Ed, Scratch Jr, etc. and there were also options for art projects, reading and other fun activities for them to select.

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## A Message from Your Mariposa PTO



Kyrene de la Mariposa



Hi Mariposa families,

As of 5:30 am this morning, Friday, November 7th, you and our amazing community have raised an absolutely **ASTOUNDING \$20,994!** Seriously, give yourselves a massive high-five. That means we are **LITERALLY SIX DOLLARS AWAY** from smashing the **\$21,000** milestone! Let's get that knocked out before the day is over!

**The Next Milestone Goal: \$25,000!** The momentum is real, but we have just a few days left! The fundraiser has been officially **extended until Tuesday, November 11th at 11:59 pm**, so we can make one final, mighty push for our next big goal: **\$25,000!**

We know we can do this together! Every single share, email, and dollar collected between now and Tuesday night will make a huge difference in our students' experience at Kyrene de la Mariposa.

### Key Stats to Celebrate:

**\$20,994 RAISED** (Just \$6 to \$21K!)

**286** amazing participants!

**2,200** emails and texts sent!

**31** states represented! Our kindness is reaching the entire country!

### Important Dates & Logistics

**Fundraiser Ends:** Tuesday, November 11, at 11:59 pm.

**Final Results & Prizes Shared:** Wednesday, November 12.

**The Day of Awesomeness:** Mark your calendars! **Tuesday, November 18, from 12-2 pm!**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** [Day of Awesomeness Volunteer Sign Up](#)

# KYRENE DE LA MARIPOSA KINDNESS FUNDRAISER

### Classroom Standings

This is where the magic happens! Look at the incredible fundraising happening in your classrooms:

Rank  
1

Homeroom Teacher  
5th, Ms. Languren

Total Raised  
\$3,025.83

Total Requests Sent  
238

2	3rd, Ms. Toaspern	\$2,212.50	190
3	2nd, Ms. Harshfield	\$2,178.00	167
4	3rd, Ms. Bustamante	\$2,113.50	281
5	2nd, Ms. Oliver	\$1,347.50	142
6	1st, Ms. Wilson	\$1,293.33	157
7	K, Ms. Rees	\$1,095.00	146
8	K, Ms. Adrian	\$1,052.50	168
9	4th, Ms. Barber	\$1,028.33	203
10	4th, Ms. Johnson	\$975.00	122
<b>TOTAL (Top 10)</b>		<b>\$16,321.50</b>	<b>1,814</b>

### Other Classroom Totals (Keep Pushing!):

<u>Homeroom Teacher</u>	<u>Total Raised</u>	<u>Total Requests Sent</u>
1st, Ms. Scheitlin	\$914.17	174
3rd, Ms. Montiel	\$880.00	185
5th, Ms. Stupica	\$735.00	129
2nd, Ms. Jennewein	\$710.83	144
1st, Ms. Russo	\$710.00	118
4th, Mr. Ballatore	\$357.50	140
5th, Ms. Smith	\$285.00	98
OTHER	\$50.00	23
<b>TOTAL (Other)</b>	<b>\$4,642.50</b>	<b>1011</b>

Let's keep sharing the word and spreading that Mariposa kindness! We are so grateful for your passion, energy, and dedication to our school community.

GO TEAM MARIPOSA—LET'S HIT \$25K!

If your student hasn't started yet, you still have through Monday to get their Kindness Passport and ask friends and family to support their school.

LINK: <https://raiseaboveit.com/Mariposa>

If you don't want to set up a profile, but you DO want to make a donation, click here:

<https://raiseaboveit.com/Mariposa/Donate/F113987157?t=x>

## PTO Calendar of Events



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:

- Kindness Fundraiser - NOW through next Tuesday, Nov 11

- We need your help to share this with your friends and family to encourage donations that support all our students, teachers, and classroom resources.
- PTO Monthly Meeting - Nov. 17 - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. (Library or online)
- Day of Awesomeness - Nov. 18 (during recess)
  - To celebrate the success of our Kindness Fundraiser, ALL students will receive a fun-filled recess with activities on the field. We need parents/caregivers to help us make it fun and to run smoothly. Stay tuned for more information, but times will be between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
  - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: [Day of Awesomeness Volunteer Sign Up](#)
- Chip's Night Out - Monday, November 24, 2025  
BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse in Chandler - (7151 W. Ray Road)
- SAVE THE DATE:
  - Polar Express Night at Mariposa
    - Wednesday, Dec. 10



JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS WAY TO  
**RAISE MONEY!**

Date: Nov 24, 2025

Time: 1:00PM to 10:00PM

**For Dine In, Takeout or Curbside at this BJ's Location:**

7151 W. Ray Rd.  
Chandler, AZ 85226  
623-320-0300

Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family and friends while earning funds in support of:

**Kyrene de la Mariposa and Kyrene Del Pueblo Restaurant night**

WITH EACH FLYER PRESENTED DURING THIS FUNDRAISING EVENT, BJ's WILL DONATE  
**20% OF FOOD AND SOFT BEVERAGE SALES TO THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION!**

**VISIT US IN PERSON, ORDER ONLINE OR PLACE A TAKE-OUT ORDER**

**When dining in:** Present this flyer to your server at any time during your meal.

**When ordering online:** Enter the 6-digit fundraiser code below at the time of checkout.

**When placing a take-out order:** Present this flyer to a BJ's team member upon your arrival.



Valid for dine in, takeout or curbside when applicable. Not valid toward alcoholic beverages, Happy Hour specials or for delivery orders.  
Please do not distribute flyers on site during the event.



## [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.

### 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



## Connect with the PTO:

[Mariposa PTO Facebook](#)

[Mariposa PTO Instagram](#)

[Mariposa PTO Website](#)

## District Communication

### Family Resource Center



The Kyrene Family Resource Center is open Tuesday & Thursday from 9:00AM-4:00PM for those in need and those that would like to donate items.

At this time, we can only accept new food, hygiene, school supplies & gently used school clothes and school uniforms.

Please visit <https://www.kyrene.org/family-student-resources/federal-programs-outreach/departments-contacts> if you have questions.

The FRC is located next to Kyrene de los Ninos:  
1330 E. Dava Dr., Tempe, AZ 85283

Please call 480-541-4772 if you have questions.

## Did You Know - Submitting Absences

Dear Families,

Thank you for keeping us informed when your child will be absent. In addition to calling in an absence on the attendance line, you can now report your child's absence through ParentVue by following these steps:

- Log into ParentVUE
- Click the Report Absence button
- Enter Absence Information
- Click Save to submit to the attendance office.



## HOW TO SUBMIT ABSENCES IN PARENTVUE

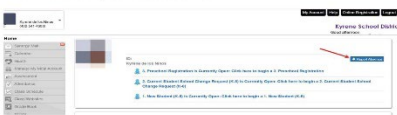
The following guide outlines the steps to submit or update absence information in ParentVUE.

### Processing ParentVUE Submitted Attendance

1. Log into ParentVUE.



2. Click the **Report Absence** button



3. Enter Absence Information

- **Note** - absences can be submitted up to 5 days in advance
- **Begin Date** = the first day of the absence
- **End Date** = the last day of the absence
- **Reason** = select **Absent (ParentVUE)**
- **Note** - Provide a reason for the absence
- **Save** - Click **Save** to submit to the attendance office

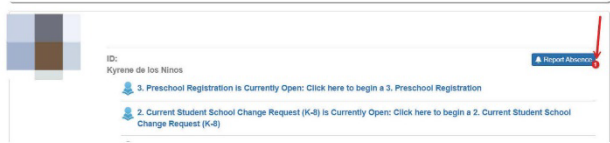


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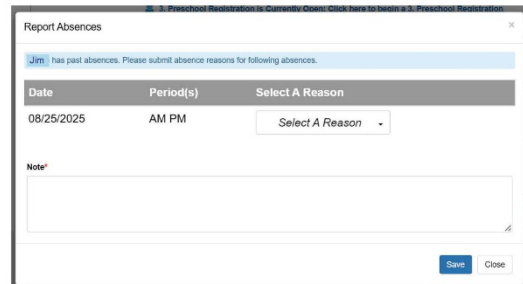
If you forgot to report your student's absence in the last 2 days, you will be prompted to enter that information so that the attendance office can properly record the reason for his/her absence.

1. When additional information is needed for your student's absence, a number will appear next to the **Report Absence** button.



2. Click **Report Absence** to provide required information.

- The date of the absence will display, select **Absent (ParentVUE)** as the reason
- Provide reason for the absence in the **Note\*** section
- Click **Save** to submit to the attendance office



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## November ESS Parent Training

Join us for 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. [CALM BODIES, READY MINDS Registration](#), Nov 20, 2025, 6-7:30 pm at the District Office.

KYRENE 2025-26  
SCHOOL YEAR  
PARENT TRAININGS



# ESS Parent Trainings

*Plan to attend the following ESS parent training*

## **CALM BODIES, READY MINDS**

**NOVEMBER 20, 2025**

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.

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

Scan the QR code to register or go to:  
<https://forms.gle/P46q5PU7oTU4DJCP9>

Contact Amy Dill, [adill@kyrene.org](mailto:adill@kyrene.org)  
for more information.



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## **REPEAT INFORMATION**



### **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)

## Long-Range Planning Information

Kyrene School District recently added a new section to the long-range planning web page with data, charts and other frequently requested information related to potential school consolidation. You can find this new section, along with proposed boundary maps, FAQs, links to meeting videos, committee information and all related communications over the past year at [www.kyrene.org/longrangeplan](http://www.kyrene.org/longrangeplan).

### Contact Us

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50 E Knox Rd  
Tempe, AZ 85284

**Phone:** 480-541-3800  
**Fax:** 480-541-3810  
**Attendance:** 480-541-3801

**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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