

# 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:**

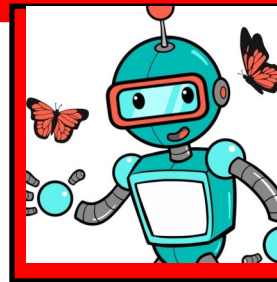
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**Attendance:** 480-541-3801

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

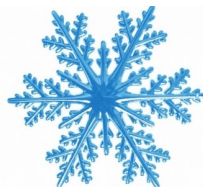
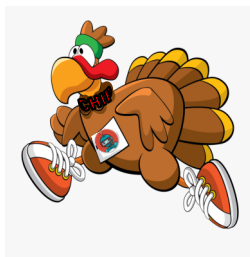
**Transportation:** 480-541-1700

**Cafeteria:** 480-541-3826



11/27 Mariposa Turkey Trot

11/28-11/29 No School



11/8-12/11—Winter Wonderland Toy Drive

**Mariposa needs your unwanted clothing!!**

**We sure could use your clothing donations! The health room is running low on size 5-8 girls clothing, especially pants, underwear, socks, and shoes.**

**Thank you!**



## **District News:**

**Kyrene Support and Response Team.** The **Kyrene Support & Response Team (KSRT)** is a group of volunteers that assists the District's Safety & Security team, Emergency Management Team and school administration with a variety of safety and security needs. KSRT's primary mission is to respond to school sites and provide operational assistance during critical incidents. Additionally, team members play a vital role in providing safety and security training to Kyrene teachers and staff, conduct security checks, maintain the District's emergency management equipment and other functions that enhance a safe environment for the Kyrene Community. If you have a background in public safety or emergency management or possess a skill set or field of practice that would augment the team's capabilities, please consider joining the team. Volunteers are requested to commit to a minimum of six (6) hours per month. Submit [application](#) if interested, and contact Noah Johnson, Safety & Security Coordinator, by email ([njohnson@kyrene.org](mailto:njohnson@kyrene.org)) or phone (480-541-1202) if you have any questions.



## Turkey Trot

# Mariposa Annual Turkey Trot 2019

It's time for Mariposa's annual TURKEY TROT!

Volunteers like you make this fun tradition happen!

### MANPOWER

**SET UP FUN: 5-7 VOLUNTEERS:** November 27th 6:15am to 7:30am- Helping Mr. Moser set up the fun! You will be helping arrange tables for the water and oranges and helping set up the trot course.

**SIGN IN/GREETERS:** November 27th varied times- Help take IDs for parents and volunteers

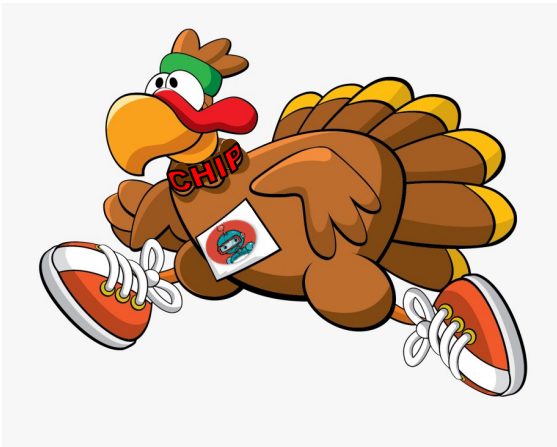
**SPIRIT SALES:** November 27th varied times- Help PTO sell Mariposa spirit items and raffle tickets

[Sign up here.](#)

### DONATIONS

**5 LB BAG OF ORANGES, SLICED: 35 BAGS:** Drop off in the front office anytime on Monday the 25th or Tuesday the 26th

**WATER CUPS: 1,000 TOTAL, 2 PACKS OF 500:** Drop off in the front office on Monday the 25th



### TURKEY TROT GRADE LEVEL TIMES:

5TH GRADE: 7:50-8:25

3RD AND 4TH GRADE: 8:30-9:05

1ST AND 2ND GRADE: 9:10-9:50

KINDER AND PRESCHOOL: 9:55-10:35



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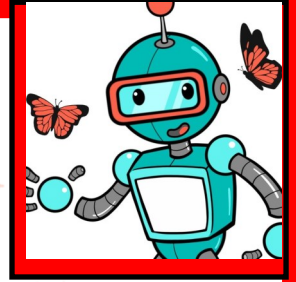


## **Very important reminders when dropping students off in the morning and/or picking students up at the end of the day:**

**Be on Time:** The first bell rings at 7:25 am and the tardy bell rings at 7:30. Please do your part to help the mornings run smoothly for all students. Per the Kyrene Family Handbook, pg 21, "...Students should arrive on campus at least five minutes before the scheduled start time...", "Students who arrive late (tardy) miss important information including school-wide morning announcements and instructional goals for the day."

**Be on Time:** On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, school releases at 2:30PM. Every Wednesday, school releases at 12:30PM. If you are picking up your student after school, please be on time. If there are unusual circumstances and you will be late to pick up your student, please call the office to let them know you've been delayed and when they can expect you to arrive.

**No Parking Zones:** Sec. 24-59. - Parking adjacent to schools. A) the city traffic engineer is hereby authorized to erect signs indicating no parking upon any street adjacent to any school property when such parking would, in his opinion, interfere with traffic or create a hazardous situation. B) When official signs are erected indication no parking upon that side of a street adjacent to any school property no person shall park a vehicle in any such designated place. Do not park on the south side of Knox Rd. This is a NO Parking Zone. Authorities have been notified.



## Congratulations Chip Ticket Drawing Winners!!

### Week of November 11th-15th

#### Preschool

Semma May

Mila Acosta

#### Kindergarten

Layla De La Trinidad

William Puleo

Alana Estabrook

Yichi Azhang

#### 1st Grade

Raul Solano-Villa

#### 2nd Grade

Adrianna Pablo

Eme Saenz

#### 3rd Grade

Giovanni Rosas

Scarlett Smith

Emma Tucker

#### 4th Grade

Ahmed Zaiada

Reagan Clark

#### 5th Grade

Carly Quinn

Lilliana Enlund

### Week of November 18th-22nd

#### Preschool

Carys Clemency

Simon Quinones

#### Kindergarten

Addison Larson

Itzel Cortes Velasquez

#### 1st Grade

Xandria Suhl

Penelope Ballatore

#### 2nd Grade

Adriana Pablo

Brooklyn Travis

#### 3rd Grade

Kigston Ward

Mattie Cortese

#### 4th Grade

Hope Stevenson

Shaelynn Timlick

#### 5th Grade

Ezra White

Monte Carbajal

**Birthday, Other Celebrations and Nutrition Standards. (From the Family Handbook)** We understand that parents and friends like to celebrate various occasions. However, balloons, cakes, candy, flowers, etc. cause many distractions and cannot be allowed on campus or on the bus. These items are disruptive in the classroom and are a safety concern on the bus. If they are delivered they will be kept in the office. This policy helps to ensure that instructional time is protected and that all students are treated equally. Classroom parties/celebrations may be held four times each year. (Policy reference JJB, Student Social Events) Schools may choose to celebrate winter break, end of school, and two additional special days agreed upon by each school individually. These celebrations are designed to be instructional and to recognize the value of religious and cultural diversity. This approach introduces students to new learning and enables them to be more understanding of other.

When planning snacks for these four classroom parties/celebrations, state law requires that no home-cooked food be distributed to students during school hours. This practice is intended to protect students from the spread of communicable disease. The aforementioned four (4) parties/celebrations that take place during the school day are exempt from the Arizona Nutrition Standards. For all other activities during the school day that include food for students, the Arizona Nutrition Standards must be followed (Policy reference JL and regulations JL-RA and JL-RB). For more detailed information on the state nutrition standards, please refer to [www.ade.az.gov](http://www.ade.az.gov). No celebrations of individual student birthdays are to be held in classrooms, on the school campus, nor are students to hold parties for their teachers at school. Party invitations may not be distributed at school.

It has long been the tradition of Mariposa to hold school wide parties at winter break, friendship/valentine day & end of the year. Mariposa has not held a party at Halloween and instead has worked in collaboration with the PTO to allow students to wear their costumes to the Harvest Festival.

Thanks so much!

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*A few tips from Mariposa's Intervention Specialist, Kristi Wellbrock:*



## Math during the Holidays

Here are a few ways you can make math practical and fun during this holiday season!

### Cooking:

- Read a recipe together. Discuss the cost of the ingredients and how much money you will need. Have your child measure the ingredients (discuss how to convert for a half batch). Discuss cooking times (if it starts at this time, then it will be finished at this time).

### Gift Buying:

- The holiday season is full of fantastic sales – whether you take advantage of these deals or not, make sure you and your child go through the sales, and calculate the cost of items using percentages and proportional thinking (ex. 50% off, or 2 for 1).
- Make a holiday budget, and assign your child the task of finding a combination of gifts online or in the store that maximizes the budget and yields the most gifts, or the most appropriate gifts.
- Have your child work on gift giving to others less fortunate. Ask them to count and sort food items, and plan how they should be delivered. Have them keep track of donations, and budget where donation money goes and how it is spent.]

**Gift Wrapping** is a great way to work with your child on measurements, geometry and proportional thinking.

- Ask your child to measure each gift, and calculate how much wrapping paper they will need to completely cover the surface of the gift.

### Games!

What better way to spend time with your family than by playing board games together? These games will not only give you quality time with your children, it will activate their math skills!

- A few Great Board Games: Mancala, Monopoly, Sequence, Yahtzee, Phase 10, Battleship

### PTO Reminders:

- Winter Wonderland Toy Drive runs through **December 10th**. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to the bin in the front office or turn in to your classroom. All toys will directly benefit our Kyrene Community.

**The PTO Sponsored 50/50 Raffle is ongoing and sits at \$1660!** Get your tickets today! Money raised through the raffle will benefit our computer immersion program (3D Printers, Robotics, and Subscriptions that benefit every student at Mariposa!) <https://rafflecreator.com/pages/31647/mariposa-pt0-annual-5050-raffle>

Turkey Trot will be held Nov. 27th Please volunteer your time and/or donate so that we may continue this beloved tradition at Mariposa! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0848aca92ea7f58-mariposa4>

Your PTO recently allotted \$5000 raised through our successful Fall Fundraiser for grade level and resource classrooms needs and wants. From Kleenex to Outdoor Canopies, Clorox Wipes to Headphones. From the smallest everyday needs to wish list wants. Thank You for your continued support of our school, staff, and students!!



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## *A note from Mariposa's Social Worker, Jenn Casey:*

Mindfulness is the awareness of one's emotional, physical, and mental state, and environmental surroundings. It also involves accepting these things in a non-judgemental way. Practicing mindfulness is focusing on one's thoughts and feelings on present experiences, rather than past events or future tasks (Weiss & Hickman, 2016). Practicing mindfulness can result in reduction of behavior problems and aggression, and increased happiness and focus (Suttie, 2007).

Here is a short script that you can use to practice mindfulness at home with your student!

### **Bubble Blower Magic-** by Mellisa Dormoy

Close your eyes and take in a very deep breath. Pretend your tummy is a balloon and as you inhale, make that balloon as big as you can. Now, exhale it all out. Let's do that again now... inhale fully and make the balloon any color you want.

Now as you do this, allow your arms and legs to get as floppy as a rag doll. Just let them get heavy and loose... all limp and relaxed. They feel so heavy it's as if you don't even want to move them because they are just so very relaxed! Just allow your body to continue relaxing while we use our imaginations to imagine something wonderful!

In your mind, pretend you are pulling, a big magical bubble blower out of your pocket. It looks like any bubble blower but this one has real magic in it. It has been small in your pocket, but as you pull it out, you realize it becomes enormous! It's a lot bigger than any bubble blower you've ever seen.

Now, in your other hand, imagine you have a big bottle of magic bubble soap. Put the blower into the thick magic bubble liquid.... and get it nice and wet. Now you can start to blow through the bubble blower to make your gigantic bubble. As you do this, I want you to put ANY WORRY or fear you have about anything... into that bubble... just put it all in there! Then continue blowing the bubble until you think it's big enough.

Now, as you finish watch how a very strong friendly wind comes along and carries your worry bubble far, far away.... it carries it so far away that you will never have to worry about that again. It's leaving now. Watch as it goes. You can blow up as many bubbles as you need to with your magical bubble blower. Put anything in there that is bothering you and watch as the wind carries the bubbles far, far away. You can use this magic bubble blower whenever you need to... just by imagining it in your mind.



## **Positive Solutions For Families**

We know parenting can be hard! Here is our tip of the week.

### **Tip #2: Plan Ahead**

Try to anticipate what your child may do or need in various situations. Make sure that you plan ahead to set your child up for a successful experience. Hope for the best, but plan for the worst. Always have a back-up plan!

-Your family is in the car headed out for dinner. It is usually a short drive, but rush-hour traffic is snarled, it's 6:30 p.m. and your already 45 minutes late. Your child is screaming for food in the backseat. Luckily, you remembered to bring some snacks and water to hold them over until you can make it to dinner (Positive Solutions For Families). Remember to plan ahead!

## *A message from Principal Fallgatter:*

Dear Families,

I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to Mariposa's PTO and our families for the great success with the Fall fundraiser. Your generosity enabled our PTO to allocate approximately \$5000 towards classroom resources and supplies. Items being purchased with this gift include literature, headphones, crayons, dry erase markers, writing texts and prompts, materials to enhance our social and emotional learning curriculum, white boards, Makey Makey kits to enhance our work and support STEM related activities, canopies for field events and much, much more! Your continued support is truly appreciated!

As a Computer Immersion School, Mariposa is continually researching ways to take our technology program to the next level. Staff are currently working together in preparing to pilot a program that will provide students with the opportunity to document their work and reflect on their growth and learning through the utilization of a digital portfolio. A tool like this will empower Mariposa students with the opportunity to safely share their learning with their teachers, parents and classmates in a safe self-contained online environment. This would allow the students to not only demonstrate their understanding of content/subject area knowledge but also demonstrate their mastery of computer science concepts and digital citizenship/internet safety practices.

On Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> Mariposa held its Preschool and Kindergarten Showcase Night. Despite the inclement weather we had a very nice turnout. We will be holding a second evening on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> to showcase to our community our wonderful school, staff and programming.

Your continued support of Mariposa is evidenced in so many different ways. As we near the end of 2019, your willingness to make a tax credit contribution is greatly appreciated. These contributions benefit and defray the cost of our Life Skills, PLAYWORKS, numerous field trips, including Childsplay both here at school in the spring and at the Tempe Performing Arts Center in the fall, the Wildlife Zoo, and much, much more.

Law ARS 43-1089-01 allows taxpayers to receive a tax credit up to \$400 for a joint tax return. Individual returns are a \$200 maximum credit. **That is a tax credit – a dollar for dollar reduction of what you owe in state taxes!** You can make your contribution online at <https://www.kyrene.org/Page/1404> download a form from the website, use the one attached to this newsletter and send it in or pick up a form at Mariposa's front office. Thank you for your continuing support.

Respectfully,

Spencer Fallgatter, Principal  
Kyrene de la Mariposa

