



WAGGONER PAW

SEPTEMBER 2026

A NOTE FROM **MRS. RODRIGUEZ**

Dear Waggoner Families,
I can hardly believe Fall Break is just around the corner! Our first quarter has been filled with learning, growth, and so much fun. Thank you to our amazing Waggoner PTO for organizing another successful Fall Fundraiser and thank you to all of our Waggoner families and friends for your generous support. The squishies were definitely a favorite this year! We are excited to celebrate our students and begin distributing fundraiser prizes over the next few weeks.

September is packed with exciting events and important activities, including Parent-Teacher Conferences, Bus Evacuation Safety Drills, School Picture Day, and our Quarterly Awards Assembly.

NO SCHOOL – Labor Day

Monday, September 7

Half Days – Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, September 9 / Thursday, September 10 / Friday, September 11
School will be dismissed at 12:15PM each day.

School Picture Day

Friday, September 18

Quarterly Awards Assembly

Wednesday, September 23
Teachers will contact families directly if their child will be receiving an award.

Fall Break

September 28–October 9

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We appreciate all that you do to help make Waggoner a wonderful place to learn and grow. We look forward to a strong finish to the first quarter and wish everyone a fun and relaxing Fall Break!

Mrs. Margaret Rodriguez
Principal



ELEMENTARY SEL 60-DAY CURRICULUM REVIEW

The Kyrene Governing Board has approved a 60-day review of Elementary Social Emotional Learning resources. The public review of resources opened on August 19, 2026 and runs through December 2, 2026, allowing teachers, families and the community the opportunity to review all materials under consideration for adoption for the 2027–2028 school year and beyond. During the 60-Day Review, vendors provide recorded presentations, online demo access, and digital materials for review. Families and Community members can view materials and submit a feedback survey on the [Elementary Social Emotional Learning Adoption page](#) on the Kyrene website or you can visit a Kyrene Elementary school to request access to these digital resources



HEALTH OFFICE DONATIONS

Waggoner Families–

We are asking for your help in supporting students in our school community. Our Health Office is in need of gently used or new clothing items for children ranging from preschool through 5th grade.

Donations of the following items are greatly appreciated:

Shirts and pants

Shorts and leggings

Underwear (new only)

Socks (new preferred)

Shoes

These items are used for students who may experience spills, accidents, muddy playground adventures, or other situations where a change of clothing is needed during the school day.

Donations can be dropped off in the front office or Health Office at any time.

Thank you for helping us ensure that every child feels comfortable, confident, and ready to learn.

With gratitude,

The Waggoner Health Office





ESS PARENT TRAINING

Join us for an IEP Training provided by Encircle Families. Learn about the special education process and the Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

Register here: [IEP Training with Encircle Families](#)



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SCHOOL ACHIEVES PRESTIGIOUS

PBIS RECOGNITION

We are excited to share that Waggoner has earned a **Tier 4 Award for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)** for the 2025–2026 school year! This recognition reflects our school's commitment to creating a positive, safe, and supportive environment where all students can thrive.

The Arizona PBIS Coalition recognizes schools that successfully promote positive behavior and foster a culture where students feel valued, respected, and encouraged to succeed. We are incredibly proud of our students, staff, and families for helping make Waggoner such a special place to learn and grow.

A special thank you to our PTO for supporting our PBIS program through the generous donation of prizes and incentives that students can earn by demonstrating our school expectations of being **Safe, Respectful, and Responsible**.

Families can support our PBIS efforts at home by celebrating and rewarding their child's PAW-sitives earned during the school day. Working together helps reinforce the positive behaviors that contribute to our strong school community.

PARTNERING FOR A SAFER SCHOOL ZONE

Creating a safe environment for our students and families is a shared responsibility. If you notice traffic concerns such as speeding, unsafe parking, distracted driving, or pedestrian safety issues near our campus, please consider reporting them through the Tempe Police Traffic Complaint & Tipline Portal.

Online reports are routed directly to the Tempe Police Traffic Unit and help build a record of ongoing concerns. This information allows law enforcement to better monitor problem areas and support future safety improvements around schools.

Thank you for helping us keep our students, staff, and families safe every day.

👉 [Tempe Police Traffic Complaint & Tipline Portal](#)

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

As part of our partnership in supporting your child's attendance, you will receive an attendance letter when your child's absences reach the equivalent of 4, 8, 13, and 19 days. These letters reflect total absences, regardless of the reason. All absences count toward the total, including those due to illness or extenuating circumstances. The letters are informational — their purpose is to make sure families have an accurate picture of the total number of days their child has missed. 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.

If you have any questions about your child's attendance, please contact our school's attendance clerk, Raquel Harvey, at rharvey@kyrene.org.

PARENT DROP-OFF & PICK-UP REMINDERS

**FOR FAMILIES USING THE CAR LINE:**

**MOVE UP AS FAR AS POSSIBLE ALONG THE CURB**
to allow the maximum number of vehicles to load and unload simultaneously.

**HAVE STUDENTS READY TO GO.**
Unbuckle seatbelts, gather backpacks, and prepare lunchboxes before reaching the drop-off zone.

**STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE.**
Please remain in the driver's seat. Staff members will assist students as needed.

**DISPLAY YOUR CAR TAG.**
Keep your name card clearly visible on your dashboard during dismissal.

**LOAD AND UNLOAD ON THE CURB SIDE ONLY.**
Students should always enter and exit the vehicle on the side closest to the sidewalk.

**FOR FAMILIES PARKING NEAR CAMPUS**

If you choose to park in the neighborhood or along surrounding streets, please park only in designated legal parking areas and be respectful of our neighbors.



**PLEASE DO NOT:**

**BLOCK DRIVEWAYS.**
Never park across or even partially block a resident's driveway, as it prevents access to their home.

**PARK ON SIDEWALKS OR GRASSY PARKWAYS.**
This forces children and pedestrians to walk into active streets.

**DOUBLE PARK.**
Do not stop or idle alongside another parked vehicle to load or unload students.

**BLOCK CROSSWALKS OR CORNERS.**
Avoid parking within marked or unmarked crosswalks or on the radius of a corner, which reduces visibility for drivers and pedestrians.

**MAKE ILLEGAL TURNS.**
Do not perform mid-block U-turns or three-point turns in residential neighborhoods where children are walking.

**BLOCK MAILBOXES OR ACCESS POINTS.**
Residents must be able to receive mail and access their property safely.

KYRENE OPEN ENROLLMENT POLICY

NOTIFICATION

As a condition of continuing enrollment, the Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and the pupil must agree to comply with all District policies, so long as these also apply to resident pupils. District schools are not required to re-admit a pupil who is not in good standing. Failure of a resident transfer or nonresident pupil to maintain good standing may result in the pupil not being accepted for open enrollment during the next application period at the discretion of the district.

A pupil in good standing is a pupil who:

1. has demonstrated regular attendance, as defined by no more than eighteen (18) days of absence in the current or previous school year pursuant to [A.R.S. 15-803](#).
2. is not currently enrolled in an alternate placement to suspension, nor has been enrolled in an alternate placement to suspension in the current school year for ten (10) or more days; or
3. does not have ten (10) or more days of short-term suspension in the current school year; or
4. is not in the process of being long-term suspended, nor has had a long-term suspension in the current school year; or
5. is not in the process of being expelled, nor was expelled during the current school year.

Resident transfer and nonresident pupils not in good standing may be denied acceptance to continue through the open enrollment policy.

Throughout the year, school leaders will review your child's progress and reach out periodically to check in or offer support.

**YOU CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE IN A
STUDENT'S LIFE**



Kyrene School District partners with [Purposity](#), an online application that allows us to share specific student needs with our generous community. Whether it is an outfit for a child who has outgrown her clothes, or household items for a family that lost everything in a fire, lending a helping hand to Kyrene families has never been easier. All donations and contributions go directly to the student or family. Kyrene has already helped hundreds of students and families from every single Kyrene school thanks to our community's incredible generosity.

Download the app from [Apple](#) or [Google Play](#), enter your zip code and make a difference in seconds!

TAX CREDIT DONATIONS NEEDED

Arizona tax law (ARS 43-1089.01) allows taxpayers a tax credit up to \$400 per calendar year if they contribute to extracurricular activities in public schools. This is an actual credit! Contributions are donated directly to our school, not the state or the school district. This money can only be used by the school and only for extracurricular activities. In the law, extracurricular activity means any optional, noncredit, educational, or recreational activity which supplements the educational program of the school, whether offered before, during, or after regular hours. With these funds, we are able to offer field trips, assemblies, after school clubs, and our intramural program during recess. Please make your online tax credit donation today by simply clicking [HERE](#). Thank you for supporting Waggoner!

**MAKE A
TAX CREDIT
DONATION
TODAY!**

- [Kyrene District
Family Handbook](#)
- [Birthday
Celebration Policy](#)
- [Electronic Devices
Policy](#)

PREK-5 STUDENTS

MAY NOT

USE WIRELESS DEVICES (WATCHES, PHONES)

BEFORE SCHOOL

At school, on the bus, or on school property before school

DURING SCHOOL

In classrooms, hallways, restrooms, lunchroom, and during all school activities

AFTER SCHOOL

At dismissal, on the bus, or on school property after school

**UNLESS PERMITTED BY STAFF
OR APPROVED EXCEPTION APPLIES**

★ **THANK YOU FOR HELPING US
STAY FOCUSED, SAFE, AND READY TO LEARN!** ♥

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2026

SEPT. 4: PTO Meeting @7:45AM

SEPT. 7: NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

SEPT. 9,10,11: EARLY RELEASE @ 12:15PM

SEPT. 9,10,11: Parent/Teacher Conferences

SEPT. 18: School Picture Day

SEPT. 23: Quarterly Awards

SEPT. 24: School Picture Make-up Day

SEPT. 25: Last Day of Quarter 1

SEPT. 28-30: FALL BREAK

OCTOBER 2026

OCT. 1-9: FALL BREAK

OCT. 12: NO SCHOOL - Teacher Plan Day

OCT. 13: First Day of Quarter 2

OCT. 16: PTO Meeting @7:45AM

OCT. 23: Trunk or Treat 5:30-7:00PM

Stay in the know... follow us on social media for current & upcoming events!

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ELEMENTARY

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
1:15PM

 *Inspiring every learner to Rise, Belong and Achieve.* 



**WAGGONER IS AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY
THAT INSPIRES EVERY LEARNER TO
RISE, BELONG, AND ACHIEVE.**

PORTRAIT
OF A
KYRENE KID



**ADAPTABLE LEARNER • SELF-ADVOCATE • COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTOR
COMMUNICATOR • CRITICAL THINKER • PROBLEM SOLVER • COLLABORATOR**
READY FOR THE FUTURE. HIGH SCHOOL. COLLEGE. CAREER. LIFE.