Kyrene de los Lagos - Dual Language Academy



July 23, 2021

Upcoming Events

JUL 27: Meet the Teacher Night JUL 29: First Day of School

AUG 4: School Picture Day

AUG 9: School Picture Absentee Day

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Hello Lagos Families,

I am very excited to begin the 2021-22 school year with your children. I am amazed at how quickly last school year flew by despite numerous challenges. We worked together and survived a year we'll never forget. I absolutely enjoyed meeting so many students last year and look forward to meeting so many more this year. I can't wait to see students in one week when we officially begin the 2021-22 school year. Our doors will open for the **first day of school on Thursday**, **July 29**, **2021**. School starts at 7:25 am however we welcome students to arrive for recess at 7:05 am and breakfast (served free of charge each morning) between 7:15 am and 7:25 am. It is extremely important that students are not sent to school or dropped off at school before staff members are present at 7:05 am each morning.

When school begins, PBIS (Positive Behavior Support Interventions) and Sanford Harmony will continue to be two core frameworks within our school to support our Dual Language instruction. Our expectation is that Lagos always be easily recognized as physically and emotionally safe school where excellent character is an expectation and never a choice. We work hard to teach and instill the 4 B's (Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Kind) in all our students. We believe the 4 B's are invaluable actions our students should work hard to demonstrate on a regular basis. This seamlessly ties into parental involvement and positive parental influence. The more the importance of education and positive behavior expectations are valued and enforced at home, the easier it is for

students to excel here at school. We invite parents to be involved in the education process. Although volunteering will be limited (in adherence to mitigation guidelines) we ask that you remain in constant communication with your child's teachers. We are working on restoring many of our family events and student assemblies in the safest manner possible. Specific dates will be sent home with students at a later date.

In addition to meeting new students, I look forward to meeting parents. I value collaboration and parental involvement. You will soon learn my frame of reference, as the principal of Lagos always begins with students. They are my priority. However, I also value input from parents and guardians. Positivity, kindness, respect and grace rank high on my priority list. It is imperative that appropriate communication is upheld via email, phone and in person when adults communicate. My door is always open and I'm always happy to meet should there be a need or desire to do so.

Please look over our drop off and pick up, <u>Parking Lot Video</u>. Your child's teachers will also be sending logistical information home that will be important for you to review. Most questions can be answered by visiting our website, but never hesitate to reach out to us directly in the front office.

We look forward to hosting our annual **Meet the Teacher Night on Tuesday, July 27th.** We ask families with last names beginning with A-M to join us from 5 pm - 6 pm and families with last names beginning with N-Z to join us from 6 pm - 7 pm. Prior to arriving on campus, please log into ParentVue to see your child's assigned teachers for this school year. Unlike previous years, we will not gather in the MPR. Each grade level will enter through a specified entrance, please see the attached, **Entrance Map.** Bus assignments and other important information will also be available on line. We look forward to seeing you soon! Enjoy the remainder of your summer break!

Sincerely,

Felicia M. Williams Principal

Meet the Teacher Night

Meet the Teacher night at Lagos will be held on Tuesday, July 27 by student last name. This evening is for parents and students. Please attend the time frame per below. We encourage you to arrive during your assigned time to accommodate parking, reduce crowds and to give more personal attention to our students and families. We understand there might be a few families needing to attend the other time slot and that is okay, we are planning on a great night for both open house sessions. Face coverings are optional, but strongly recommended for individuals who are not vaccinated.

Prior to arriving on campus, please log into ParentVue to view your child's assigned teachers for this school year. Teacher assignments will be posted in ParentVUE the afternoon/evening of Monday, July 26. Unlike previous years, we will not gather in the MPR. Each grade level will enter through a specified entrance, please see the attached map, Entrance Map.

A-M is 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM N-Z is 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Families are welcome to bring in your child/ren's school supplies to Meet the Teacher night. The school supply list is linked here, <u>2021-2022 Supply List</u>.

Don't forget to stop and speak with a PTO representative to see how you can be involved in the parent/school partnership. PTO will be selling school spirit shirts!

2021-2022 SCHOOL BELL HOURS

The first bell rings at 7:15 am to signal the end of before school recess. At 7:15 am, students will go directly to their classroom to eat breakfast. Students can be dropped off as early as 7:05 am when supervision begins. The tardy bell rings at 7:25am. Dismissal time is 2:15pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. *Every Wednesday is an early release with a dismissal time of 12:15pm.

Kyrene Safety Measures 2021-22

Kyrene School District safety measures and mitigation strategies are based on evolving guidance from federal, state and local health agencies as well as Kyrene's direct experience delivering education in safe environments throughout the pandemic, Kyrene Safety Measures.

Parent volunteers in classrooms, and lunch visitors are not allowed at this time.

School Picture Day-Mark your Calendars

School picture day will be held on Wednesday, August 4. Have your child picture ready!

First Day of School

The campus and *playgrounds will be closed to parents on the first day of school*. This is done to avoid the congestion and minimize exposure of students to adults on this day. To help support our kindergarten and newly enrolled 1st grade students, parents will bring your child to gate 1 which is located by the bike rack next to the front office. Parents of Kindergarten and newly enrolled first grade students are to park in the main parking lot, located in front of the building and walk to gate 1. Teachers and staff will be there to greet students and parents. Please see the map here, First Day of School Map. During the first few weeks of school, fifth grade ambassadors and staff will assist students to help them find their classrooms.

All returning 1st grade students through 5th grade will enter at the gate through the basketball courts.

Label Everything

Please label all your child's belongings, backpacks, water bottles, sweaters, etc. There are many lost items during the first month of school, and we want to make sure your child's items are returned to them.

Drop Off Procedures

The drop off time starts at 7:05a.m. Students will enter through the basketball courts. The basketball gate will close at 7:15 a.m. After 7:15am, students will enter through the MPR room. The MPR doors will be locked at 7:25am. 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.

Follow this link to the video of the drop off/pickup procedures

https://www.kyrene.org/site/default.aspx?

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- Do not enter through the parking lot exits. This is a big safety concern.
- Pull forward all the way to the attendant on duty before dropping off your child.
- Please do not proceed to pass all other cars on the left.
- Your child should have backpacks ready and goodbyes given before entering the school drop off area. If your child can't unbuckle and exit on his/her own, please park in the parking lot and walk your child to the gate.
- Drivers should **NEVER** exit their cars at any time while in the drop off lane, this holds up traffic and is dangerous.
- Cars must be curbside when children exit the vehicle.
- Take turns exiting out of the lane after you dropped your child off.

Pick up Procedures

Please fill out a sign with your youngest child's last name only. Only one sign needed per family. List all grade levels of your kids at the bottom left. Place on dashboard or passenger window. If you are walking/biking to pick up your child, hold up the sign as you wait in the designated pick up area. Cardstock and instructions will be available at Meet the Teacher night, in your child's classroom.

Lunches

Kyrene School District is pleased to share that **free meal service** for all children has been extended through the 2021-22 school year. Every student is welcome to a free lunch. No paperwork is necessary. Students will choose their lunch selection each morning and their teacher will create a daily lunch roster. Parents are encouraged to view the <u>Lunch Menu</u>. Please note, if your child plans on having a second meal, or Al-a carte items, or additional drinks can be purchased, if the student has money to cover the cost in their meal account at the time of purchase.

Breakfast

Breakfast is also free, but it will be a grab and go breakfast. Students will eat breakfast in the classroom. We encourage students who are eating breakfast to arrive before 7:15am to ensure they have time to eat before the bell rings.

Class Supply Lists

Class supply lists can be found on the Lagos website, School Supply Lists

Parent Communication

There are multiple ways to communicate at Lagos. Weekly community messages will be emailed. It is important to check your your email and spam folders.

Facebook

We post frequently on Facebook with updates and photos. Please follow our page here, , School Facebook Page.

Sign up to receive text reminders

Families must elect to receive text communications. **Text "Y" or "yes" to 67587** to begin receiving text messages from both your child's school and the Kyrene School District.

Transportation

Bus assignments will be posted on July 24, via the Versatrans E-link Portal. Parents can visit the website, <u>Transportation</u>. 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.

Attendance Line

Parents are required to notify the school when your child is absent or running late. You do this by calling our 24-hour attendance/tardy line at (480) 541-3201. Please make sure to call the absent line and leave a message, and not the front office main line. If your child is late, please walk them into the Front Office and sign them in.

Curriculum Night

Curriculum Night will be scheduled during the month of August. For parents new to Curriculum Night, this is an opportunity to learn what your child will be mastering in math, English language arts, science and social studies, as well as learn about classroom expectations and school/home communication. Specific grade level times and information about the event will be sent out to parents and guardians in the near future.

Grade Level Lunch Times

Please view your child's lunch/recess time here, <u>Lunch/Recess Times</u>. Please print and post for reference throughout the year.

Spirit Days

Every Monday is College Day. Students are welcome to dress in their favorite college shirt or colors. Every Friday is Lagos T-shirt Day! Post your photos on our Facebook page!

Birthday, Other Celebrations and Nutrition Standards

As per the Kyrene Handbook, we understand that parents and friends like to celebrate various occasions. Balloons, cakes, candy, flowers, etc. cause many distractions and cannot be allowed on campus or on the bus. If they are delivered they will be kept in the office. The distribution of invitations is also not allowed at school This policy helps

to ensure that instructional time is protected and that all students are treated equally.

Pets on Campus

Please remember, for the health and safety of our students, pets are not allowed on campus at any time, including dismissal time. Thank you for your cooperation.

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School Hours: 7:30 am - 1:45 pmOffice Hours: 7:10 am - 3:10 pm



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