



PUEBLO NEWS

July 24, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

28 - NWEA Math Testing All Grades

29 - EARLY Release @ 1:05pm

30 - NWEA ELA Testing All Grade

AUGUST

5 - EARLY Release @ 1:05pm

7 - Last Day to Register for Wrestling (info below)

17 - Staff Development Day - No School

REMINDER: Every Wednesday is EARLY Release at 1:05pm

NWEA Testing is Next Week

Next week, our students will be participating in the MAP NWEA assessments for Math and ELA. These assessments provide a tool that helps to provide an accurate measurement of each student's academic growth. The beginning of the year assessments will take place on **July 28 (Math) and July 30 (ELA)**. Student growth will be monitored by reviewing the results of the middle of the year and end of the year NWEA assessments. These results will be communicated with the students and their families.

If your child does not already have a set of WIRED earbuds for school, please make sure they have them before testing.

At Pueblo, we will work with students to create and monitor goals around growth on these assessments. More information will be provided regarding student growth and goal setting over the course of the school year. We look forward to working with you as we watch our bulldogs continue to grow over the next several months.

2026-27 SCHOOL CALENDAR UPDATE

The Kyrene Governing Board has approved a small change to the [2026-27 school calendar](#). The last day of school for **all** middle school students will be Tuesday, May 25. Previously, this was only the last day for 8th graders. The last day for elementary schools will remain May 26.

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.

ATTENDANCE LINE

Pueblo Middle School is equipped with a computerized telephone attendance reporting system.

Parents will also be able to submit their child's absences in ParentVue up to 5 days in advance.

The absence reporting phone number is 480-541-6801 and may be called 24 hours a day.

Parents/guardians are asked to call the attendance line or enter the absence into ParentVUE before 9:00 AM each day that their child is absent. If you call, please leave a message on the voicemail, indicating the student's name, grade, date(s) of the absence and reason for the absence. If we do not receive a notification that the child will be absent, the student's absence will be recorded as a truancy.

NOTE: Parents MUST report their child's absence to the attendance office within 24 hours, even if they spoke to the health office or if they told a teacher. We cannot excuse any absences until we receive a message from the parent/guardian.

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 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 Chandler bike and scooter laws](#)

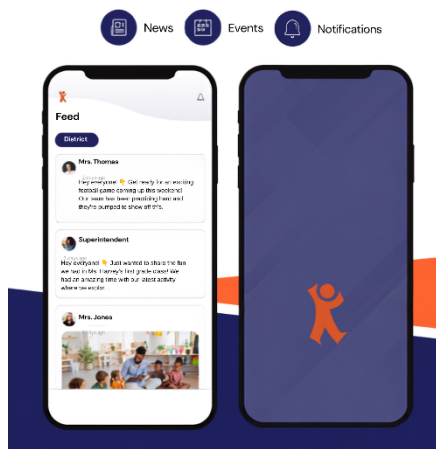
DOWNLOAD OUR APP (It's everything Kyrene, in your pocket!)

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 Play Store](#).

It's everything Kyrene,
in your pocket.



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 lists of banned ingredients, answers to frequently asked questions, and additional information, visit Kyrene.org/healthyschools.

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WHAT'S NEW

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ALLOWED	RESTRICTED
✓ Food fundraisers held off campus or outside the school day	✗ Shared food during the school day that contain banned ingredients
✓ Food brought by parents for their own child	✗ Classroom parties and celebrations with foods containing banned ingredients
✓ Shared food that does not contain banned ingredients	✗ School-sponsored birthday or holiday treats with banned ingredients

SCHOOL DAY RESTRICTIONS	RESTRICTED INGREDIENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Meals• School Stores• Fundraisers• Class Celebrations• Culinary or FACS Classes• Catering• Vending Machines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 this law, a school day is defined as midnight until 30 minutes after the instructional day ends.



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

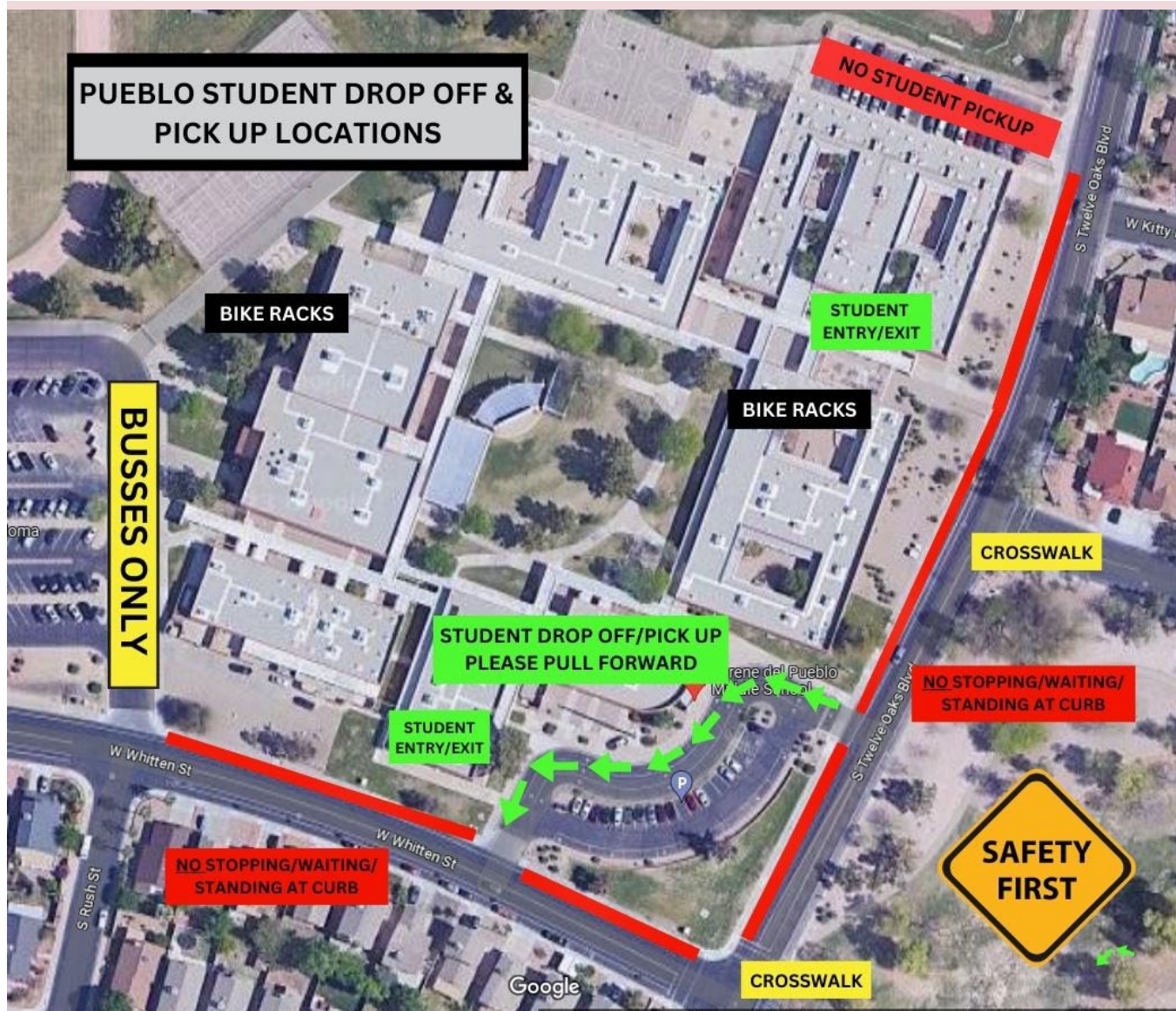
STUDENT DROP-OFF & PICK-UP PROCEDURES

SAFETY REMINDER!!

The west parking lot (between Pueblo and Paloma) is for **BUSSES ONLY**. Please refrain from using this lot to drop off or pick up your students. Our transportation department does its best to keep on schedule, and this is difficult if buses are held up in dismissal traffic. Thank you for your help with this

As always, anyone operating a motor vehicle in the State of Arizona is required to follow all traffic laws, including posted signage and crossing guards on duty.

Pueblo Pick Up & Drop Off Map



If you plan on dropping off or picking up your child from Pueblo, use the front office parking lot. **Students *should not* be dropped off before 7:50 am; there is no supervision before that time.**

Please pull *all the way forward* and drop your child off at the end of the parking lot. In order to keep things moving, have your child gather their supplies and say their goodbyes quickly when you are dropping off. We appreciate your help with keeping the line moving as fast as possible.

When picking your child up, please follow the same procedure and pull all the way forward to the end of the parking lot. Once your child is in the car, you can move into the passing middle lane and exit the parking lot, allowing other cars to pull forward.

Please note the signs on Twelve Oaks Blvd. which indicate that there should be no stopping or parking during school hours, and remember it is unsafe to make U-turns in a school zone.



ATHLETICS

REGISTER FOR SPORTS TODAY!

All sports are open for registration NOW

Registration for the 2026/27 school year **is now open** for all four quarters. The Athletic Packet registration will close **one day prior to each deadline** so that packets can be reviewed by staff. It will reopen the next day for the next quarter of sports. Please mark your calendars.

Quarter 1 Registration Deadlines:

- Wrestling - Non-cut sports registration closes: August 7, 2026 (12:00pm)



Quarter 2 Registration Deadlines:

- Cut sport registration closes: September 25, 2026 (12:00pm)
- Non-cut sports registration closes: October 30, 2026 (12:00pm)
- Cheer registration TBD

Quarter 3 Registration Deadlines:

- Cut sport registration closes: December 18, 2026 (12:00pm)

Quarter 4 Registration Deadlines:

- Cut sport registration closes: March 5, 2027 (12:00pm)
- Non-cut sport registration closes: April 2, 2027 (12:00pm)

If you have any questions about Pueblo Athletics please visit the [Pueblo Athletics homepage](#) or contact Erin Gray in Student Services in our Pueblo front office at 480-541-6804.

Blank physical forms are available in the front office if you need one. They can also be found online by clicking the button.

[Pueblo Athletics Website](#)

DONATE

Donate to help with restocking the PBIS store this year. The PTO supports our PBIS Store every year through generous donations from our families.

If you would like to donate to help restock the PBIS Store follow this link: [Help us Restock the PBIS Store](#)

WHAT IS PBIS YOU ASK?

PBIS is Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports. This is a schoolwide approach in which the goal is to establish a positive student culture and individualized behavior support necessary to create a safe and effective learning environment for all students. The store is part of this program, in which students earn “dog tags” for following specific positive behavioral guidelines and can “purchase” items from the store. Students follow our unified set of B.A.R.K. expectations throughout the day:

Be Respectful

Act Responsibly

Remember Safety

Kindness Matters

MEAL DELIVERIES

Please note that we **do not** allow any third-party lunch deliveries to the school office. (Examples would include DoorDash and Uber Eats, among others.) Deliveries of this kind disrupt students' lunch schedules, and the timing is often unreliable. In addition we have a food service contract with the District, which specifies not having competing foods brought into school.

Parents may bring their own students' lunches to the office if need be, but may not bring lunches or treats for additional students. If any 3rd party delivered lunches arrive in the office, unless arrangements have been previously made with the administration, the student will have to pick them up at the end of the day. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Students will not be called out of class to pick up dropped-off items.

TRANSPORTATION

Families can access information regarding Bus Routes and Bus Safety by visiting the Kyrene webpage and looking under the Parent Tab. Click the button to visit the transportation webpage.

**Kyrene
Transportation**

Please update your information as soon as possible with Transportation if your address has changed. Our Transportation system is based on a student's physical home address.

FOOD SERVICES

In order to determine if your student qualifies for free or reduced price meals, we ask that all families complete the free and reduced meal application located on kyrene.org.

Meal payments can be made on the InTouch Payment Portal this year. Parents can view meal balances on the Linq Connect Portal or pay by check/cash at schools.

InTouch Payment Portal

Linq Connect Portal

Free & Reduced lunch applications are available at school sites. You can complete an application on the Kyrene website or email at kbs@kyrene.org.

Free & Reduced Lunches

VISITORS TO SCHOOLS

Every visitor to the school campus is required to enter through the front office. If the visitor's business is appropriate, the visitor will complete the sign-in process (name, nature of business, and time).

Every visitor will be required to exchange their picture ID for a numbered visitor's badge. No one will be permitted in the school or on campus unless they are wearing a numbered visitor's badge.

Unless authorized by the site principal, student visitors are not allowed on campus during the school day, nor before or after school when Kyrene students are present (Policy 3-203). We ask that visitors and volunteers refrain from bringing students' siblings or other non-students with them to the school. Additionally, siblings and other non-students will not be permitted to attend school-sponsored trips.

Parent requests to observe in the classroom are to be scheduled through the office in advance and have the prior approval of the school administration. Observations should not disrupt students' instructional time. An observer who wishes to speak to the teacher will need to schedule an appointment before or after school.

This policy ensures safety, minimizes classroom interruption, and promotes full concentration of both students and volunteers/visitors on the learning activity



FOLLOW THE NEW PUEBLO PTO SOCIALS!

Stay connected with our school community by following the new Pueblo PTO on Facebook and Instagram! Join us for updates, events, and all the latest news to support our children and school activities.

[PTO Facebook](#)

[PTO Instagram](#)

FRYS REWARD CARD - COMMUNITY REWARDS

Your Fry's Reward Card can earn money for Pueblo PTO! Our Fry's Reward Card program has raised funds to support PBIS and Teacher Supplies! Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help us earn money to support our students and staff of Pueblo.

You can register at [Frys.com](https://frys.com), through the Frys App, or go to customer service and ask them to add you to the Pueblo PTO. You do need to re-register each year, so please sign up again, if you've done so in the past!



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School Hours: 8:20 am - 3:05 pm

Early Dismissal Wed: 1:05 pm

Office Hours: 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Wednesday: 7:30 am - 2:00 pm

Every Wednesday is Early Release.



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