



# CHALLENGER NEWS

February 27, 2026

## Upcoming Mariposa Events

### MARCH

- 2 Dress Up as A Community Helper - Read Across America Week
- 3 Wear a Funny Hat - Read Across America Week
- 4 Wear Your PJs - Read Across America Week
- 5 Spring Picture Day - Fancy Dress - Read Across America Week
- 6 Dress as Your Favorite Book Character - Read Across America Week
- Fifth Grade Field Trip - AZ Science Center
- 5th Grade Yearbook Cover Contest and Love Notes Order DEADLINE EXTENDED to MARCH 6
- 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!

## Spring Break

Please mark your calendars for  
Kyrene School District Spring Break  
March 9 - March 23.

School resumes on Tuesday, March 24



Dear Families,

As we approach our AASA test window for third, fourth and fifth grades, there are some things families can do to help kids. The Arizona Department of Education says, "Talk with your child about the test—

your conversations can help minimize any fear or anxiety your child may feel when taking the test this spring. You can also take practice AASA and ACT tests at home to help your child prepare. For AASA, visit the [TestNav portal](#), select Arizona and click on "Mic Check and Sample Tests." Practice ACT tests are also available through [TestNav](#)."

Here are some tips and reminders to help your students come to school prepared for success:

- Start well rested - make sure your students stick to their bedtimes and come to school refreshed.
- Have a healthy breakfast - whether it be school breakfast or something at home, make sure your students start their morning with a satisfying meal
- Arrive to school **on time** - we want all students to have every opportunity to complete their test to the best of their ability; providing them with the time they need is essential
- Schedule appointments on non-test days and/or after school hours.

Our test times will be as follows:

March 30 and March 31 5th grade only, AZSci  
April 2, all grades 3rd-5th, AASA Writing  
April 3, 3rd grade only, AASA Oral Reading Fluency (ORF)  
April 7 and April 9, all grades 3rd-5th, AASA Reading  
April 14 and April 16, all grades 3rd-5th, AASA Math



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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!

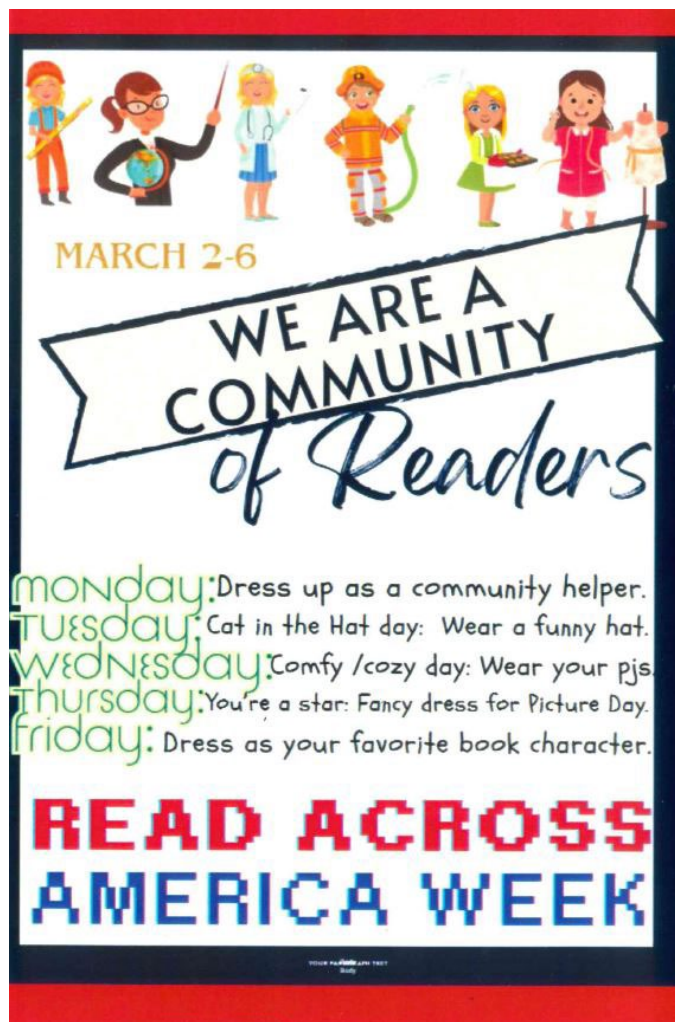
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Quavo	Agustin	Messiah	Ariah	Marilynn	Ronen
Lena	Angelina	Blake	Makynlee	Kiarah	DJ
	Hamid	Brandon	Aidan	Matty	



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**NEXT WEEK is Read Across America Spirt Week**

- Mon, March 2      Dress Up as A Community Helper
- Tues, March 3    Wear a Funny Hat
- Wed, March 4    Wear Your PJs
- Thurs, March 5   Fancy Dress for Spring Picture Day
- Fri, March 6     Dress as Your Favorite Book Character



### Yearbooks Are On Sale Now!

The 2025-2026 yearbook is on sale for \$25 and can be purchased until April 16. Order your student's yearbook [here](#).

We need your photos from recent events and field trips!

Yearbook photo submission form: [25/26 Yearbook Photos](#)

**5th Grade Deadlines Extended - See PTO info below**

### Lost & Found - Got Jackets?

Our Lost and Found is overflowing with jackets! If your student is missing a jacket, lunch box or water bottle please stop by to look through the lost and found. Any items not claimed by Friday, **March 6** will be donated to the Kyrene Resource Center over Spring Break.

Please help us by putting your students' names in their jackets so we can get them back to them.





## THANK YOU!

Thank you for a another fun and successful field day, Mr. Moser!

Thank you to our parents volunteers for your help with the stations and keeping everything running smoothly throughout the event.



## 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](#)



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Practice begins the week of March 30<sup>th</sup>

The class culminates with a final tournament on May 9<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

A graphic designed to look like a notepad on a teal background. The notepad has a white sheet of paper with a pink tab on the left. The text on the paper reads: "IF YOU COULD DIRECT MORE STATE TAX DOLLARS TO MARIPOSA, WOULD YOU DO IT?" in bold black letters. Below this, a blue brushstroke contains the text "WE HAVE GOOD NEWS." in white. At the bottom of the notepad is a red box with a white border. Inside the red box, on the left, is a circular logo for "KYRENE DE LA MARIPOSA" featuring a robot head. To the right of the logo, the text reads: "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 CCBS 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](https://www.kyrene.org/careers)

Kyrene de la Mariposa Elementary School  
Computer Science Academy

**WE'RE HIRING!**

**CCBS Resource Assistant  
(35 hr)**

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



## A Message from Your Mariposa PTO

Hi Mariposa families,

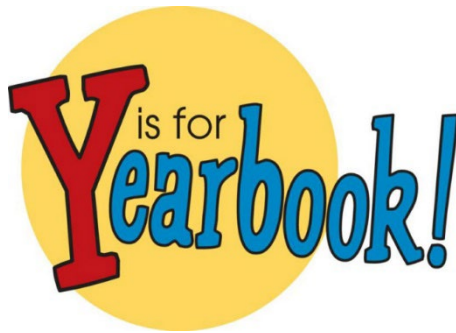
We are planning activities for the spring, including the Spring Book Fair, Chip's Change Makers fundraiser, and Teacher Appreciation Week. We need your help to make these activities a success.

### **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 welcome you to volunteer in whatever way 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.

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### **YEARBOOKS:**

The 2025-2026 yearbook is on sale for \$25 and can be purchased until April 16. Order your student's yearbook [here](#).

### **DEADLINE EXTENDED to MARCH 6:**

**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](#)

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We know it is only February, but we are starting to plan the 2026-2027 school year. Nominations are now open for PTO officers.

Thank you for your interest in serving on the 2026-2027 Mariposa PTO board or nominating someone to serve!

We are seeking nominations for the following roles (for you or others). Every position has the option for a co-officer. View the [Mariposa PTO bylaws](#) for the description of each position.

President  
 Vice President  
 In-School Support  
 Fundraising  
 Communications  
 Treasurer  
 Secretary

**NOMINATION FORM:**

<https://forms.gle/hcfSg94sm7utuPdx6>

Deadline for nominations: March 30, 2026

Nominees will be announced in April, and voting will happen at the April 20 monthly PTO meeting from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

## 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](#)

Save the date:

March 30 - PTO Monthly Meeting - 5:30-6:30 p.m.

April 20 - PTO Monthly Meeting - 5:30-6:30 p.m.

April 27 - May 1 - Spring Book Fair

April 29 - Celebration Of Learning

May 4 - 8 - Teacher Appreciation Week

May 8 - PTO's Annual Bingo Night

May 11 - 15 - Chip's Change Makers Fundraiser

## 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](#)




**Kyrene Resource Fair**

Join us for an enriching experience tailored to families navigating the journey of raising children with disabilities. Kyrene School District’s Exceptional Student Services team invites you to our Resource Fair, an opportunity for families to discover local resources and create connections in the community.

Date: Wednesday, April 22

Time: 4:30-6:00 pm

Where: Kyrene del Pueblo Middle School




**KYRENE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RESOURCE  
FAIR**

**ADMIT ONE  
APRIL 22, 2026**

## ATTEND THE KYRENE RESOURCE FAIR

Join us for an enriching experience tailored to families navigating the journey of raising children with disabilities. Kyrene School District's Exceptional Student Services team invites you to our Resource Fair, an opportunity for families to discover local resources and create connections in the community.


- Gain insights, strategies, and valuable information from experts in a variety of fields involved with raising children with special needs.
- Engage in one-on-one conversations with resource providers to address your family's unique needs and concerns.
- Gather informational flyers, brochures and contacts to support your family.

**Wednesday, April 22  From 4:30-6:00 p.m.**

Kyrene del Pueblo Middle School  
360 S. Twelve Oaks Boulevard, Chandler, AZ 85226

### WHO WILL BE THERE?

AHCCCS	Higher Octave Healing	The Miracle League
ASU SPELL Program	Hope Group	The Suzy Foundation
AzTAP	Kyrene Resource Center	YMCA
B Noelle Foundation	Mariposa Therapy	Out and About
Care for Caregivers	Mountain Park Health Center	Absolute HCBS
Chicanos Por La Causa	Phoenix Adaptive Rec	Kyrene Related Service Providers
Disability Rights Arizona	Phoenix Public Library/Ironwood	DES Child and Community Services
Duet (Grandparents Raising Grandchildren)	Ryan House	DDD
Encircle Families	Southwest Network	Inspire Services
Gompers	Tempe Adaptive Recreation	<b>AND MANY MORE!</b>



## Contact Us

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**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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