



CHALLENGER NEWS

February 13, 2026

Upcoming Mariposa Events

FEBRUARY

- 16 Presidents Day, No School
- 18 Chip's Night Out @ Raising Cane's ALL DAY, flier below (Warner/McClintock)
- 23 PTO Monthly Meeting, 5:30-6:30pm (Library or online)
- 26 Mariposa Field Day, Info Below
- 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!

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
Lucy	Jiarui	Leo	Charlotte	Messiah	Braylon
Hannah	Frankie	Juliette	Nina	Kiarah	Finley
			Lilly	Kara	



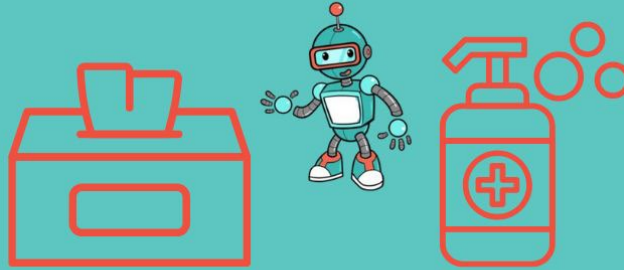
Thank you!! We are Still In Need...

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!

SPREAD KINDNESS. NOT GERMS.

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR SCHOOL HEALTHY!
WE ARE RUNNING LOW ON TISSUES AND HAND SANITIZER.
ANY DONATIONS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.



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FRONT OFFICE ANY TIME IN FEBRUARY

THANK YOU!



FIELD DAY 2026

KYRENE de la MARIPOSA FIELD DAY
FEBRUARY 26, 2026

GRADES (K-2) 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

GRADES (3-5) 12:35 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Our Field Day this year will be on Thursday, February 26. The kindergarten, first and second grade students will have their Field Day in the morning from 8:30 a.m. until approximately 9:45 a.m. The third, fourth and fifth grade students will have their Field Day in the afternoon from 12:35 p.m. until approximately 1:50 p.m. The students will be participating in physical education games and activities at an assortment of stations. The purpose of the event is to have everyone participate and have fun celebrating physical activity. Students will need to wear comfortable clothing, tennis shoes and sunscreen.

For the Field Day to be a success, parent volunteers are needed. We need many volunteers to work at the activity stations that students will be rotating through during the event. As an activity station volunteer, you will be responsible for organizing the students and teaching them your assigned game station. Classroom teachers will be with the students as they participate in each game station. You can sign up to volunteer at an activity station at [Field Day Volunteer Sign Up](#)

You can contact Dave Moser at dmoser@kyrene.org if you have any questions or concerns about this event. Parents that are attending the Field Day should sign-in at the west gate to the campus. Parents will need a photo ID to enter the campus. Photo ID's will be collected, and returned when parents are leaving the event.

Thank you,

Dave Moser
Physical Education Specialist at Mariposa

Intramural Kickball Registration is Now Open

Kyrene Kickball encourages a healthy and active lifestyle for students while having fun with their friends! Register for Intramural Kickball [here](#)



Kyrene Kickball encourages a healthy and active lifestyle for students while having fun with their friends!

Practice begins the week of March 30th

The class culminates with a final tournament on May 9th
at Pueblo Middle School

Registration Fee: K-2 \$85 & 3-5 \$100

Spots are limited



Scan to Register, or call 480-541-1500

<https://kyrene.arux.app/course/3023/kyrene-athletics-25-26/kyrene-elementary-intramural-kickball>

Support Kyrene de la Mariposa with the Arizona Tax Credit

When you made 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](#)



IF YOU COULD DIRECT MORE STATE TAX DOLLARS TO MARIPOSA, WOULD YOU DO IT?

WE HAVE GOOD NEWS.

MAKE A TAX CREDIT DONATION!
UP TO \$200 FOR INDIVIDUALS AND \$400 WHEN FILING JOINTLY.
LEARN MORE @ KYRENE.ORG/TAXCREDIT



Mariposa is Hiring!

Mariposa is currently hiring for a for CCB Resource Assistant and a Resource IA/Lunch Duty. If you are interested in joining the Mariposa team and/or learning more about these opportunities please visit [Kyrene Careers](#)



**WE'RE
HIRING!**

CCBS Resource Assistant (35 hr)
Resource IA/Lunch Duty (28.5 hrs)

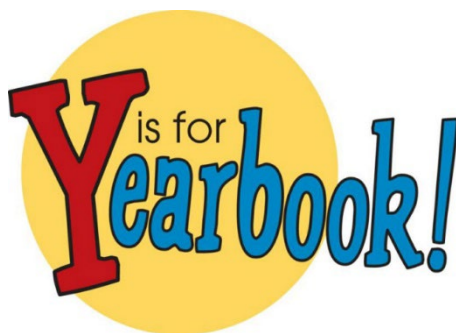
If interested, please visit
kyrene.org/careers



A Message from Your Mariposa PTO

Hi Mariposa families,

We hope you and your students had fun at the annual Mariposa PTO Family Dance! Thanks to all the volunteers who made it possible and for your ticket purchases and 50/50 raffle donations to support our amazing Mariposa teachers and classrooms.

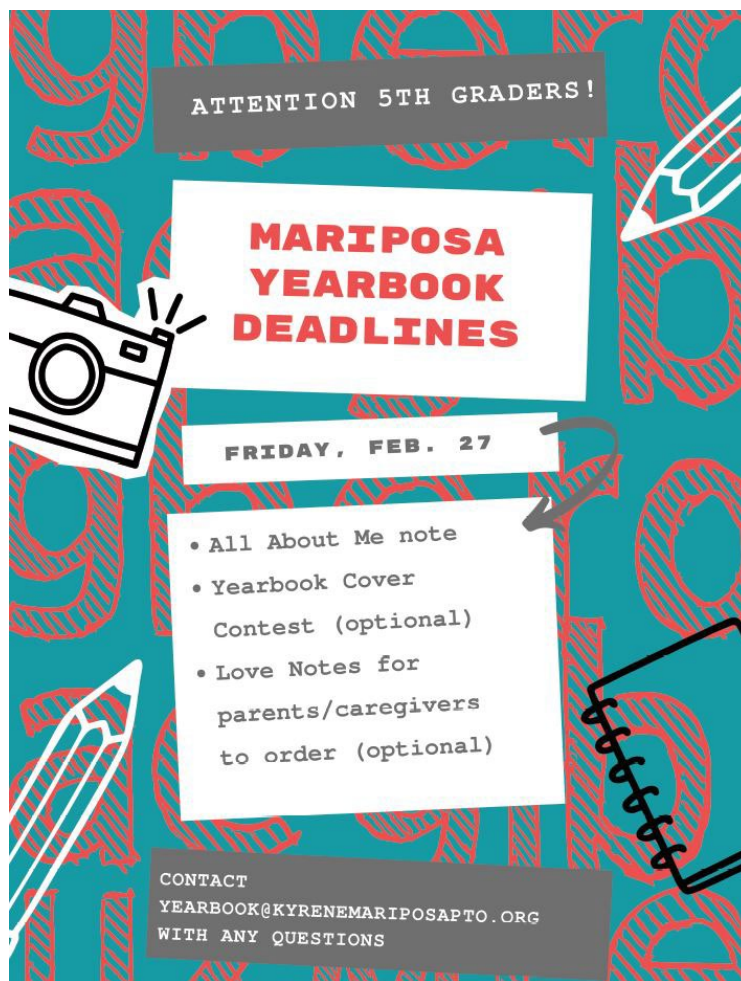


YEARBOOKS:

The 2025-2026 yearbook is on sale for \$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](#).

Purchase the love notes here: [LOVE NOTES PURCHASE 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 kyrenemariapospto@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)



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 18 - Chip's Night Out at Raising Cane's @ Warner & McClintock - All day
- 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

JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER at

Wednesday, February 18th | 2:00PM - 9:00PM
Raising Cane's | 1781 E. Warner Rd

Mention the fundraiser at the Restaurant or apply code **RCFUND96** to online or app orders at checkout and Cane's will **donate 15% of Net Sales*** to:

Kyrene de la Mariposa
PTO



Minimum donation amount will be 15% of the Net Sales* donated directly to your organization. Not valid on kiosk orders. **Net Sales* means the purchase price of food and beverages sold during the event to customers who (i) mention your organization when ordering in person or (ii) use the code RCFUND96 when ordering online or in the Raising Cane's app. The purchase price excludes special or limited time offers, discounts, returns, and taxes. *Net Sales* does not include gift cards and retail merchandise purchases.

 RaisingCanes

[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 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

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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
for more information.



SCAN ME



REPEAT INFORMATION

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.

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>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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