



September 13, 2020

Message from the Principal

It is hard to believe that it is September! I am grateful for our students and families and how they have persevered through these unusual and challenging times. Monday, September 7th, was the deadline for families to indicate their choice of learning environment whether it be In-Person or FLEX. We are excited to welcome many of our children in K-2 back on September 17th and our 3-5 on September 24th. I look forward to the day when we can welcome back all families and their children and we can resume with the many wonderful activities that Mariposa is accustomed to hosting for our community. In preparation for the return of our students please follow this schedule:

Monday, September 14th: Families of K-2 students will be notified of any teacher assignment changes.

Tuesday, September 15th: Final day of on-site supervision for K-2 students

Wednesday, September 16th: Asynchronous learning days/Teacher preparation

Monday, September 21st: Families of 3-5 students will be notified of any teacher assignment changes.

Tuesday, September 22nd: Final day of on-site supervision for 3-5 students

Wednesday, September 23rd: Asynchronous learning days/Teacher preparation

In order to facilitate a safe return to school, please check your child's temperature prior to coming to school. Mariposa will require face masks, enforce social distancing where possible and develop routines to teach children how to routinely wash their hands or use hand sanitizer. Every classroom has received a hepa filter which will refresh the air in the classroom every 35 minutes. The custodial staff will clean and disinfect the rooms on a nightly basis. Initially, children will eat lunch in their classrooms. Water fountains will be closed so please send a water bottle with your child. Classrooms will be set up, facing forward to minimize interaction amongst students. As children go to recess, they will be assigned zones so that their class plays only with their cohort classroom and does not interact with other classrooms. These are a few of the many mitigation strategies that are in place to protect both students and staff.

If you are returning to school, I am asking you to drop your child off at the curb on the east side of the building in grades K-5. If your child is a bus rider, arrives in a daycare van, is in Preschool or is a Kindergarten child whose Mom and or Dad would like to accompany them, the exterior door "A" adjacent to the front office will be your student's point of entry.

Please take time to read the newsletter carefully. It has an abundance of information that will support all families regardless of whether you remain in the Flex model or Return to School in person.

Sincerely,

Spencer Fallgatter, Principal



Important Dates

Monday, 9/14	- New Teacher Assignments Announced for K-2
Tuesday, 9/15	– Last day for Kindergarten through 2 nd Grade On-Site Supervision Program
Wednesday, 9/16	– Meet the Teacher Activities Night, K-2 nd
Thursday, 9/17	- In-person learning resumes for K-2 nd - K-2 Laptops and power cords returned to school
Friday, 9/18	- COVID-19 Parent Acknowledgement & Disclosure Form Due, K-2 grade
Monday, 9/21	- New Teacher Assignments Announced for 3 rd grade
Tuesday, 9/22	– Last day for 3 rd – 5 th grade On-Site Supervision Program
Wednesday, 9/23	– Meet the Teacher Activities Night, 3 rd grade only
Thursday, 9/24	- In-person Learning resumes for 3 rd – 5 th grade - 3 rd - 5 th grade Laptops and power cords returned to school
Friday, 9/25	- COVID-19 Parent Acknowledgement & Disclosure Form Due, 3 rd – 5 th grade
Friday, 10/2	- No School , Teacher Work Day
FALL BREAK, NO SCHOOL: 10/05/20 – 10/09/20	
Monday, 10/12	- No School
Tuesday, 10/13	- School Resumes for All Students, In-person and Flex Distance Learners

School Breakfast and Lunch Program Updates

Free Meals for All Children

Kyrene School District is now providing **free meals** for all children, regardless of income or eligibility. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will cover the cost of breakfast and lunch at **no expense** to families or to the District, **through December 31, 2020**.



Meal Service for Breakfast and lunch will be available for all students, whether receiving in-person services or engaging in online learning at home. Students receiving on-site services will have meals provided at the school site. For students in both distance learning options, meals will be available through a curbside pickup system at the Kyrene District Office from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Once at curbside, call 480-541-1660 to contact Food Service. Students do not have to be present to pick up meals, and you will no longer need their student I.D. number.

- **Monday Meal Pickup:** Monday & Tuesday *OR* Monday-Friday meals provided
- **Wednesday Meal Pickup:** Wednesday–Friday meals provided



If you have already put money into your child's account for lunches, all balances will remain on the account until paid food services resume in January. While students will not be charged for meals at this time, they may purchase a la carte items which will impact account balances.



Rolling Return to In-Person Learning

Although our students are returning on a staggered basis, our drop-off and pick-up procedures apply to all grade levels.

ARRIVAL – The playground will not be open:

- The earliest time a student may arrive at school is 7:10 AM – students will go straight to class.
- First bell rings at: 7:25 AM
- Tardy bell rings at: 7:30 AM – any student not in their classroom will be marked Tardy.

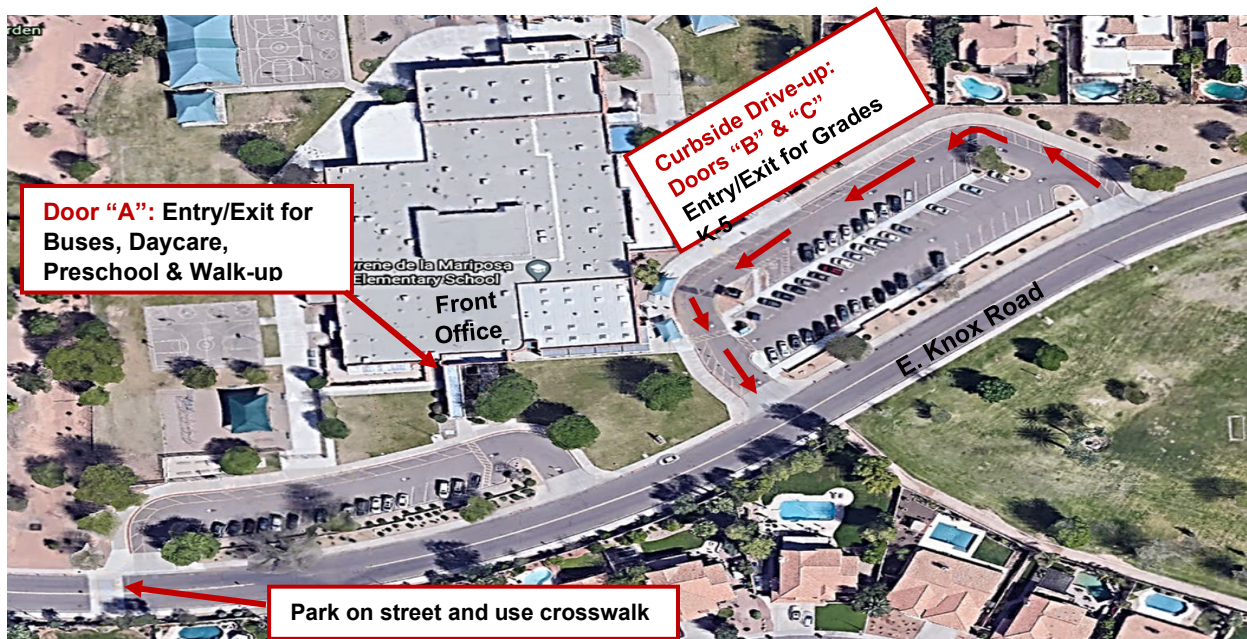
DISMISSAL – in an effort to maintain our health and safety standards, students will be released on a staggered schedule:

1:30 PM	Rees-K	Adrian-K	Bustamante-3 rd	Duncan-5 th	Barber-4 th
1:34 PM	Gallagher-1 st	Russo-1 st	Montiel-3 rd	Stupica-5 th	Johnson-5 th
1:38 PM	Wilson-1 st	Smith-5 th	Ballatore-4 th		
1:42 PM	Harshfield-2 nd	Jennewein-2 nd			

**At curbside pick-up, car rider signs will be distributed to each family. Please add your child's name to the sign and place it on your dashboard to help with the dismissal process. If you have multiple cars, please request an additional sign.*

Door A, next to the front office, will be used as an entry and exit location for our students utilizing Kyrene buses, daycare vans, as well as our preschoolers and those parents who wish to walk their Kinder students to the door. At the end of the school day, cones will be placed on the front lawn area to ensure parents are able to social distance while awaiting student release.

Door B and Door C, accessed by entering the east parking lot, will be utilized by all students whose parents are doing curbside drop-off and/or pick-up. Please remain in your vehicle. Staff will be on hand to escort your student to the appropriate door and to their classroom and, at the end of the day, staff will ensure your child safely enters your vehicle.



Northeast Gate: We are unable, at this time, to open the NE gate because of a lack of staff to supervise the entrance and safely escort our students to their classrooms. Most teachers are unable to do morning duty as they are required to be in their classrooms to greet their students when they arrive at school. We will continue to evaluate this decision as to whether it is possible to resume utilizing the NE gate as an entry point. Thanks for your understanding.

Students arriving late will need to be walked into the front office and signed into school by an adult and a Tardy Pass will be given to the student. Masks are required upon entering the office.

Students leaving before school dismissal will need to be signed out in the front office by an adult with an ID. Masks are required to enter the office. Please review your emergency contact list in [ParentVue](#) to ensure a smooth and timely pick-up process.

TRANSPORTATION



Bus assignments are currently up to date via the Versatrans E-link Portal. Parents can visit the website [here](#). To login, the username is your *student's ID* number and the password is the *student's 8-digit birthdate* (example: 09102020). Parents will also receive an email from Transportation with their student's route information; this includes the *bus color, stop times and stop location*. This communication will only be sent to the primary contact's email listed for the student and will be sent in a staggered schedule. Please review your [ParentVue](#) account to ensure your information is correct.

- September 15, 2020: **K – Grade 2**
 - September 22, 2020: **Grade 3 – Grade 5**
 - October 8, 2020: **Grade 6 – Grade 8**
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REQUIRED PARENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORMS

All District forms and handbooks are required to be acknowledged annually at the beginning of the school year. If you haven't done so yet, please log onto [ParentVue](#) and acknowledge all forms. Please pay special attention to the COVID-19 Parent Acknowledgment and Disclosure Form as this is required for all students reporting in-person. Below are the forms that should be acknowledged asap.

- Kyrene Family Handbook in ParentVue
- Technology User Agreement in Student Vue & ParentVue
- Kyrene Safe Return to School Handbook Addendum in ParentVue
- COVID-19 Acknowledgement and Disclosure in ParentVue





STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS WHILE ON CAMPUS

Students will be required to wear cloth face coverings while on campus and at school-related activities, both indoors and outdoors.

- Students will not be required to wear cloth face coverings during physical activities or while actively drinking or eating, though they may voluntarily wear face coverings at any time
- Face masks with valves and gaiter-style masks are not considered acceptable forms of cloth face coverings.
- Current guidance from Maricopa County advises that plastic face shields are not an adequate alternative to cloth face coverings

✓ CLOTH FACE MASKS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recommended by CDC for use in public• Effective at reducing spread of COVID-19• Most effective when they fit snugly over the nose and mouth, use a thick material, multiple layers, and a poly-cotton blend 	— FACE SHIELDS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not recommended by CDC without a cloth face mask• Not proven to reduce spread of COVID-19• Should wrap around the sides of the wearer's face and extend below the chin 
— NECK GAITERS/ BANDANAS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convenient to take on and off• Less effective at preventing droplet spread• If used, should consider thicker materials, folding them to create multiple layers, and a poly-cotton blend 	✗ VALVE MASKS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easier to exhale• Puts others at risk from wearer's respiratory droplets that shoot out of the valve• Specifically excluded from allowable masks under Maricopa County mask mandate 

INFORMATION & UPDATES: [MARICOPA.GOV/COVID19](https://maricopa.gov/covid19) 

Meet the Teacher Open House

As we return to school, it has been necessary to re-do class rosters to accommodate the families returning in person as well as those who have chosen the FLEX learning environment. Every effort has been made not to disrupt the current class assignment, but in some cases that was not possible. Because of the current parameters for providing cohort groups for students, request for any placement changes is not possible. You will find listed above, in the event timeline, a window for Meet the Teacher Open Houses. This will provide our families who have experienced a change, an opportunity to meet the teacher with your child via zoom. Your child's teacher will send out a link to the meeting.

Site Base Council

The Site Base Council is a group of teachers, parents, administrators, and interested community members who work together to develop and monitor our school's improvement plan. Education should be a joint effort of parents, teachers, administrators, and other school staff.

Each year there are positions open for parents and or community members on the Mariposa Site Base Council. Please let Spencer Fallgatter, Mariposa's Principal, know if you are interested by emailing him at sfallgatter@kyrene.org. The meetings will be held once a month; day, dates and times to be determined and will be held via Zoom until we are once again free to meet in person.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS!

Reporting Absences for In-Person and Flex Distance Students



If your student will be late for any class, absent for the whole day, can't get into a zoom class - any reason for an absence - PLEASE make sure you call the 24-hour attendance line at 480-541-3801. All parents/guardians are asked to call the office by 7:30 AM each day that your child will not be joining their instruction. We understand that you or your student may be notifying the teacher, but the attendance clerk needs to know as well. Per district policy, an email is not an acceptable form of communication for absences, the school must receive a phone call from the parent/guardian.



Please notify both your child's teacher AND the front office if there is a change to how your child will be going home at the end of a school day. If the change affects Kyrene transportation, day care or Kids Club, please be sure to contact them as well.

Front Office Lobby & Delivery of Items

Please be aware that we are limiting the number of visitors in front office lobby to ensure our families social distance while waiting to be assisted by our staff. You may be asked to wait outside until space becomes available. Face coverings are required.

If you have an item that needs to be delivered to your student, please ensure it is clearly labeled, leave it on the cart in the lobby and add the information to the clipboard.



Enrollment is Open!



Kids Club/After Hours will be reopening in alignment with the grade-level staggering return of students. Program staff are very excited to see your children and will be implementing mitigation strategies aligned with those during the school day including cohorts, face coverings, hand washing and social distancing, when feasible and to the extent possible. If you are interested in signing your child up, you may do so [online](#). For more information, visit [Community Education](#) or call 480-541-1500.



Gifted Testing 2020-21 & Gifted Child Find Notice

GIFTED TESTING 2020-21

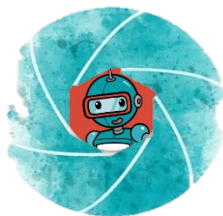
The gifted testing schedule for next year has been determined. Gifted testing is facilitated at sites three times per year. Information about applications due dates, testing windows, and results are available on www.kyrene.org/gifted. Applications for the next round are due on October 26. Please communicate the gifted child find message provided below to your communities.

GIFTED CHILD FIND NOTICE

All public school districts have an ongoing “Child Find” obligation. This means that the Kyrene School District will identify, locate and evaluate all children within their geographic boundaries who need special education and related services. Kyrene makes gifted testing available for students at school sites three times per year by application. Applications are due for the next round of testing for 2020-21 on October 26, 2020. If you think your child may be gifted, please visit the website at www.kyrene.org/gifted for information about gifted education, services, and testing in Kyrene. More information about the child find process can be found at www.kyrene.org/ESS.

Picture Day Option for In-Person and Flex Distance Learners

With the delay of in-person learning, school pictures have been postponed until after October 31st. For those of you who don't want to wait, or are distance learning, School Pics has created an opportunity to have your children's fall school pictures taken at their studio in Ahwatukee. Available times will run from 3pm to 8pm after school.



Please visit their homepage: <https://www.schoolpicsonline.com> and click on **Schedule Studio Appointment**. They have a limited number of appointments for each day, and it is expected that they will go fast. If you are interested, plan on booking as early as possible.

Social Media Presence and Swag!

In this unique 20-21 school year, social media has become the most popular way to share information as well as celebrate our students! If you have any photos or short video clips of your child participating in the online learning classroom, a drawing/artwork they would like to share with our Mariposa community, or even a short clip of your student reading, we may post it on Facebook for their fellow students to see and celebrate along with them! **Send your submissions to:** mariposanews@kyrene.org



Get social with Mariposa via Facebook! Like, Follow, and Share:



We also have a limited supply of stickers available in our office that are great for water bottles, travel mugs, or for your car. Contact our front office to get yours today!



Parent Resources:

ParentVue: www.kyrene.org/parentvue. This district web page focuses on ParentVUE resources for families. Currently there are a list of FAQs covering everything from how to access your account, change your password to posted grades and checking your student's absences.

Safe Return to School: www.kyrene.org/safestrong. This district web page is the place to find answers to questions relating to "Safety Measures", Kyrene's different learning models, and you can access links to all Kyrene's emails regarding our Safe Return to School as well as Kyrene's Governing Board Presentations.

Kyrene Distance Learning Help: <https://sites.google.com/kyrene.org/distancelearninghelp/home> This is a great starting point for assistance with resetting student passwords, how to access Google Classroom, info and tutorials for Zoom meetings, Chromebooks, Google Apps as well as Safety Tip and Information regarding use of media – look for the drop-downs at the top of the page. Be sure to have your student bookmark this page!

Parent Resource Directory: www.kyrene.org/domain/193. This is a great place to start when searching for information regarding educational or community resources, lunch/meal service, calendars, transportation, athletics, Tax Credit Donations – just about anything you may be looking for!

Contact us

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:10am-3:10pm

Office Phone: 480-541-3800

24-Hour Attendance Line: 480-541-3801

School Hours:

Kindergarten – 5th Grade: Monday-Friday, 7:30am – 1:45pm

AM-Preschool – 7:30am - 10:00am

PM-Preschool – 11:15am - 1:45pm

(No school on Wed for Preschool)

Principal: Mr. Spencer Fallagatter

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