

# The Challenger News

March 5, 2019



**Kyrene de la Mariposa**

**Computer Science Academy**

'04, '09, '15

**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 7:40-2:35

Wednesday:

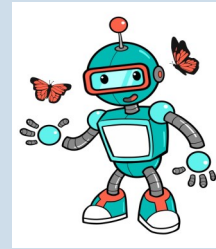
Grades K-5 7:40-12:35

## Preschool Half Day Programs:

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri:

(No class on Wednesday)

AM 8:20-11:20 PM 12:20-3:20



## Phone Numbers

**Main Line:** 480-541-3800

**Fax:** 480-541-3810

**Attendance:** 480-541-3801

**Health Office:** 480-541-3820

**Transportation:** 480-541-1700

**Cafeteria:** 480-541-3826

## Calendar:

**3/6 Astronomy Night 6-8:30**

**3/8 Survivor Field Day 3rd, 4th & 5th Grades 12:30-2:30 pm**

**3/11-3/15 No School-Spring Break**

**3/18 No School for students-Teacher plan day**

**3/19 School Resumes**



**3/22 Spring Pictures**



**3/22 Student Council Movie Night 5:30-8:00 pm**

**3/25 PTO Meeting 5:30-6:30 pm**

**3/18-4/5 Jump Rope for Heart**



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## **A Message from the Principal:**

It is hard to believe that the Fourth Quarter of the school year will begin upon our return from Spring Break! On Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> we welcomed several families to Mariposa as they attended our second Kindergarten Orientation. If you did not have the opportunity to attend and would like a more individualized approach, with the opportunity to ask more in depth questions, do not hesitate to contact the front office to sign up for a tour or schedule a personal meeting with me.

There are many great opportunities in store for our students and our families. The Second Annual Astronomy Night will be tomorrow on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:30. You and your family will be able to engage in a planetarium experience, the chance to view the galaxy through the eyes of telescopes hosted by the East Valley Astronomy Club, to walk on the surface of MARS which is a new attraction hosted by Arizona State University this year and many other exciting activities.

On Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, Mariposa will host Survivor Field day for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Our K – 2 students will be able to participate in Primary Water Day on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Though more information will follow in the next newsletter about AZMerit testing included is some general information. This pertains to our Third through Fifth Grade students. Each grade level will take the Writing assessment in week 1, English Language Arts in week 2 & Mathematics in week 3. It is very important that your children are present for the tests. Though the tests are mandated by state law, what is most important is your child having the opportunity to demonstrate how much they have learned and for their teachers to see and celebrate the progress they have made.

Make sure that you have Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> on your calendars. Mariposa will hold their Annual Celebration of Learning highlighting work supporting our Computer Science Immersion Program.

Thanks to our family and friends who made a tax credit donation to Mariposa. We have currently collected around \$14,100. 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 had been 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.

Please take time to enjoy Spring Break (March 11 – 15) and spending time with your children. Please be reminded that school resumes on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> as Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> is a Teacher Work Day. 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

## 2019-2020 School Year Parent Input Form

Parent input form for class placement for 2019-2020 school year is attached to the email. It explains the class placement process.

Please read over carefully. If you would like to outline your perspective of your child's educational needs print and fill out the attached form.

Please return it to your child's teacher or the front office **no later than May 1, 2019. Forms will not be accepted after May 1, 2019.**

### Online Enrollment and ParentVUE Accounts.

**Online Enrollment began January 7.** The District is excited to launch online enrollment. In addition to supporting a digital application for new enrollees, this portal also allows current families to verify their child(ren)'s continued enrollment for next year. This gives opportunity for families to update specific sections of information, and gives access to forms that were not previously available in a digital format. Thank you for taking the time to verify your child's enrollment for 2019-20.

**What is ParentVUE?** ParentVUE is an online portal for families that allows parents/guardians to log in and see information about their child(ren), inclusive of verifying enrollment for next school year. On December 19, parents/guardians may have receive a message with a request to update and/or activate a new account. The email included directions on how to set up individual accounts.

*\*\*If you have not done so already please log on to your ParentVUE portal to confirm your enrollment for next year.\*\* It is extremely important you do this.*

*If you have any questions or need help with your ParentVUE please call the Mariposa Office. 480-541-3800*

*Dear Mariposa Parents and Guardians,*

*We want to make you aware of a dangerous digital trend called the "Momo Challenge." It involves a fictional character called "Momo" who threatens children over social media platforms and text messages, encouraging them to perform dangerous tasks, including self harm, or else "Momo" will come for them or their families. Read more about this dangerous prank [here](#).*

*While there are reports that the threat of the "Momo Challenge" may be overstated, we felt it important to share this information, as children may be fearful or anxious. We strongly encourage parents to monitor children's social media and internet use and to assure them that this digital character is not real and cannot harm them. The following resources can be useful for families looking for safe internet strategies: [Creating a Family Media Plan](#) (American Academy of Pediatrics), [Talking with Kids About Being Online](#) (Federal Trade Commission).*

*If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.*



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WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO HELP A CHILD LEARN AND GROW  
**IMPORTANT TAX CREDIT INFORMATION**

The deadline for tax-credit donations was changed from December 31 to April 15. You now have until **April 15, 2019** to make a tax credit donation to Kyrene de la Mariposa Computer Science Academy.

**WHAT IS A PUBLIC SCHOOL TAX CREDIT?**

The State of Arizona allows tax paying citizens the opportunity to contribute money to the public school of your choice. By making a donation, you can receive an Arizona State Return tax credit for the same amount - a dollar for dollar reduction of your tax liability.

**WHO CAN CONTRIBUTE?**

You don't need to have a child enrolled in a public school to help. Anyone who pays Arizona State income taxes can participate. PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS, UNCLES, FAMILY FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS

**HOW MUCH CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?**

If married and filing a joint return – you can contribute up to \$400.00 per year

If single or head of household – you can contribute up to \$200.00 per year

Any amount is welcome and can make a difference. \$25 \$50 \$100 \$150 \$200 \$300 \$400

**WHAT IS THE MONEY USED FOR?**

Computer Science programs

Character building programs

Extracurricular activities

Field Trips

Reading programs

All School Assemblies

Playworks

*Without your support and financial contributions these valuable programs can not be provided.*

**HOW DO I CONTRIBUTE?**

Supporting Kyrene de la Mariposa is fast and easy.

Attach your personal check payable to Kyrene de la Mariposa Computer Science Academy with the form below and drop off or mail to Kyrene de la Mariposa, 50 E. Knox Rd Tempe, AZ 85284.

You can also go online at <https://www.kyrene.org/Page/1404>. Remember to designate funds to Mariposa.

\*Contributions can be made weekly, bi-monthly, monthly between now and **April 15, 2019**.

**WHAT IS THE DEADLINE TO CONTRIBUTE?**

All contributions must be submitted by **April 15, 2019** to take advantage of this program for your 2018 taxes. Your donations will be used in the school year that they are given.

TAXPAYER NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ E MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for making a tax deductible donation to Kyrene de la Mariposa Computer Science Academy.**



## B.L.A.S.T. Coupon Winners!

The following students have had their name drawn on Morning Announcements from the B.L.A.S.T. Lifeskills/Manners Bucket.

These students have been recognized by staff members or teachers for using their Lifeskills and/or Manners at Mariposa:



### BLAST winners 2/15/19

Marcus O'Bleness—Stupica  
 Rafael Vivoni—Rees  
 Mitsuki Ueda—Barber  
 Romeo Hinkson—Wilson  
 Hutson Wooster—Rees  
 Morgan Sorenson—Barber  
 Devin Haslett—Ettinger  
 Charlie Ohlgren—Slette  
 Michael Smelser—Slette  
 Xavier Carroll—Ettinger  
 Kimera Harry—Serrano  
 Elsie Kimbrell--Slette

### BLAST winners 2/22/19

Rosalina Olivas—Barney  
 Charlie Ohlgren—Slette  
 Ny'Zayiah Harper—Slette  
 Lilliana Enlund—Toasperm  
 Bryce Hocking—Rees  
 Mitsuki Ueda—Barber  
 Mateo Ramirez—Toasperm  
 Pranav Maharaja—Sanson  
 Nadir Abdullah—Barela  
 Bhavik Vishnumolakala—Wilson  
 D'Metriyonna Hoosier--Barber

### BLAST winners 3/1/19

Julia Kim—Smith  
 Meghan Floro—Wilson  
 Kyrene Copes—Sanson  
 Hosea Jurden—Wilson  
 Jalen Walker—Bristol  
 Marley Outcalt—Stupica  
 Kartikeya Sharma—Toasperm  
 Karmen Davis—Ettinger  
 Mattie Cortese—Barney  
 Xzander Allen--Smith



Ms. Manners Winners:  
 Marcus O'Bleness  
 and  
 Rafael Vivoni



## Enroll in Preschool

For our families with preschool-age children, mark your calendars for March 19. Enrollment for the 2019-20 school year opens at 6:30 a.m. and waitlists form quickly. Kyrene has a preschool on every campus, to provide access to early learning opportunities across our District and to ensure children enter kindergarten ready to learn.

March 19 is also the date to register for Kids Club and After Hours programs next fall, as well as Kyrene's summer program opportunities. Read more about these offerings on our website or go directly to the registration portal at [www.kyrene.org/register](http://www.kyrene.org/register).

## School Breakfast Program - March

Mornings can be really crazy...the alarm doesn't go off...the kids don't want to get up...there's no time to eat breakfast before the bus comes...or they're just not ready to eat. Or maybe your teenager grabs a can of soda and a candy bar on the way to school. If this sounds like your house, we have good news for you. Breakfast is served at school! School breakfast will energize your child's day and provide them with a healthy start. A nutritious breakfast helps students be more alert so they can learn more in class, and has plenty of vitamins and nutrients for a strong and healthy body. Breakfast at school is affordable, too. If you qualify for free and reduced price meals, you also qualify for the breakfast program, with no additional paperwork. You can't find a healthy breakfast at such a low cost anywhere else. So help your child start the day right with school breakfast!

## National School Lunch Program

The Kyrene Elementary School District participates in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program (available at select schools) sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Through this program, students may qualify for free or reduced-price meals. Meal Applications and instructions for participation in this program are available in English and Spanish in all school offices, and online submission from [Lunchapplication.com](http://Lunchapplication.com). If you qualify, this program provides for one breakfast and/or lunch per day per student. View the food service webpage at [www.kyrene.org/foodservices](http://www.kyrene.org/foodservices) for more information.

An application must be completed each year, to establish or re-establish eligibility for free or reduced-priced meals. Please complete one application per household. Application information will remain confidential, and will only be used to determine eligibility for free or reduced-priced meals.

Completed applications may be returned, at any Kyrene school, at the Kyrene District Office located at (or mailed) 8700 S. Kyrene Road, MS #1A, Tempe, AZ 85284, faxed to 480-541-1814 or emailed to [lstewa@kyrene.org](mailto:lstewa@kyrene.org). Eligibility notification letters are emailed to parents from [noreplies@mealsplus.com](mailto:noreplies@mealsplus.com) – School Nutrition Department or if no email is given, then they are sent home with your child, within two days after processing the application. Applications are processed

only for students currently enrolled in the Kyrene School District. If your child withdraws from a Kyrene school, it is your responsibility to contact us within 30 days for a refund of meal account balances.

We have [K12paymentcenter.com](http://K12paymentcenter.com) available to parents to view their child's meal purchases and cash and check payments under meal history. Credit card payments may be made with a convenience fee of \$1.95 to total amount for one child or several. Parents can transfer money between accounts and view students meal purchases. If you have automatic payments set-up in [K12paymentcenter.com](http://K12paymentcenter.com), it is your responsibility to turn those off as well upon withdrawal of your student. After two meals with no funds, a child is given an Alternative meal, if they do not have funds in their account. These meals consist of a cheese sandwich, fruit and milk for lunch and cereal, fruit and milk for breakfast. We notify parents daily when funds are need by email from [noreplies@mealsplus.com](mailto:noreplies@mealsplus.com) – School Nutrition Department.

Please visit our website at [www.kyrene.org/foodservices](http://www.kyrene.org/foodservices) for program information, applications, menus and meal pricing. If you have questions, please contact Linda Stewart at 480-541-1350 or [lstewa@kyrene.org](mailto:lstewa@kyrene.org).