



November 21, 2025

## **Upcoming Mariposa Events**

### **NOVEMBER**

24 - Turkey Trot, info below

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

25 - Day of Awesomeness, Fundraiser Celebration

**26-28 - Thanksgiving Break - No School**

### **DECEMBER**

1 - NEHS Kindness Food Drive (through December 15)

2 - Mariposa Spelling Bee, 3:00pm

5 - School Store, during lunch recess

8-12 - Penguin Patch

10 - Polar Express Night, 5:00 - 7:00pm

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

**Every Friday is Mariposa Spirit Day!**

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**\*Corrected Dates\***



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### **Message from Principal**

Dear Families,

This last week our nation celebrated Veteran’s Day on Tuesday, November 11th. This day holds great significance as we honored America’s veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice. I’m especially proud to pause and honor our Veterans on this day, as my father served in World War II.

As the Principal of Mariposa, I remind myself daily to give thanks to our great staff, incredible students, and such supportive families. I embrace gratitude and I do that by encouraging others for their remarkable contributions. Daily, I remind students to “be respectful,” “be responsible” and to “be safe.” I would add to that, “to give thanks!”

Thank you to all the families that attended our Thanksgiving Lunch yesterday. We were excited that the rain cleared in time for everyone to enjoy the cool fall weather. It was wonderful to

have everyone gathered together on campus to help kick off upcoming Thanksgiving festivities.

I'm also excited for our Mariposa community, as we will hold our annual Turkey Trot on Monday, November 24th. Families are invited to attend this special event. When you arrive, you will check in at a white tent located by the entrance to the primary playground. Check in procedures have not changed, including the requirement of a physical photo ID as well as signing in. When you exit the playground, you leave through the same gate and at that time can retrieve your photo ID. Please arrive 10 minutes before your student's Trot time. The Turkey Trot schedule is as follows:

7:45 – 8:20: Fourth & Fifth

8:30 – 9:05: Second & Third

9:15 – 9:50: Kindergarten & First

The following day on Tuesday, November 25th, we will be celebrating the success of our fundraiser with a "Day of Awesomeness". Students should dress in what would be PE day attire. The Day of Awesomeness schedule is as follows:

11:00 – 12:00: Kindergarten & Second

12:00 – 1:00: First & Third

1:00 – 2:00: Fourth & Fifth

I encourage each of you to find a moment to sit down with your child(ren) and reflect upon the many blessings in your lives. Though there are many challenges in our lives, there is also much to be thankful for. Thank you for sharing your children with us and giving us the opportunity to have a positive impact on their continued growth and development. Have a great Thanksgiving! We will look forward to seeing your families on Monday, December 1st as school resumes following Thanksgiving Break.

Spencer Fallgatter

Principal

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## Thanksgiving Lunch 2025

We would like to thank Mariposa Cafeteria team for serving our annual Thanksgiving lunch to our students and over 125 Mariposa families and friends. Thank you to everyone who joined us and we hope you all had a wonderful time.



## 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>
Dallas	Zeke	CC	Leah	Kane	Ronen
Lena	Owen	Tyjuan	Ben	Olivia	Gigi
			Sophia	Mikey	



**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.

[Thank you to those that have volunteered to help on Monday.](#)

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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### NEHS Kindness Food Drive

Join us in helping our community in need, starting Dec 1 and going through Dec 15 our Kyrene de la Mariposa NEHS is hosting a Kindness Food Drive.

They are asking for the following items:

CANNED PROTEIN

(tuna, chicken, salmon, etc.)

PEANUT BUTTER

JELLY

CEREAL

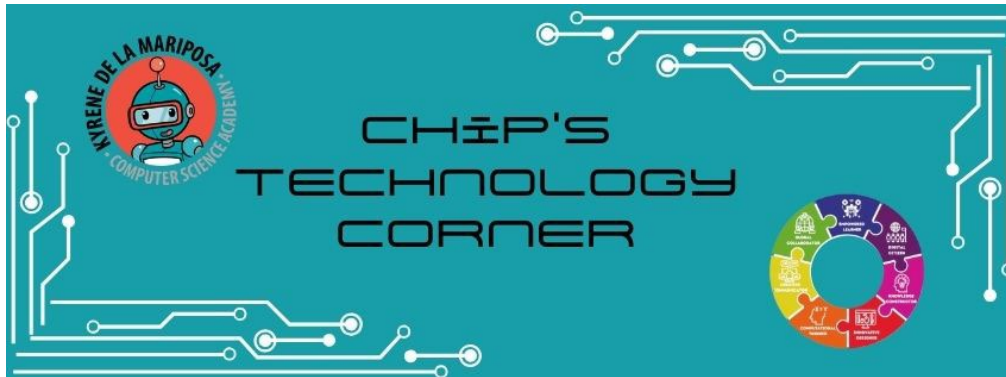
Please have your student bring any donations

to their classrooms and the Mariposa NEHS will collect everything.



All donations will benefit our Kyrene Family Resource Center. Thank you for your support.

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Our 4th Graders used a fun tool called [“Monster Maker”](#) which is made by the science department at Arizona State University, it incorporates the idea of DNA with creating fun monster creatures. In math, Mr. Ballatore's students use a Phet simulator to create area models for 2x2 digit multiplication. Ms. Barber's students will be starting to incorporate more coding and robotics in their science and social studies projects, as well. Fourth grade classes also have a great mindfulness activity that students work on in Minecraft, as well.

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### **Support Kyrene de la Mariposa with the Arizona Tax Credit**

Your tax credit contributions to our Computer Science Academy continue to positively impact Mariposa students and classrooms. Thank you for considering supporting Mariposa with your tax credit giving, and thank you for being a part of our school.



## A Message from Your Mariposa PTO

### 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:**

- **Day of Awesomeness - Nov. 25 (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 11 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)

- **Penguin Patch** - a chance for kids to shop for their family and friends.
  - Dec 8-12 - during recess and Polar Express
  
- **Polar Express Night at Mariposa** - Wednesday, Dec. 10
  - Readings at 5:00pm and 6:30pm

Stay tuned for more details

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# 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.



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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.



## 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.

### Your Mariposa PTO Board

Co-Presidents:

JOIN THE MARIPOSA PTO

# Family Directory

FILL OUT THE NEW FORM FOR 2025-2026

PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Jennifer Olonan and Kelsey Wolf-Donnay

Secretary: Jennifer Pratt

Treasurer: Sarah Alexander

In-School Support: Jeni Fuhrmann

Fundraising: Suzanne Percy

**Connect with the PTO:**

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[Mariposa PTO Instagram](#)

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**REPEAT INFORMATION**

**Kyrene de la Mariposa Kindergarten Showcase**

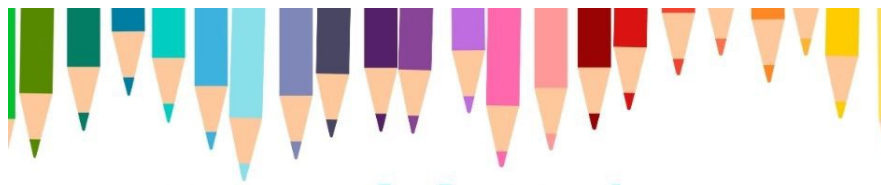
Do you have a kindergartener ready to start their learning journey—or are you new to the community?

Join us for our Kindergarten Showcase Night on Wednesday, January 14 at 5:30pm!

This special evening is your chance to meet our exceptional teachers, explore our classrooms, and learn about the unique programs that make our school such a wonderful place to grow and learn.

Come see firsthand how we integrate technology, nurture curiosity, creativity, and confidence in every child.

We can't wait to welcome your family to our community!



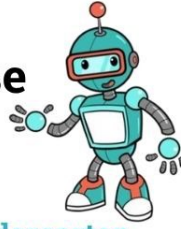
# Kyrene de la Mariposa

Computer Science Academy

## Kindergarten Showcase

Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

5:30pm - 6:30pm



This is for incoming 26-27 school year kindergarten students. We invite you to join us and discover why Mariposa is the right choice for your family.



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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 4-16

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

## **District Communication**

### **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**

#### **Kyrene de la Mariposa**

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Tempe, AZ 85284

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**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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