

# KYRENE PRESCHOOL NEWS

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BRISAS

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## Welcome to Preschool....

For those of you who are returning to Brisas, welcome back! For those of you who are new to the preschool program you must be excited and a bit nervous! Please be assured that we are a highly trained staff of professional educators who will do our best to make this a wonderful, fun-filled year of learning for you and your child.

## Class Hours...

- A.M. 8:20 to 11:20
- P.M. 12:20 to 3:20
- Please make it a priority to have your children to school on time as we start our day quickly. We will meet you at the doors with a sign in sheet. When picking your child up, we would also ask that you would be prompt as we usually have other duties to perform and meetings to attend. Thank you for your help in this matter.
- If you are late, your child will be sitting in the office and you will need to park your car and go sign them out from there.
- Parking –you will need to find a spot to park and walk your child to the door. (Gate #5) If you are coming from Ray – you will need to park in the lot in the front of Brisas and Aprende. I would recommend that you come in off of Mc Clintock and park in the parking lot by the Brisas playground. If you don't find a parking space – you can park on the

curb (except where it is marked for the busses) If you are late and gate 5 is closed, it means you need to check in through the office.

## About our staff:

Classroom teacher – Lynn Clapper  
I graduated from NAU with a dual major of elementary and special education. I have taught in a variety of special needs settings in Washington and Kyrene school districts. I am beginning my 28th year in Kyrene with 24 of those years being in preschool. I hold certificates in Elementary and Special Education, and have my Structured English Immersion and Early Childhood endorsements. I also have my Masters in Early Childhood. I have 3 adult children, one living in Texas and the other two in Arizona. I enjoy cooking, watching TV, and spending time with my friends and family. I am excited to start a new year with your children.

Speech Therapist- Kristin Grover  
I am one of the Speech Language Pathologists (SLP) in the Kyrene School District. I am originally from South Dakota where I received my Master's degree. I have been working as an SLP in Kyrene School District since 1999. This is my 16<sup>th</sup> year in the preschool program. This is my favorite age group! I am married with three children ages 16, 13, and 11. My time outside of school is spent supporting my children in all of their activities such as football, volleyball, dance, and gymnastics.

### Preschool Teaching Assistants:

\*Sharon Wilp – I am looking forward to working as an assistant in your child's preschool classroom. I have been happily working in the Kyrene preschool for 10 years. I began my career teaching second grade in northern CA. Twenty six years ago I married my husband and moved to AZ so he could begin a career with Motorola. I taught 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in the Tempe School District and then took some time off to be a stay at home mom. I then worked as a substitute teacher at Brisas for 3 years. I fell in love with the preschool program while filling a long term sub position and have never left. My children both attended Brisas. My daughter is beginning her freshman year at ASU in business and my son is a senior at ASU majoring in engineering. Both my children will be living on campus. Enjoy every day with your precious children, because they really will grow up faster than you imagined.

\*Netty Castro – I am beginning my 2<sup>nd</sup> year at Brisas. Before coming here I was a pre-kindergarten teacher at Tutor Time Learning Center. I have no children of my own but I have a wonderful niece & nephew. I love to hike, mountain bike, workout, I love spending time outdoors. I attend Grand Canyon University, majoring in Christian Studies and Youth Ministry.

### **Change of Clothes**

EVERYONE: Since our room temperature varies throughout the day, and we have little control over it, you may want to leave a sweater or jacket in your child's backpack, just in case.

**Please remember to label the item.**

Please send a change of clothes in a plastic zip-lock bag with your child's name on it. Sometimes spills or accidents happen – especially in preschool.

If your child needs diapering, please send in a supply of diapers and wipes, with their name written on the packages. We will send you a note in your backpack letting you know when our supply is running low.

### **Transportation**

Your child's safety is very important to us. If someone other than you is going to be picking up your child at school, please let us know in advance in writing. If this will be a regular occurrence please be sure their name is on the blue (or yellow) card. We cannot release your child to anyone but you, the names on your emergency card, or someone you've identified in a written note. Thank you for your understanding.

If your child is riding the bus to school, please make sure you call transportation if they are home sick or if you aren't going to need them that day, for any other reason. 541-1700

### **Birthdays**

Birthdays are special times for children. The district policy is not to send in birthday treats. We will be celebrating your child's birthday in class by having them wear a special birthday crown and singing 'Happy Birthday' to them at snack time.

## Preschool Attire

We are a hands-on program and have lots and lots of messy activities. Please do not send your child in clothes that you do not want to get dirty. The potential for paint, mud, glue, and other stains is great! We have paint shirts and make every effort to keep your child neat, but spills happen (a lot) in preschool. That's how children learn, by freely exploring the materials. In addition we will be going to the playground daily (except on those really hot days) so we highly recommend tennis shoes for their SAFETY. If your child would like to wear a hat outside please send it in their backpack. Please send in a water bottle, please be sure that it is marked with their name. We will leave them on a tray by their cubbies so they can drink during the day and they can take them outside when we go out.

## Backpacks

We would like to ask that you send a few things with your child on his/her first day of school. Please always send your child to school with a **full sized** backpack that will fit papers and projects going home. Please have their name clearly printed on the backpack. We will check this backpack first thing upon arrival to see if there are any important messages from home (Please use the big pocket so we don't have to search every pocket), and we will use the bag to send our important papers home to you! Please check your child's backpack as soon as they get home from school each day.

## Snacks

Please be sure to put your child's name on their lunch box or bag. We use this time for matching and name recognition. It is much easier if their name is on it. ☺ Remember to send in a snack item and a drink. We are required to serve healthy snacks so request that you send in things like vegetables, fruits, yogurts, granola bars, nuts, ½ sandwiches and avoid things like chips, cookies, and donuts.

## Wish List. . .

Our school list looks a little different than that of students in older grades. These are items that we go through quickly so any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Paper plates

Paper towels

Plastic Spoons

Antibacterial hand soap

Tissues

**Velcro dots**

Glue sticks

Glue

Xerox paper

Crayola markers

In addition to these things we will have a wish list in the newsletter that might request certain items needed for a project.

## Additional Information

Please do not hesitate to speak with one of the teachers if you have any questions or concerns! We strive for constant communication between home and school in order to make preschool a

fantastic experience for you and your child! Please be sure to e-mail me a quick note and I will add you to my distribution list so I can send you newsletters that way.

### **This month...**

We will be learning the routine for the classroom and about each other. We will be learning school rules and expectations and focusing on same and different. We will have a curriculum night towards the end of the month.

*Keep in Touch!* 541- 2121

Lynn, Kristin, Sharon, and  
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