



CHALLENGER NEWS

December 5, 2025

Upcoming Mariposa Events

DECEMBER

NEHS Kindness Food Drive continuing through December 15

- 8-12 - Penguin Patch Shop, during lunch recess [Volunteers Needed](#)
- 10 - Polar Express Night, Penguin Patch, 5:00 - 7:00pm [Volunteers Needed](#)
Chip's Night Out - Barro's Pizza
- 15 - Last day of NEHS Kindness Food Drive
- 19 - Last day of the Quarter 2
- 22 - Jan 5 - Winter Break, Schools Closed

JANUARY

6 - School Resumes, First Day of Quarter 3

Reminder: Every Wednesday is Early Release at 12:15pm
Every Friday is Mariposa Spirit Day!

MARIPOSA SPELLING BEE

We held our Mariposa Spelling Bee earlier this week and are so proud of all our participants.

We would like to send a big C-O-N-G-R-A-T-U-L-A-T-I-O-N-S to our top three spellers!

1st: Nainika R.

2nd: Levi S.

3rd: Bennet M.

Nainika will represent Mariposa in the District Spelling Bee!

Thank you to Ms. Stupica for organizing the event and to our judges
Ms. Johnson, Ms. Bustamante, Ms. Languren and Mr. Ballatore



Computer Science Week - Spirit Week

Next week is Computer Science Week and to keep with the theme we are having a Technology Spirit Week from Dec 8-12.

Monday

Software Day: Wear your softest pajamas

Tuesday

Copy & Paste: Twin with a friend or a teacher

Wednesday

Pixel Day - Grade Level Color

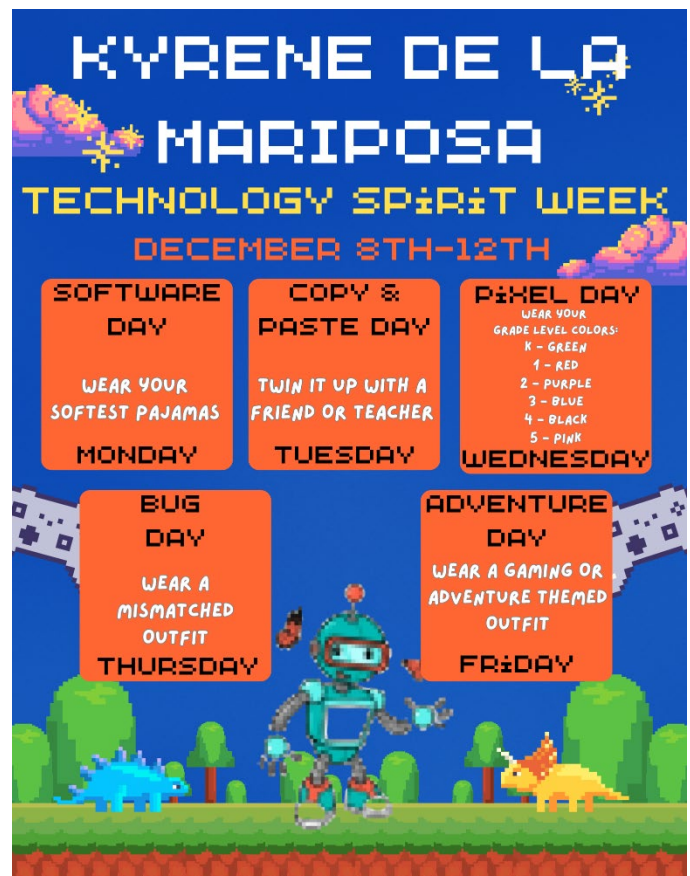
K: Green 1st: Red
 2nd: Purple 3rd: Blue
 4th: Black 5th: Pink

Thursday

Bug Day - Wear Mismatched Outfit

Friday

Adventure Day - Wear a Gaming or Adventure Themed Outfit



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 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Santiago	Charlton	Tyson	Escher	Eli	Eli
Ty'airre	Frankie	Emi	Dylan	Alexa	
	Nathan	Alycia	Sienna		
			Sammi		



NEHS Kindness Food Drive

Thank you to those that have already donated to our Kindness Food Drive. Our boxes are filling up! There is still time to join us in helping our community in need. The drive goes until December 15

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.

KYRENE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

NEHS December Kindness Food Drive

Join us in helping our community in need!

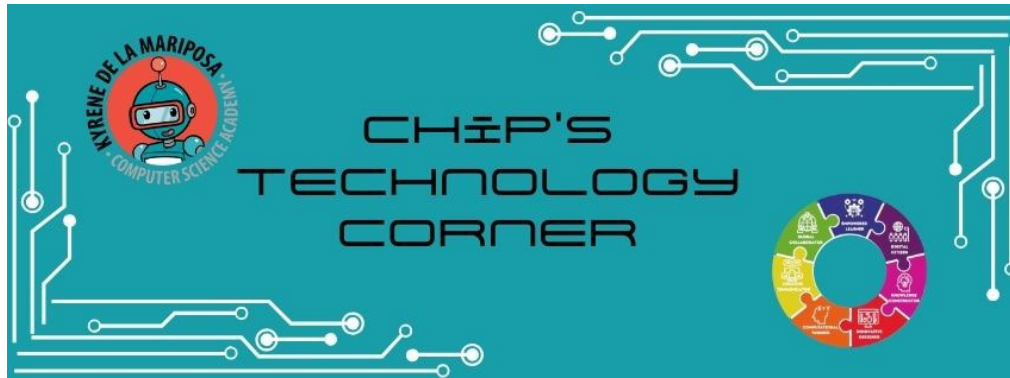
1-15 DECEMBER 2025
Kyrene de la Mariposa

Bring the items to your classroom, NEHS students will take it from there!

ONLY THESE ITEMS:

- PROTEIN (CAN TUNA, CHICKEN, ROAST BEEF & VIENNA SAUSAGE)
- PB&J
- CEREAL!

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



Our 5th grade students are creating Adobe express projects to enhance their science PBL. We are also doing our poetry mini lesson in Scratch this quarter. They have also started learning about Sphero Bolts and have started spending time in the creation station.



A Message from Your Mariposa PTO

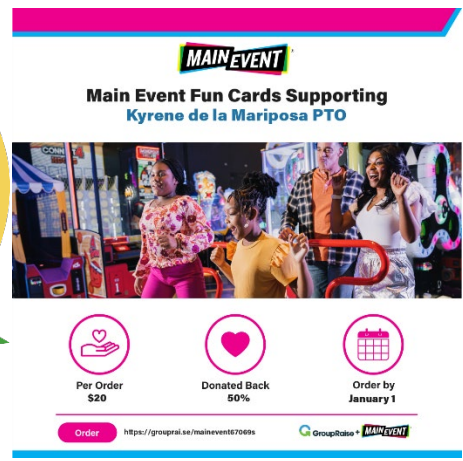
Hi Mariposa families,

Thank you again for your support of our **Kindness is Sweet Fundraiser!** We appreciate all the volunteers who made the Day of Awesomeness a fun time for all Mariposa students!

We've taken the guess work out of holiday gift ideas for our amazing Mariposa teachers and staff. Learn what they like and get great gift ideas. [2025-2026 Mariposa PTO Teacher and Staff Favorites](#)

Teacher Gift Wrap-A-Thon Thursday, December 18th starting at 7:30am - Join us to wrap gifts for our amazing Mariposa Teachers! If you can't donate your time, please consider donating tape, holiday wrapping paper, gift bows, or holiday gift tags that can be dropped off at the front office through December 17th. [Holiday Gift Wrap-A-Thon for Mariposa Teachers](#)

Shopping for the holidays? Get your family and friends a gift card to Main Event and 50% of the proceeds go to Mariposa! More info here: [Main Event Gift Card FUNdraiser](#)



PTO Calendar of Events



Upcoming PTO Events

- **Penguin Patch** - a chance for kids to shop for their family & friends! - Dec. 8-12
 - During recess and at the Polar Express Night
 - Volunteer for a shift to help students shop:
[Volunteer: Penguin Patch and Polar Express Events](#)
- **Polar Express Night at Mariposa** - Wednesday, Dec. 10
 - Readings at 5 and 6:30 p.m.
 - Help make this a free event by donating a dozen cookies by next Tuesday.
 - Volunteers needed: [Volunteer: Penguin Patch and Polar Express Events](#)
- **Chip's Night Out** - Barro's Pizza - Wednesday, Dec. 10
 - Kyrene & Warner - all day! Pick up dinner before or after Polar Express.

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](#)

Mariposa PTO Family Directory

[View the Family Directory](#)

Please reach out to us at 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



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REPEAT INFORMATION

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.



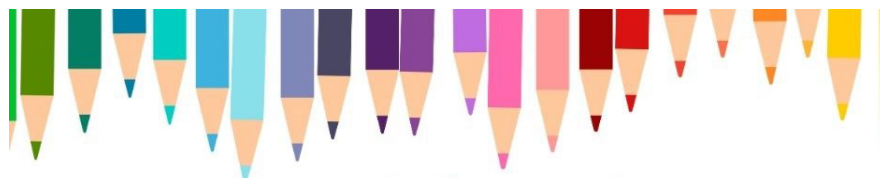
Kyrene de la Mariposa Kindergarten Showcase

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!



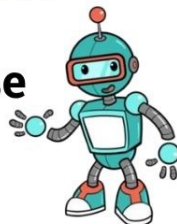
Kyrene de la Mariposa

Computer Science Academy

Kindergarten Showcase

Wednesday, January 14th

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.



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.

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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

 <p>PORTRAIT OF A KYRENE KID</p>	<p>ADAPTABLE LEARNER • SELF-ADVOCATE • COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTOR COMMUNICATOR • CRITICAL THINKER • PROBLEM SOLVER • COLLABORATOR</p> <p>READY FOR THE FUTURE. HIGH SCHOOL. COLLEGE. CAREER. LIFE.</p>
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