

# Kyrene del Norte Dual Language Academy

“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.

Jaime Soto,  
Principal

Christina Pou,  
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Students

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**Thursday, December 15, 2016**

**Edition 19**

## Quick Links



**NORTE  
WEBSITE**



**CONTACT US**



**PARENT VUE**



**KYRENE  
DISTRICT**

## Norte Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

Warm wishes to all the Norte families from our Norte staff. We made it to the last month of 2016, or as a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student described it, “It’s half-time Mr. Soto.” I agree, but I also know that we still have lots of work ahead of us in 2017. Let’s take the time this holiday season to rest and spend quality time with family and friends.

My best childhood memories were when my family would pack up the car and drive from Nogales to my cousin’s house in Ciudad Obregon, Sonora, Mexico the last two weeks in December. This was a special time for all of my siblings and cousins. We experienced the rich traditions of Mexico such as the *posadas*. This tradition allowed us to visit other people’s homes within the neighborhood, eat food, play games, sing and be merry. There was always a warm feeling of connecting with a tradition and people. At Norte, we continue to establish our own traditions since school opened in August. Hope to see many more to come in 2017. ¡Felices Fiestas!

Our school will be closed from Friday, December 16 through Monday, January 2. School resumes on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

Sincerely,

Jaime Soto  
Principal

## Please Welcome!

Next time you are in the front office take a minute to meet Darcy Cocita and/or Brandi Lapadura. They are the new addition to our Norte front office staff. We are so glad to have them join our team.

## IMPORTANT DATES!

### Report Cards

Home

Jan 9th

### FTO Meeting

Jan 12 3:00pm

### MLK Day

Jan 16

No School

### Kinder Orientation

Thurs Jan 19

6:30pm

**Just a reminder!**

When you are coming on Campus you will need to **enter through the front office**. You will sign in and we need to have your photo id (drivers license or passport). It will be returned to you when you sign out and return the visitor badge.

**Open Enrollment 2017-2018**

The 2016-2017 Kyrene Open Enrollment Application will be available on-line beginning January 3, 2017 at [www.kyrene.org](http://www.kyrene.org) . Applications will also be available at schools and the district office. Open Enrollment applications are processed on a first come first serve basis. Acceptance letters will be sent within 2 weeks of submitting the application.

**Current Open Enrollment students do not need to re-apply.** This application process is designed for students who are new to Kyrene or for those who wish to attend another

Kyrene school outside of their home-school boundaries. **New siblings of Open Enrollment students must apply.**

For more information on Open Enrollment in Kyrene, please call **480-541-1516** or visit our website at [www.kyrene.org/oe](http://www.kyrene.org/oe)

**Important Information Regarding Student Absence (KSD Family Handbook, page 9)**

**Emails to the office or the teacher will not be accepted as an excused absence. The attendance line number is: 480.541.4801 and it is a 24/7 message line.**

Parents/Legal Guardians are asked to call the attendance line within two hours of the start of each day that their child is absent. ***Please leave a message on the attendance voice mail indicating the student's name, grade, date(s) of the absence and reason for the absence.***

If a phone call is not received, or if the school has not been able to contact the parent/legal guardian, the student is given an unexcused absence and disciplinary action may be taken.

**Students who are absent from school the day of an activity may not attend the activity, such as, but not limited to: an afternoon classroom party; a middle school dance or sporting event; and afterschool enrichment club; or kids club care after school.**

**Tax Credit 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade Biztown, **without any cost to our families.** Please feel free to call the office if you have any questions

**Kyrene Foundation Taste of Kyrene**

Feb. 24, 2017  
Tickets on sale  
In our office  
Opportunity  
Raffle: \$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

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