

Kyrene del Norte Dual Language Academy

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“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.

~Martin Luther King Jr.

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**NORTE
WEBSITE**



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PARENT VUE



**KYRENE
DISTRICT**

Parent Teacher Conferences

Thanks to the generosity and caring efforts of many Norte FTO families last week, teachers and support staff felt appreciated and energized to face a VERY tough conference schedule. Thank you families!! May you experience the same support in your work-life when you need it!

Habit Burger (McClintock/Guadalupe) generously donated burgers for a 'teacher tailgate'. Thank you Habit Burger!

Dismissal traffic update

The parent / family walk-up change has been a great success in reducing our traffic congestion at dismissal. We appreciate everybody's continued cooperation and patience when picking up your child at dismissal.

Donations!!

It's not too early to make a Tax Credit Donation to Kyrene del Norte. Thanks to our families that made donations last year, our Norte students were able to go to the Phoenix Zoo, Tempe Center for the Arts, Sea Life at AZ Mills, Imax, Higley Center for the Arts and 5th grade Biztown.

By using Tax Credit donations, our families were not asked to pay any money towards the cost of the Field trip.

Lunch Money Deposit Plan Changing

Starting on Tuesday, October 25, 2016, lunch money deposited into "My School Bucks" will be transferred into the new system called E-Funds. If you have questions,

IMPORTANT DATES!

**No Halloween
Costumes at
School. Please
feel free to wear
your costume to
the Fall Festival**

Fall Festival Coming Soon!!

Friday,
November 4th
5:00pm-8:00pm

Parent Tours

Last Friday of
each month
8:00am-10:00am
on the half hour
Next tour will be
11/18/16. Please
call the office to
sign up

you can go to www.kyrene.org/foodservices or if you want to speak to someone, please call 480-541-1350 or 480-541-1660.

Parents will need to set up a new account for meal payments in E-Funds. You will be able to view MySchoolBucks for information or account history.

New lunch system implemented by Food Services: Our cafeteria staff is working to make sure the new system does not delay the serving of hot lunches to our students. Students are required to punch in their student i.d. after their lunch is served.

Box Tops

Our office lobby area has a container where you can drop off your Box Tops. Your donation is appreciated and it allows us to purchase playground equipment. Thank you!

Anti-bullying campaign at Norte

October is National Prevention Bullying Month. Student Council will create a school-wide bulletin board next to the cafeteria doors to bring attention to bullying on campus. Students will be creating a handprint and decorating the hand to demonstrate a message of how they can be an "Upstanding Citizen" at our school. A short video was presented to students have a class discussion about how to keep our school a safe place. The link to the video is below:

http://www.thenedshow.com/preventing-bullying-lesson-plans.html?utm_source=Invite+NED&utm_campaign=5b4cab35c7-Cultivating Kind Kids 10 20 2016&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_087b93017e-5b4cab35c7-346029845

Celebrating culture:



Día de los Muertos
Celebration at Desert Botanical Garden
1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, AZ 85008

October 29 & 30
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. | *La Procesión* 5 - 6 p.m.

- Music
- Dance
- Storytelling
- Craft Activities
- Food
- Arts Mercado
- Community Altar
- Ofrenda Exhibit

Festival is included with membership or paid Garden admission.

For more information, visit dbg.org.

FTO Meeting
Thursday, Nov
10th 3:00pm

**No School,
Veterans Day**
Friday, Nov 11th

**Juntos con
Jaime**
Wed, Nov 16th
8:00-8:45am

**Save the date!
Turkey Trot**
Wednesday,
Nov 23rd
8:00-10:30 am

**Kyrene
Foundation
Taste of Kyrene**
Feb. 24, 2017
Tickets on sale
In our office
\$10 ticket
\$5 goes of each
ticket goes back
to Norte.

Phone Numbers
Main Line:480-
541-4800
Attendance:480-
541-4801
**Health
Office:**480-541-
4820
Cafeteria: 480-
541-4826
Fax: 480-541-
4810
Transportation:
480-541-1700

Dr. Vesely sent a message to community and staff last Friday, providing an update on her Superintendent Priorities ([http://www.kyrene.org/Superintendent Message](http://www.kyrene.org/Superintendent_Message)). In that message, she outlined the work being done to explore options for a redesign of Kyrene’s middle school program, for expansion of Early Childhood programs (both Preschool and Early Learning Centers) and to make sure the dual language and Kyrene Traditional Academy programs can be extended through middle school.

The options for these programs, which include creating an International Baccalaureate (IB) Program for Kyrene, are all in the very early stages of development. Dr. Vesely is engaging school leaders and administrators in the discussion of these options, and it is important for our communities to **understand that no decisions have been made—everything is in the preliminary stage of exploration**. The timeline, however, is to have a recommendation ready to present to the Governing Board at a study session on November 22, with further consideration tentatively scheduled for the regular board meeting on December 6. Both of these meetings are open to the public.

There will be several opportunities for parents and community members to provide input and feedback on these proposals, including community forums on the IB program, which are tentatively scheduled for 6:30 pm at the District Office on November 9 and November 15 (these dates and times are pending confirmation; a listserv message will go out to the community when they have been confirmed). These forums will be streamed live online and recorded and available for viewing on the Kyrene YouTube channel. In addition, online surveys will be used to solicit feedback and input from the community. If you would like to learn more about the IB program, go to <http://ibo.org/en/information-for-parents/>. You may also want to view this presentation on “What parents need to know about IB” at <http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/digital-toolkit/presentations/1506-presentation-whatyouneedtoknow-en.pdf>