



# CHALLENGER NEWS

January 9, 2025

## Upcoming Mariposa Events

### JANUARY

- 10 - Annual Mariposa World Fair, 12:00pm - 2:00pm
- 12 - Capture the Flag Practice - Grades 3-5  
Mariposa PTO Meeting, 5:30pm-6:30pm, Library
- 14 - Mariposa Kindergarten Showcase, 5:30pm - 6:30pm  
Kyrene del Pueblo Showcase Night, 5:00pm-6:30pm
- 15 - NEHS Meeting, 2:15pm-3:15pm  
District Spelling Bee, District Office, 6:30pm - 8:30pm
- 16 - 100th Day of School!  
School Store - Lunch Recess - Volunteers Needed  
Soccer Shots, 2:20pm - 3:20pm
- 19 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - NO SCHOOL
- 21 - Kyrene Middle School Showcase Night, 5:00pm-6:30pm

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

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## Mariposa World Fair

Our Mariposa Annual World's Fair is tomorrow, January 10th from 12-2 PM! Come learn about all the different cultures represented at Mariposa with amazing cultural booths, traditional dances, trivia, a raffle and more! This event is free for all families. Thank you for encouraging harmony and understanding in our community!

We are excited to see everyone there!



**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>
Abraham	Myles	Max	Cameron	Riley	Ronen
Ty'aire	Natalie	Jaden	Annabeth	William	Xavier
	Miles		Andi	Mateo	



## Parent Volunteers Needed



### Mariposa School Store

The Mariposa School Store needs your help! 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!

#### [Mariposa School Store Volunteer Sign Up](#)

The first shift is 10:10AM to 11:30AM (1st, 2nd and 3rd grade recess times) and the second shift is 11:30AM to 12:10PM (4th and 5th grade recess times). Kindergarten School Store is done at another time.

We LOVE our parent volunteers!

## Kyrene Showcase Nights

Mark your calendars for the upcoming showcase nights below and share with your friends and community.

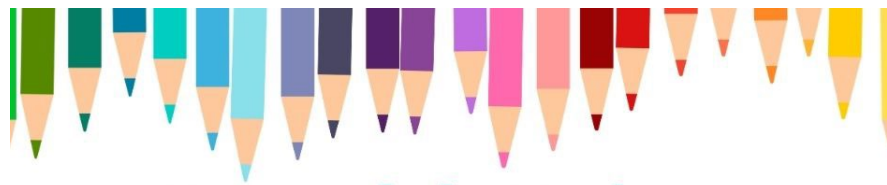
### Kyrene de la Mariposa Kindergarten Showcase

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!



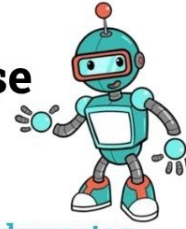
# Kyrene de la Mariposa

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.



### Middle School Showcase Nights

**Kyrene Middle School** showcase night will be held on Wednesday, January 21 from 5:00pm - 6:30pm. Feel free to stop by and learn what Kyrene Middle School has to offer.

**Kyrene del Pueblo's** showcase night will be on Wednesday, January 14 from 5:00pm - 6:30pm.


Come learn about the typical day of a 6th grader at Pueblo and enjoy performances from Pueblo Performing Arts. Our 6th grade classroom will be open for tours, after which you can enjoy food and drinks in the amphitheater.



**KYRENE MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
*Welcomes All Future Scorpions to*  
**SHOWCASE NIGHT**


Meet our 6th, 7th, & 8th grade faculty • Meet our coaches  
 Presentation by Principal Maxwell  
*Learn About The Kids*  
 International Baccalaureate Programme • Course Selections  
 Dual Language & World Language  
 Visual & Performing Arts  
 ART • BAND • CHOIR • MARIACHI • ORCHESTRA • THEATRE  
 Design  
 AUDIO ENGINEERING • STEM • MULTIMEDIA • TV BROADCASTING • YEARBOOK  
 Physical Education • Student Clubs • Student Athletics • Community Events

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21 • 5-6:30 PM** 



**DATE: JAN 14, 2026**  
**TIME: 5:00-6:30**

KYRENE DEL PUEBLO  
**SHOWCASE NIGHT**



## Capture The Flag



Kyrene Capture the Flag provides an opportunity for grade 3-5 students to have fun and develop team sportsmanship!

Practice begins the week of January 12th with practice twice a week.

The class finishes with a tournament on February 28th at Akimel A-al Middle School

[Register online](#),  
or call 480-541-1500



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Registration Fee: \$100



<https://kyrene.arux.app/course/2997/kyrene-athletics-25-26/kyrene-elementary-intramural-capture-the-flag>

Register online, or call 480-541-1500

## Challenge Island

Registration is now open for Challenge Island.

Screen-free, STEAM-based and hands-on after school program.

Classes start on February 2.

[Register Online](#)  
or call 480-541-1500



Join us for a screen-free, STEAM-based, hands-on collaborative program! Participants will design, create, and build while exploring fun highlights from past decades—including 1950s jukeboxes, Andy Warhol-inspired 1960s Pop Art, 1970s pinball machines, and 1980s “Super-Steamio.”  
Let’s invent, imagine, and get creative together!



## Kyrene de la Mariposa

Mondays

2:20-3:20 PM

6 Weeks \$102

February 2-April 6

No class February 16, March 9, 16 & 23

<https://tinyurl.com/bdzzevmz>

Registration OPENS on December 13 on the Kyrene Arux Website

Questions? Call Kyrene Community Education: 480-541-1500

## Mariposa is Hiring!

Mariposa is currently hiring for an Attendance Clerk and a Playground/Lunch Duty/IA Resource/IA Academic Interventionist. Both of these positions are eligible for benefits. If you are interested in joining the Mariposa team and/or learning more about this opportunities please visit [Kyrene Careers](#)





**WE'RE  
HIRING!**

**Attendance Clerk  
40 HRS/WEEK**

If interested, please visit  
**kyrene.org/careers**



**WE'RE  
HIRING!**

**Playground/Lunch Duty  
IA Resource/  
IA Academic Interventionist  
31.25 HRS/WK**

If interested, please visit  
**kyrene.org/careers**



## A Message from Your Mariposa PTO

Hi Mariposa families,

Happy New Year!

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow at the **Celebrate Mariposa** event on Saturday, Jan. 10, between 2 and 5 pm at Green Park, following the Mariposa World Fair. It's an open house event for everyone to join us in thanking all of the incredible volunteers who rallied in the fall to persuade the Kyrene board to save Mariposa and look ahead to the future. We'll start selling yearbooks and have other fun ways to support Mariposa in 2026 and beyond!

Our next PTO monthly meeting is coming up on Monday, Jan. 12, from 5:30-6:30 pm in the Library or online. We're excited to plan activities for the spring, and we need your help, even just an hour of your time.

Coming next month is the annual Mariposa Family Dance on Saturday, February 7, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the MPR. Stay tuned for more details on the event. Here's the link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EAF62AA1FBC52-61435616-mariposas>



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](#)

**Upcoming Events:**

1-10 - Celebrate Mariposa - 2-5 p.m.

1-12 - PTO Monthly Meeting - 5:30-6:30 p.m.

2-7 - Family Dance - 5-7 p.m.

2-23 - PTO Monthly Meeting - 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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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.

### 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

### ESS Parent Training: January

Overview and Q&A with the Division of Developmental Disabilities and Encircle Families.

Join us for an information session with representatives from the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) and Encircle Families. They will provide an introduction to the supports and services their organizations provide to children with disabilities and their families and be available for questions after the presentation. [Registration for Overview with DDD and Encircle Families](#), Jan 12, 2026, 6:00 - 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*

**OVERVIEW AND Q&A WITH THE DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND ENCIRCLE FAMILIES**


**JANUARY 12, 2026**

Join us for an information session with representatives from the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) and Encircle Families. They will provide an introduction to the supports and services their organizations provide to children with disabilities and their families and be available for questions after the presentation.


January 12, 2026 | 6-7:30 pm  
Kyrene District Office

Scan the QR code to register or go to:  
<https://forms.gle/SNSfbhW39Ehj6e1N9>

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



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 KyreneSchoolDistrict

### 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.



## 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*

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