



WAGGONER PAW

July 2026

A NOTE FROM **MRS. RODRIGUEZ**

Welcome Back, Waggoner Wildcats!

Dear Waggoner Families,

It is with great excitement that I welcome all of our students, families, and staff to the 2026–2027 school year! I hope you had a wonderful summer filled with opportunities to relax, recharge, and create lasting memories with family and friends.

As we begin a new school year together, I am optimistic for the journey ahead. At Waggoner Elementary, we are committed to creating a learning environment where every student feels valued, supported, and empowered to reach their full potential. Our vision guides everything we do:

"Waggoner is an inclusive community that inspires every learner to rise, belong, and achieve."

This vision reflects our belief that every child deserves to feel a sense of belonging, be challenged to grow, and be celebrated for their unique strengths and accomplishments. Together, we will continue fostering a school culture built on positive relationships, high expectations, and a shared commitment to student success.

I am looking forward to another year of learning, growth, and memorable experiences as we work together to help every Wildcat thrive. Thank you for your partnership and trust. Your support plays a vital role in making Waggoner such a special place for students to learn and grow.

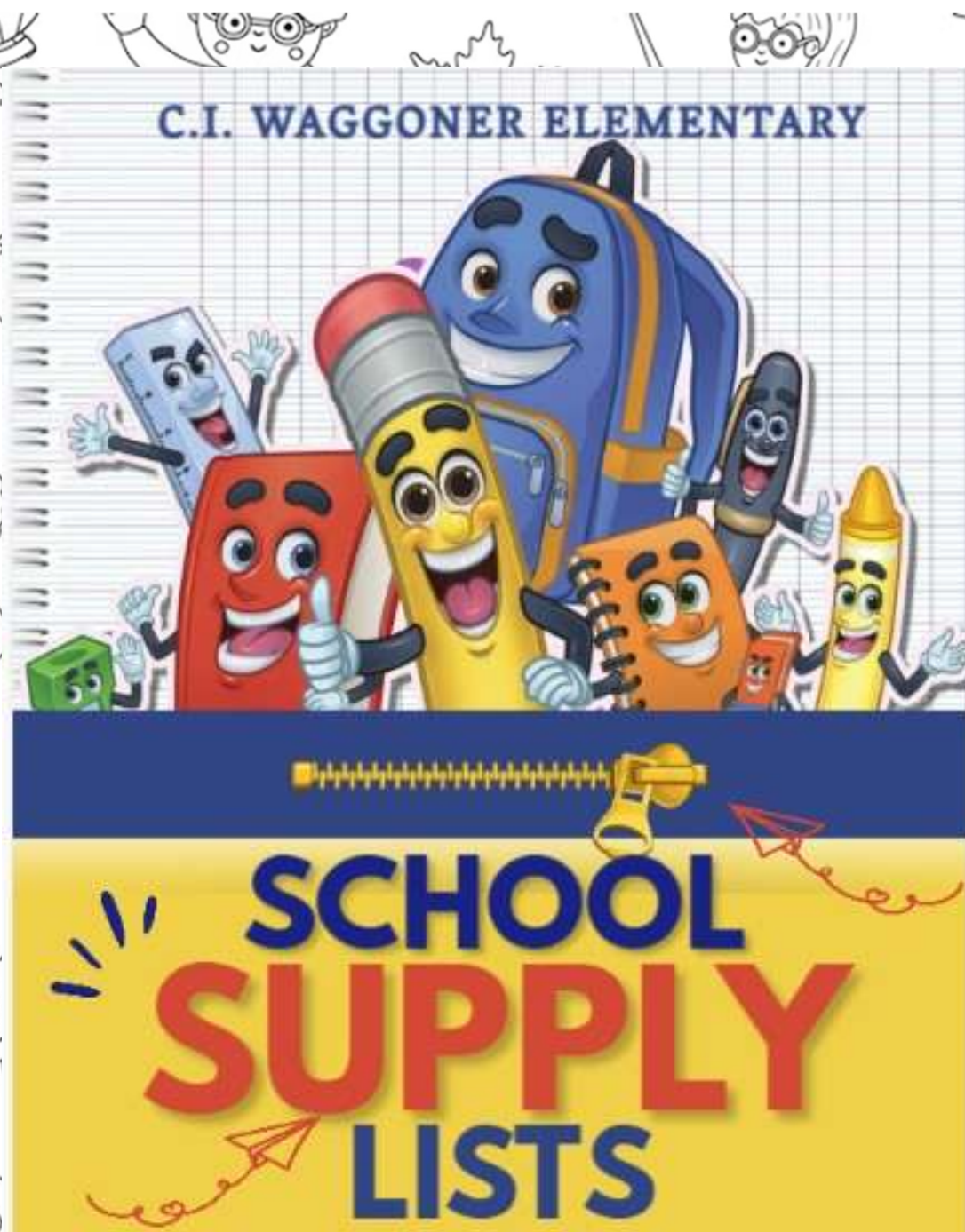
On behalf of our entire staff, welcome back! We can't wait to see all that our students will accomplish this year.

Mrs. Margaret Rodriguez
Principal



MEET THE TEACHER





WALK UP – DROP OFF/PICK UP

Drop Off:

*For the safety and security of all students and staff, we will maintain a secure campus by limiting access to areas inside the fence. Parents and guardians will not be permitted to enter through the fenced areas with the exception of drop off on the first day of school.

*There is one point of entry, which is the main gate near the playgrounds and car drop off.

*You may park in our parking lot and spend time in the city park prior to the 7:25am bell.

Feel free to park in any open parking spot.

The innermost lane is reserved for buses only. Please do not drive or park in the bus lane.

Pick Up

*Parent walk up will be at the ramada.

*Teachers will dismiss students through the gate at the

CAR – DROP OFF/PICK UP



PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAYS WHILE WAITING IN LINE.

Car Drop-Off & Pick-Up Guidelines

Location:
East side of the school along **Lakeshore Drive**

Important Procedures:

- **Traffic Flow:**
Enter **from the north only**, turning **right** into the drop-off/pick-up lane. Exit is also **right turn only**.
- **Respect Neighbors:**
Do **not** block residential driveways while waiting in line.
- **Pick-Up Name Card:**
Keep your **student name card visible** for staff during PM pick-up.
- **Passenger Side Only:**
Students must **enter and exit vehicles on the passenger side**.
- **Stay in Your Vehicle:**
Drivers **must remain in the car** at all times.
- **Please note:**
The playground **gate will close promptly at 7:25 AM**. After this time, children must be signed in by an adult at the front office.

RIGHT TURN ONLY

ATTENTION
GATE CLOSING PROMPTLY AT 7:25AM
After this time, your child must be signed in by an adult in the office

SAFETY

E-bikes and Scooters

Please note that motorized vehicles and devices, including e-bikes and e-scooters, are not allowed on Kyrene school campuses. Students may not use them as transportation to and from school, and they may not be operated or parked on campus. This restriction does not apply to approved accommodations such as mobility devices required for disabilities. Those devices are permitted. The City of [Chandler/Phoenix/Tempe] has laws regulating the use of motorized devices, including who can ride them and where. Kyrene's practice is aligned with those laws, and we will continue to partner with police to help ensure the safety of our campus and community.

[City of Phoenix bike and scooter laws](#)

[City of Chandler bike and scooter laws](#)

[City of Tempe bike and scooter laws](#)

ARIZONA HEALTHY SCHOOLS ACT

(Important changes for the 2026-27 school year)

Arizona's new Healthy Schools Act changes laws governing food in schools, to help kids stay healthy. The law identifies 11 banned ingredients, and schools participating in federal meal programs cannot serve or sell foods with any of the ingredients. Additionally, food brought to campus during the school day must not contain any of the banned ingredients.

Important! These new rules do not apply to parents packing their child's individual lunch or snacks. You can still pack any lunches, snacks, or treats for your individual child. However, the new rules do restrict the foods allowed during classroom parties and other celebrations during the school day. For a full list of banned ingredients, answers to frequently asked questions, and additional information, visit [Kyrene.org/healthyschools](https://www.kyrene.org/healthyschools).

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ALLOWED

- ✓ Food fundraisers held off campus or outside the school day
- ✓ Food brought by parents for their own child
- ✓ Shared food that does not contain banned ingredients

RESTRICTED

- ✗ Shared food during the school day that contain banned ingredients
- ✗ Classroom parties and celebrations with foods containing banned ingredients
- ✗ School-sponsored birthday or holiday treats with banned ingredients

SCHOOL DAY RESTRICTIONS

- School Meals
- School Stores
- Fundraisers
- Class Celebrations
- Culinary or FACS Classes
- Catering
- Vending Machines

For this law, a school day is defined as midnight until 30 minutes after the instructional day ends.

RESTRICTED INGREDIENTS

- Potassium Bromate
- Propylparaben
- Titanium Dioxide
- Brominated Vegetable Oil
- Yellow Dye 5 or 6
- Red Dye 3 or 40
- Blue Dye 1 or 2
- Green Dye 3



For more information, visit www.kyrene.org/foods-services

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Kyrene School District is committed to working with families to improve student attendance and academic success. Our school will send email notices when a student misses four or more days of school, whether excused or unexcused. Additional notices are sent when a student reaches 8 and 13 absences. If a student exceeds 18 absences, a more formal letter will be sent, but it is our goal to partner with families before that happens. Kyrene has a [webpage](#) with resources to maintain good attendance habits, including our “Too Sick for school” guide to help determine when to keep children home.

2026–2027 WAGGONER CALENDAR

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JULY

7/20
MEET THE TEACHER

7/22
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
(NO EARLY RELEASE)

AUGUST

8/14
EXTRA EARLY RELEASE

8/17
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY -
NO SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER

9/7
LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL

9/9-9/11
CONFERENCES - EARLY
RELEASE DAYS

9/25
LAST DAY OF QTR 1

9/28 - 9/30
FALL BREAK - NO SCHOOL

OCTOBER

10/1-10/9
FALL BREAK - NO SCHOOL

10/12
TEACHER DAY - NO SCHOOL

10/13
QTR 2 BEGINS

NOVEMBER

11/11
VETERANS' DAY -
NO SCHOOL

11/25-11/27
THANKSGIVING BREAK -
NO SCHOOL

DECEMBER

12/18
LAST DAY OF QTR 2

12/21-12/31
WINTER BREAK -
NO SCHOOL

JANUARY

1/1
WINTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL

1/4
TEACHER DAY - NO SCHOOL

1/5
QTR 3 BEGINS

1/18
MLK DAY - NO SCHOOL

FEBRUARY

2/3-2/5
CONFERENCES- EARLY
RELEASE

2/15
PRESIDENTS' DAY -
NO SCHOOL

MARCH

3/5
LAST DAY OF QTR 3

3/8-3/19
SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL

3/22
TEACHER DAY - NO SCHOOL

3/23
QTR 4 BEGINS

3/26
EARLY RELEASE

APRIL



MAY

5/26
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

SUMMER BREAK

EARLY RELEASE

JULY	29
AUG.	5,12,14,19,26
SEPT.	2,9,10,11,16,23
OCT.	14,21,28
NOV.	4,18
DEC.	2,9,16
JAN.	6,13,20,27
FEB.	3,4,5,10,17,24
MARCH	4,24,26
APRIL	7,14,21,28
MAY	5,12,19,26

Too sick for school?

Regular attendance is important for your child's well-being and learning. This guide can help you determine when to keep your child home and when to send them to school.

Send me to school if...

- I have a runny nose or mild cough, but **no** other symptoms.
- I have a mild rash but no other symptoms.
- I have only a mild stomachache.
- I have eye drainage but no fever, eye pain or redness.
- I haven't had a fever or taken any fever-reducing medicine for 24 hours.
- I haven't thrown up or had diarrhea for 24 hours.

Keep me at home if...

- I have a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees.
- I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.
- My eyes are pink and crusty.

Call the doctor if...

- I've had a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees for 2+ days or a fever combined with: *ear pain, sore throat, rash, cough, stomachache or headache.*
- I've been throwing up or have had diarrhea for more than two days.
- I've had the sniffles for more than a week, and they aren't getting better.
- I have any uncommon symptoms such as eye swelling or a rash with blisters.

If you have specific concerns regarding your child's health or are worried your child will spread illness, contact your health care provider. This guide does not take the place of county or school district health guidance regarding respiratory viruses or other contagious illnesses.

WELCOME TO WAGGONER

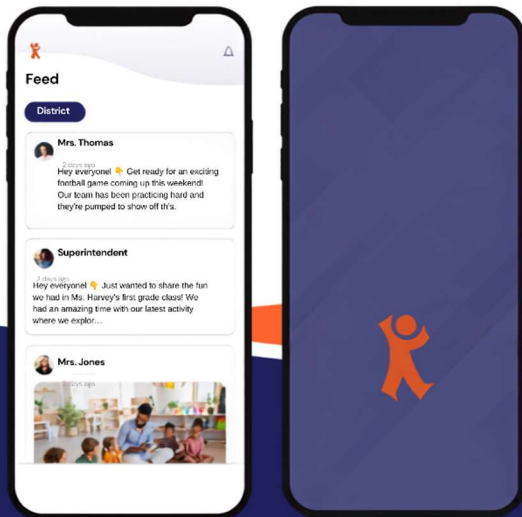
Welcome to **WAGGONER** ELEMENTARY

We are so excited to have you here!

Jenn Bell Preschool Interant	Leah Bell K-5 SLPA	Courtney Conradi Integrated Preschool Lead	Cara Dwyer Preschool SLP	Ronny Hoopes CCD 3-5 Lead	Steph Kosakowski P.E.	Beth Ladley Health Assistant
Taylor Leinhart Speech	Vanessa Madriaga Media Assistant	Elijah Martinez IA/Lunch Duty	Jimmy Reinhardt Resource	Sarah Romine CCD K-2 Lead	Brandon Spinner IA/Lunch Duty	Ebelia Torres CCD IA
Debra Hoopes CCD IA	Psychologist - Haley Geyer	Preschool Assistants Christina Guyton Amanda Rose Rahat Naqvi				

DOWNLOAD THE KYRENE APP.

It's everything Kyrene,
in your pocket.



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*(It's everything Kyrene, in
your pocket!)*

*Kyrene has a new mobile
app to keep you connected
to both your school and the
district. Stay updated on
events, student stories and
important announcements.*

*Families can access
multiple school feeds from
a single app, and the app is
available to anyone! That
means extended family
members and caregivers
can stay in the loop as well.*

*The Kyrene app is free to
download from the [Apple
App Store](#) or the [Google](#)*



UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

JULY 2026

JULY 20: Meet the Teacher

JULY 22: First Day of School

AUGUST 2026

AUG. 7: PTO Meeting @7:45AM

AUG 17: NO SCHOOL – Staff Dev. Day



C.I. WAGGONER

ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL/OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY	7:00AM – 3:30PM
TUESDAY	7:00AM – 3:30PM
WEDNESDAY	7:00AM – 1:30PM
THURSDAY	7:00AM – 3:30PM
FRIDAY	7:00AM – 3:30PM

SCHOOL START TIME:
7:30AM

SCHOOL END TIME:
2:15PM

**EVERY WEDNESDAY
EARLY RELEASE**
12:15PM

Inspiring every learner to Rise, Belong and Achieve.

1050 E. Carver Rd.,
Tempe, AZ. 85284

Phone:
480.541.5600

Attendance:
480.541.5601



**A valid
physical photo ID
is required
for entry.**

**Digital forms of
identification are
NOT accepted.**



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PORTRAIT
OF A
KYRENE KID



ADAPTABLE LEARNER • SELF-ADVOCATE • COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTOR
COMMUNICATOR • CRITICAL THINKER • PROBLEM SOLVER • COLLABORATOR

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