



# CHALLENGER NEWS

February 6, 2026

## Upcoming Mariposa Events

### FEBRUARY

- 7 Family Dance, MPR, 5:00pm - 7:00pm - Ticket/Volunteer/Donation Info Below
- 13 Mariposa School Store, during lunch recess
- 16 Presidents Day, No School
- 18 Chip's Night Out @ Raising Cane's
- 23 PTO Monthly Meeting, 5:30pm-6:30pm (Library or online)
- 27 5th Grade Yearbook Cover Contest and Love Notes Order Deadline

### MARCH

- 2-6 Read Across America Week
- 9-23 Spring Break, Schools Closed
- 24 Classes Resume, Start of 4th Quarter

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

## Mariposa Changes for 2026-2027 School Year

As we plan and prepare for the coming school year we want to share some changes to our administrative team. After three years of service as Mariposa's Assistant Principal, Mrs. Tucker will be retiring. We will miss Mrs. Tucker tremendously and we are so grateful for all that she has done for our community. We wish her well on this new journey!

We are also excited to announce that Mr. Jessey Johnson will be joining us as Assistant Principal next school year. Mr. Johnson has been an educator and administrator in Kyrene for several years. He is currently serving as an Assistant Principal at both Kyrene de los Cerritos Leadership Academy and C.I. Waggoner Elementary and is looking forward to being part of our community. Jessey brings a wealth of experience, including prior service in Community Education, at several Kyrene schools as an Assistant Principal, and also as the Principal of Estrella for several years. His background reflects a strong commitment to student learning, instructional leadership and collaborative school communities.

In the 2026-27 school year, Jessey will divide his time between Mariposa and Waggoner as a .5 Assistant Principal at each school.

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## 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>
Seville	Reyna	Brayson	Katy	Kassidy	Maria
Eliseo	Sebastian	Jocilynne	Ariela	Grayson	Khloe
		Austin	Vanessa	Mikey	



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**Donations Needed:**

As the cold, flu and allergy season is upon us, our tissue and hand sanitizer supplies are running low. If you are able, please consider donating a box of tissues to help keep our noses comfortable or a bottle of hand sanitizer to keep our hands clean.

Donations can be dropped off in the school office any time this month.  
As always, thank you for your generosity!



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

When you make a tax credit donation, you're investing in opportunities that bring our school to life. From NEHS, Mariposa Annual World Fair, assemblies, Chip's Creation Station, transportation for field trips and so many other things.

Your support helps students build confidence, leadership and a love for learning all right here at our school. Please consider making a tax credit donation today. You don't even have to be a Mariposa family to donate to our school, any Arizona family can help.

Thank you for considering supporting Mariposa with your tax credit giving and thank you for being part of our school.

[Mariposa Tax Credit Donation Link](#)

A graphic with a notepad background. The text reads: "IF YOU COULD DIRECT MORE STATE TAX DOLLARS TO MARIPOSA, WOULD YOU DO IT?" and "WE HAVE GOOD NEWS." Below is a red box with the Kyrene de la Mariposa logo and the text: "MAKE A TAX CREDIT DONATION! UP TO \$200 FOR INDIVIDUALS AND \$400 WHEN FILING JOINTLY. LEARN MORE @ KYRENE.ORG/TAXCREDIT".



Mariposa PTO invites  
parents, caregivers and students  
to join us for the annual

*family dance*

**FEB 7 5-7 PM**

**CUPCAKES | MUSIC | FRIENDS**

Tickets: \$5/each  
50/50 raffle

All grades welcome to come with their  
parents/caregivers.

\*Students must be accompanied by adults

## 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](https://www.kyrene.org/careers)

Kyrene de la Mariposa Elementary School  
Computer Science Academy



**WE'RE HIRING!**

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

If interested, please visit  
[kyrene.org/careers](https://www.kyrene.org/careers)



## A Message from Your Mariposa PTO

Hi Mariposa families,

See you tomorrow at the annual Mariposa PTO Family Dance on Saturday, February 7, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the MPR.

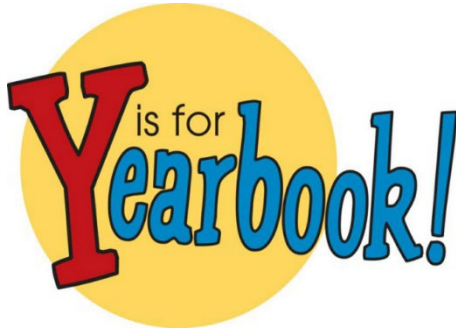
### FAQ:

- The dance 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 (including adults). Pre-purchase at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/mariposa-family-dance> or pay at the door with cash or a card.
- You and your students can dress up, or you can wear casual clothes. Come as you are!
- Food will be available for purchase from The Spaghetti Shack.
- Yard games, DJ, photo booth and treats.

- Open house event - join us any time between 5 and 7 p.m.

We still need a few more volunteers to make this a fun event! Sign up here:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EAF62AA1FBC52-61435616-mariposas>

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#### YEARBOOKS:

We are excited to launch 2025-2026 yearbook sales! They are \$25 and can be purchased until April 16. Order your student's yearbook [here](#).

#### 5th grade families:

Celebrate your graduate with love notes in the yearbook and encourage them to submit a design for the yearbook cover contest. More info [here](#).

A poster with a teal background and red scribbled letters. It features a camera icon on the left, a pencil icon on the right, and a spiral notebook icon at the bottom right. The text is arranged in a central white box with a grey header and footer.

**ATTENTION 5TH GRADERS!**

**MARIPOSA  
YEARBOOK  
DEADLINES**

**FRIDAY, FEB. 27**

- All About Me note
- Yearbook Cover Contest (optional)
- Love Notes for parents/caregivers to order (optional)

**CONTACT**  
YEARBOOK@KYRENEMARIPOSAPTO.ORG  
WITH ANY QUESTIONS



#### **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](mailto: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)

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## **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:**

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

Feb 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

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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 Olanon 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

We are pleased to invite you to [IEP Training with Encircle Families](#).

Parents will learn about the special education process and the Individualized Education Program (IEP). Understand who is required to attend the IEP meeting and the roles of each team member (including parents). Review the required parts of an IEP, learn how parents can prepare for and be more effective during the IEP meeting and how they can track their child's progress.

Discover the options available if the IEP team does not agree.

**Date:**

Thursday, February 19, 2026

**Time:**

6:00 -7:30 p.m.

**Location:**

Kyrene District Office

KYRENE 2025-26  
SCHOOL YEAR  
PARENT TRAININGS



# ESS Parent Trainings

Plan to attend the following ESS parent training

## IEP TRAINING WITH ENCIRCLE FAMILIES

**FEBRUARY 19, 2026**

Learn about the special education process and the Individualized Education Program (IEP). Understand who is required to attend the IEP meeting and the roles of each team member (including parents). Review the required parts of an IEP, learn how parents can prepare for and be more effective during the IEP meeting and how they can track their child's progress. Discover the options available if the IEP team does not agree.

February 19, 2026 | 6-7:30 pm  
Kyrene District Office

Scan the QR code to register or go to:  
<https://forms.gle/LDY68Xs7v547QvvR6>

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



SCAN ME



## Contact Us

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**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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