



CHALLENGER NEWS

January 26, 2025

Upcoming Mariposa Events

JANUARY

- 28 Early Release, 12:15pm
- 30 Mariposa School Store, during lunch recess
LAST DAY to turn in 5th Grade Middle School Elective Forms

FEBRUARY

- 3 Kyrene Enrollment Registration Opens
- 4 Parent Teacher Conferences, Early Release, 12:15pm
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- 7 Family Dance Sweetheart Dance, MPR, 5:00pm - 7:00pm - See Info Below
- 13 Mariposa School Store, during lunch recess
- 16 President's Day, No School
- 23 PTO Monthly Meeting, 5:30pm-6:30pm

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



Attention 5th Grade Families

Dear 5th Grade families,

On Friday, January 23 your child brought home information about the 2026-2027 middle school course selection process. Each 5th grader received an elective course selection form. Additional copies can be accessed on the Kyrene website on the [Resources for Families and Community Page](#).

Parents/Guardians are requested to review this information with your child and sign the form, acknowledging your approval of the courses selected. **Students are required to return the form to their teacher by January 30.** During the week of February 2, our students are scheduled to use these forms to enter their preferences online with their classroom teacher.

Middle school assignments are based on elementary feeder patterns or special education (programmatic) placement. Families who are considering a different middle school **must apply** for registration at that school through the online portal when next year's registration window opens in February. Students will complete the elective selection process for the school they are currently assigned. Selections will be transferred to the new school if a new registration is approved. Families must apply and be approved for open enrollment to attend a non-resident school.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Our parent teacher conferences are scheduled for next week Wednesday - Friday, February 4, 5 and 6. All three days will be EARLY RELEASE and dismissal is at 12:15pm.



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!

Chip's Cheers Winners - January 16

K	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Maia	Robby	Carter	Gael	Riley	Maria
Lucas	Aurora	Landon	Nora	Kiarah	Nathan
	Heaven	Liam	John	Cal	



Chip's Cheers Winners - January 23

K	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Hakim	Willow	Charlotte	Irelynn	Livi	Jubilation
Teagan	Connor	Liberty	Maddox	Lachelle	Nathan
	Eli	Khye	Koda	Gavan	



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 Community Education

Challenge Island

Register Now!

Registration will close on
Wednesday, January 28
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 a Playground/Lunch Duty/IA Resource/IA Academic Interventionist. If you are interested in joining the Mariposa team and/or learning more about this opportunity please visit [Kyrene Careers](#)

Kyrene de la Mariposa Elementary School
Computer Science Academy

A yellow rectangular graphic with a black border. On the left is a megaphone icon. To its right, the text 'WE'RE HIRING!' is written in large, bold, red letters. Below that, the job titles 'Playground/Lunch Duty', 'IA Resource/', and 'IA Academic Interventionist' are listed in bold black text, followed by '31.25 HRS/WK'. At the bottom left, it says 'If interested, please visit kyrene.org/careers'. At the bottom right is a QR code.



A Message from Your Mariposa PTO

Hi Mariposa families,

We look forward to the annual Mariposa PTO Family Dance on Saturday, February 7, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the MPR. It is open to all students and their families to attend. Please note that students must be accompanied by an adult to this event. Tickets are \$5 per person and can be pre-paid here: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/mariposa-family-dance>

We need your help to make this a fun event! Please also consider donating treats. More info: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EAF62AA1FBC52-61435616-mariposas>

YEARBOOKS:

We are excited to launch 2025-2026 yearbook sales! They are \$25 and can be purchased until April 16.

5th grade families: stay tuned for the yearbook cover contest and ordering love notes.

Order your student's yearbook [here](#).

VOLUNTEERS:

We need your help to support and grow our PTO! We welcome you to volunteer however it best fits your schedule. We understand that it is a juggle with school, work and family. Please take a look at some of the opportunities and contact Kelsey at 480-734-1827 or kyrenemariposapto@gmail.com for more information.

Thank you in advance!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Social media

School teacher workroom volunteering (PALS group)

Fundraising coordination (Chip's Change Makers/ Penny Wars in May)

Teacher appreciation (monthly meeting snacks, appreciation week in May)

Spirit wear (t-shirts, water bottles, etc.)

Financial auditing (reviewing monthly budget reports/expenses)

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](#)

Upcoming Events:

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

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

Save the date:

April 29 - Celebration Of Learning

May 8 - PTO's Annual Bingo Night

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



Connect with the PTO:

[Mariposa PTO Facebook](#)

[Mariposa PTO Instagram](#)

[Mariposa PTO Website](#)



District Communication

Gifted Child Assessment Notice

All public school districts have an ongoing “Child Find” obligation. This means that the Kyrene School District will identify, locate and evaluate all children who are in need of special education and related services. Kyrene makes gifted testing available for students at school sites three times per year by application. Applications are due for the final testing for 2025-26 on February 6, 2026. If you think your child may be gifted, please visit the website at www.kyrene.org/gifted for information about gifted education, services, and testing in Kyrene.

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

PORTRAIT OF A KYRENE KID



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