

# Chip the Challenger News



'04, '09,

'15, '19

## ***Kyrene de la Mariposa Computer Science Academy***

50 E Knox Rd

Tempe, AZ 85284

Spencer Fallgatter, Principal

Carolyn Payne, Assistant Principal

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### School Hours:

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri:

Grades K-5 7:30-2:30

Wednesday:

Grades K-5 7:30-12:30

### Preschool Half Day Programs:

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.,

(Not class on Wednesday)

AM 7:30-10:30, PM 11:30-2:30

### Phone Numbers

**Main:**

480-541-3800

**Fax:**

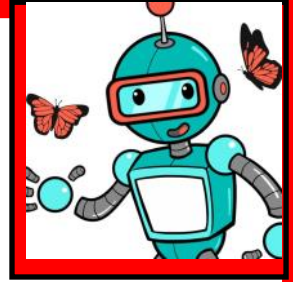
480-541-3810

**Attendance:** 480-541-3801

**Health Office:** 482-541-3820

**Transportation:** 480-541-1700

**Cafeteria:** 480-541-3826



2/26 and 2/27 Parent Teacher Conferences—1PM-7PM

**Early Release on Both days.**

2/28—Fifth Grade Field Trip to the Arizona Science Center

3/2—Intermediate Field Day: Grades 3rd-5th



3/9-3/16 Spring Break

School resumes on March 17th

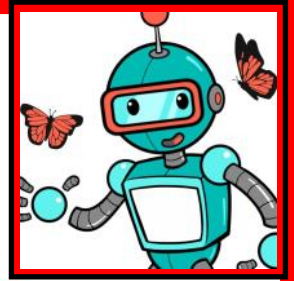


**\*\*\*Family Survey.** On February 19, Kyrene parents should have received an email invitation from K12 Insight with a link to participate in a survey. Kyrene District Office also sent a text message through School Messenger later that evening to all families. Please check your email for a link and participate in the family Survey which will provide us valuable feedback on areas such as academic preparation, student support, safety and behavior, family involvement, and school leadership. The results help us make sure our schools are places where every student thrives.

Thank you!



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## Congratulations Chip Ticket Drawing Winners!!

### Week of February 3rd– 7th

#### Preschool

Semma May

Josiah Galo

#### Kindergarten

Yichi Zhang

Guage Gibson

#### 1st Grade

Raul Solano-Villa

Sa'Layah Stith-Davis

#### 2nd Grade

Yuiki Ueda

Emilia Preston

#### 3rd Grade

Jahmanii Wade

Neha Balamurugan

#### 4th Grade

Brian Strickland

Priscilla Buffa

#### 5th Grade

Artice Snell

Hassan Miller

Jemma Jones

### Week of February 10th–14th

#### Preschool

Cora Armstrong

Hisha Lad

#### Kindergarten

Rylan Sutton

#### 1st Grade

Hayleigh Mahalovich

Keegan Lilley

#### 2nd Grade

Cody Armstrong

Brooklyn Travis

Griffin Fleisher

#### 3rd Grade

Robyn Whitty

Ethan Muhammad

#### 4th Grade

Sai Ram Pasupunuri

#### 5th Grade

Soren Knudson-Krantz

Hope Stevenson

Simone Shabazz

### Week of February 17th– 21st

#### Preschool

Zackary Griffin

Vivian Nguyen

#### Kindergarten

Keaton Bickford

Rayan Abdullah

#### 1st Grade

Henry Rossitter

Christopher Ramirez

#### 2nd Grade

Brandon Davis

Dylan Davis

#### 3rd Grade

Logan Gardea

#### 4th Grade

Sabrina Mejia

Addison Sorenson

#### 5th Grade

Nathan Barrios

Darion Dodson

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Congratulations to the February 13th  
Miss Manners winners:

Porter Land, Melody Robinson, Raul Solano - Villa, Emma  
Tucker, Liam Swensen, and Sophia Baze

A proud tradition, the AAA School Safety Patrol program began in the U.S. in 1920 and now includes more than 654,000 Patrollers in 34,500 U.S. schools. Students and Patrol Advisors who give their time and energy to make the AAA School Safety Patrol a success are encouraged and supported by school officials, parent-teacher groups, police departments and AAA clubs.

Do you know an outstanding Patroller or Patrol Advisor? Nominate them today for an award! If selected, the winner's school will receive a grant up to \$2,000 to help enhance their school's AAA School Safety Patrol Program. Applying for awards is easier and faster than ever- we've gone digital! This year, the Patroller of the Year award and Patrol Advisor of the Year award applications will be accepted via our online submission form. Click on the links below for more details and instructions. Applications are due **March 13th, 2020** and all winners will be notified in April.

[Patroller of the Year](#)

[Patrol Advisor of the Year](#)

[Lifesaving Medal](#)

Check out a list of last year winners [here](#).



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*Pictures from the Daddy Daughter Dance!*



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*A note from Mariposa's School Counselor,*

*Jenn Casey:*

Social-emotional small groups are in full swing! Here is a quick update on what has happened over the past couple of weeks for each group...

**Worry Warriors:** We have discovered what worry is, how it feels in our bodies, and learned some grounding exercises to practice when our worries get into our head. Have your student practice grounding: focusing on things they can hear, see, feel, or smell.

**Zen Kids (Mindfulness):** We talked about what mindfulness is and how it can help us be more aware of our emotional and physical state. We have taken a zen walk to help us focus on our five senses and learned two mindful mantras! Have your student repeat one or both of the mantras at the beginning of every day. "Today is a new day, I can start fresh." "I can enjoy the world around me."

**Chill-out Cheetahs and Calm Down Crew (Anger Management):** We have learned that it is ok to be angry, but that we must follow the three rules: Do not hurt others, do not hurt myself, do not hurt property. We have also discovered that we can turn a sour situation into something positive and learned about different emotions that we can experience every day (happy, surprised, embarrassed, angry, jealous, excited, sad, or worried). Ask your students about a time when they felt that emotion and what they did when it happened.

**Friendship Club:** We are introducing new sea creatures every week to help us become better friends. We have met Conversation Crab, he helps us remember to take turns while talking. Conversation crab also reminds us to use our social filter with things that we should say or things that we should keep in our head. Listening Lobster loves to listen when others speak by letting go of his own thoughts and focusing on what others say. Practice listening and speaking with your student by using a talking stick. The person with the talking stick has permission to talk, while the other person has permission to listen.



## Tip #7: Stay Calm

When your child's behavior is unacceptable, you can choose to either respond to it or ignore it. If you decided that a reaction is required, remember that the least response necessary is usually best. Acting calm with a minimum of attention will reduce the risk of strengthening the very behavior you wish to discourage. When you remain calm, it also gives you time to think about how you want to respond. Remember, you are modeling desired behavior for your child-the more out of control your child becomes, the more self-control you need to show. When you remain calm your child learns appropriate ways to respond to difficult situations. Example: You are cleaning your house in preparation for your in-laws' annual visit. You go in the kitchen for just a moment and return to your family room to find that your 2 year-old son has colored on a white wall with red and blue crayons. Your immediate reaction is to scream in horror. However, you think twice, take a deep breath and say, "Christopher, paper is for coloring. Mommy's walls are not", and buckle him in his high chair where he can continue to create his art on paper."



From the District:



## Tempe Human Services Day

**Saturday, March 21 • 9 a.m. - Noon**

Tempe Community Complex 3500 S. Rural Road  
[www.tempehumanservicesday.org](http://www.tempehumanservicesday.org) | 480-858-2300

- Learn how you can volunteer or receive services from agencies serving Tempe at **Care Fair**
- Attend the **Human Services Pop-Up** showcasing programs and services that help those in need
- Social Service Info Booths
- Kid Fun Zone
- Food Trucks
- Entertainment by DJ Friez
- Giveaways & more

*"Connecting those in need with those who care"*



TEMPE  
Community  
Council



Kyrene de la Mariposa  
Elementary School

## ARIZONA TAX CREDIT REMINDER!

THE DEADLINE  
FOR TAX CREDIT  
DONATIONS IS  
**APRIL 15**  
OF THE  
FOLLOWING  
TAX YEAR

MAKE SURE TO  
DESIGNATE MARIPOSA  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mariposa Students  
Need Your Help!

### WHERE DOES THE MONEY GET SPENT?

Your tax credit donation helps students attend extracurricular activities like character education. These programs develop well-rounded students who in turn build strong communities.

WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT AND FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS THESE VALUABLE PROGRAMS CAN NOT BE PROVIDED

### HOW MUCH CAN I CONTRIBUTE?

Arizona statute allows individuals/couples to donate \$200/\$400 for a dollar-to-dollar tax credit.

- FIELD TRIPS
- CHARACTER BUILDING PROGRAMS
- ALL SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES
- NATIONAL ELEMENTARY HONORS SOCIETY
- SPELLING BEE
- GEOGRAPHY BEE

### WHO CAN CONTRIBUTE?

Anyone who pays Arizona state income taxes can participate. You don't need to have a child enrolled in a public school to help.

CHECK WITH YOUR  
EMPLOYER ABOUT  
DONATION MATCHING

### HOW DO I CONTRIBUTE?

YOU CAN GO ONLINE AT:

[WWW.KYRENE.ORG/PAGE/1467](http://WWW.KYRENE.ORG/PAGE/1467)

PLEASE USE THE DROP DOWN TO SELECT  
MARIPOSA ELEMENTARY



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Please note the following changes and or reminders:

**\*\*Regarding dropping students off before school starts: The East Gate to the intermediate playground and the West Gate to the primary playground are open until 7:30. Please either walk your children to either gate or advise them to enter through the gates all the way up until 7:30, at which time staff members will close and lock the gates.**

**All students who enter the office (after the gates have closed) will be marked tardy.**

**Please always try to have students arrive to school early enough to have plenty of time to play, socialize and line up with their peers to enter the classrooms together.**

**We appreciate your cooperation!**

**\*\*Mariposa has a “no dogs on grounds” policy. This is to keep our students and other community members safe and healthy. Thank you!**

**\*\*EXTREMELY IMPORTANT: [https://azmag.gov/Portals/0/Documents/SRTS/SRTS\\_2009-08-17\\_Traffic-Laws-Regarding-Crosswalks.pdf](https://azmag.gov/Portals/0/Documents/SRTS/SRTS_2009-08-17_Traffic-Laws-Regarding-Crosswalks.pdf)**

**We need your help to help keep our students and our crossing guards safe! On a regular basis, cars are going through the crosswalks while the crossing guard is in the crosswalk holding up his/her STOP sign to usher students to cross. Please be vigilant in the mornings and afternoons around Mariposa and any other school. 15 mile an hour speed limit signs are posted. The fines are heavy for speeding in a school zone.**

**We have asked Tempe Police to monitor the before and after school times to hold drivers accountable for not adhering to school zone and crosswalk laws.**



## *A message from Principal Fallgatter:*

February 24, 2020

The dropping off and picking up of your children is a very busy time before and after school. I cannot emphasize enough how important it is for each of us to be extremely careful when driving on Knox Road and Mill Avenue. There have been several instances where our crossing guards and families narrowly avoided injury. Drivers either not paying attention or not observing the 15 MPH zone and the stop sign displayed when children and families are crossing is an area of concern. I have asked Kyrene's Security Office and the Tempe Police to assist in monitoring these areas to ensure the safety of our families and community members.

Mark your calendars as Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. It is very important that you schedule a time to meet with your child's teacher. This is a wonderful opportunity to view the progress of your child and discuss ways to support their learning.

There are many great opportunities in store for our students and our families. On Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be holding our annual 3-5 Field Day. There have been some changes to what has historically been called Survivor Field Day. Thank you to Mrs. Levy for organizing this special event.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. We will be hosting a District Positive Parent Series. It will be entitled "Bridging Positive Behavior Strategies from School to Home." Two members of the Exceptional Student Services staff, Jenna Cataleta and Lisa Roberts, will be the presenters.

If you have not already marked your calendars for Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> do so now as Mariposa will hold their Annual Celebration of Learning from 5:00 – 7:00 where classrooms will focus on the focus of technology in our curriculum. Our PTO will be providing pizza, cookies and water to our families from 4:30 – 6:30 and our Spring Book Fair will be open for families to purchase great literature for your children. Proceeds allow our library to purchase additional books to add to the collection.

Thanks to our family and friends who donated a tax credit donation to Mariposa. We have currently collected around \$8,000.00. Arizona law has for the first time made it possible to make your contribution through April 15<sup>th</sup>. We use it to fund field trips, character education programs, author visits etc. Our goal is to reach \$30,000. If you have not already done so, we would truly appreciate your gift. This will enable us to continue to provide Mariposa's children with these wonderful extracurricular opportunities!

Thank you for your continued support. We cannot do it by ourselves and your assistance both in and outside the classroom is very much appreciated!

Your Partner in Learning,

Spencer Fallgatter, Principal

