

# The Challenger News



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## ***Message from the Principal***

**Welcome Back!** I hope that everyone enjoyed a wonderful and restful break and now, we are well on our way for the second half of the school year! We have many fun and exciting events coming up rather quickly, so please review 'Challenger News' and also watch your child's backpack for important flyers and other information.

At this point, as we begin the second half of the school year, we really appreciate the continued support from our parents and guardians in issues of attendance, homework completion, and overall follow up with school issues and projects. It is so important that students are at school every day, and are on time. We begin each morning with school-wide announcements and opening activities in each classroom that really set the tone and the plan for the day. Students who miss these beginning activities are not as well prepared for a positive and productive day as they could be. We also know that the most successful students, both socially and academically, have the support at home for their homework, projects and overall school involvement. Students notice when their parents are engaged and involved in school activities and ask about their work and their day. Please continue your wonderful efforts to be partners with us and with your students for the best possible educational experiences possible.

**Registration is now open for the 2009-2010 school year in all of Kyrene's schools.** If you know of someone in your neighborhood interested in our schools, please direct them to our school website, our school office, or the overall Kyrene website for detailed information. We are enrolling students in all grades for next year with a particular emphasis now on kindergarten for 2009-2010. Open enrollment applications are now available and must be completed prior to formal registration at our school. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call our school office and speak to Grace Inouye or Mary Harding. All open enrollment applications are approved through the Kyrene District Office first. All current open enrollment students are automatically 'rolled over' to next year so you do not need to complete another application if you are a continuing open enrollment family.

***Thank you again for your wonderful support!***

***Dr. Marianne Lescher***

## **\$\$\$ Thank You for your Tax Credit Donations! \$\$\$**

We are so appreciative of the many families and individuals who made tax credit donations to our school! We do not have the final tally yet of the totals but we know that many of you have been very generous and we so appreciate your support! More information will be in the next newsletter with the final totals.

### Important Dates and Up Coming Events

January 12		Report Cards Go Home
January 13		PTO Restaurant Night – Mimi's Café
January 14		School Geography Bee
January 14	6:30 pm	Kyrene District Spelling Bee (at District Office)
January 19		NO SCHOOL in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 22	6:30 pm	Kindergarten Orientation Meeting for 2009-2010
January 28		Family Math Night

### Construction Update!!

Thanks to everyone who has been so helpful and attentive to our construction situation. Students and teachers have been fantastic and very patient and flexible! The new procedures for line up in the morning and dismissal have been running smoothly and we are thankful for your support and assistance. They are working now on re-routing electrical, gas and water pipes before they can begin the formal building construction.

**NEW INFORMATION:** We will be having a school fundraiser and school beautification effort that is very exciting and will be in place for all Kyrene schools undergoing construction projects. We will have a 'buy a brick' program where families and individuals can purchase a brick for \$20.00 and then it will be engraved with names or dates that are meaningful to families. For example, the years a student attended Mariposa or a former staff member worked here. It will be a very exciting effort and the bricks will be installed directly on the outside face of the new addition, near the parent drop off/pick up area on the east side of the building. More information will be forthcoming in February with specifics...but keep this in mind!



### Helping Kids Learn about Money \$\$\$

On **Thursday January 29**, representatives from the **Tempe Schools Credit Union** will present an **after school workshop** for students from 3:00-4:00 pm in the library. The focus will be on helping them learn the value of saving and giving them tips on managing money. This will be a free event, but pre-registration will be required to manage the size of the group. **The focus is for students in grades 3-4-5.** A specific flyer will be coming home, but please mark the date if you are interested!

### Kindergarten for 2009-2010

Applications and registrations are now being accepted for kindergarten for the 2009-2010 school year. Families interested in open enrollment to Mariposa must submit an Open Enrollment Application (available in the office, the Kyrene District Office or online). Once a student is approved for open enrollment, we will accept registration paperwork. Students in our attendance boundaries can be registered directly here at Mariposa.

Families interested in applying for early entry to Mariposa or any Kyrene School **must attend** the special early entrance enrollment meetings held at the District Office. If you need information for early entry, please contact our school office at 783-3200.

**Kindergarten Information Meeting for ALL parents/guardians of INCOMING KINDER STUDENTS for FALL 2009: Thursday January 22 at 6:30 pm in the Mariposa School Library. This is a parent/guardian only event and daycare is not provided. We will have two subsequent parent and student information sessions that will be communicated in the next newsletter and on Jan 22.**



### 1,000,000 Pennies Update!

Through December, 2008, we collected 110,000 pennies. That's \$1100. For the month of January, the class who fills up a gallon jug will win an ice cream party. Later on we will have a different contest with pizza as the class prize donated by the Wilcox family! Have you seen the new penny in honor of the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth on February 12, 2009. Be on the lookout for the new pennies, and remember EVERY PENNY COUNTS!

### CLOTHES for the HEALTH OFFICE

The Mariposa Health Office is in need of children's underwear & pants for sizes: 6-8.



### MISS MANNERS...AHCHOO!

This week Miss Manners stopped by to visit with the students about using the manners of: **cover cough**, **cover sneeze** and **wash, wash those hands!!!**

With the cold and flu season upon us it is most important and healthy to keep germs from spreading to others. Miss Manners and our Health Assistant, Ms. Lorraine, talked to the students about covering those coughs and sneezes with a Kleenex or the "elbow cover" (ask the kids)!☺

Also, there is a new book in the Mariposa Library for check out... *The BIG BOOK of MANNERS* by: Whoopi Goldberg!!



# Mariposa PTO News

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## THE 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL MARIPOSA GARAGE SALE *Saturday Feb. 7th, 2009*



We will be looking for donations from the community including **gently used** household items, books, furniture, sporting equipment, toys, etc. Please contact Darla Whipple (480 699-1906) with any questions or if you're interested in helping with the sale.



### KEEP UP THE BOXTOPS

Bring in all those Box Tops collected over the Holidays!

### UPCOMING PTO EVENTS

#### *January*

- 13- **PTO Board Meeting** 9am Conference Rm
- 13- **Mimi's Cafe**-Restaurant Night

#### *February*

- 2- **Rubio's and D'Angelo's Gelato**-Restaurant Night
  - 7- **PTO 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mariposa Garage Sale**
  - 10- **PTO Board Meeting** 9am Conference Rm
  - 18- **Parent Forum/PTO General Meeting**
- Week of Parent Conferences- **PTO Scholastic Book Fair to Benefit Mariposa Library**

#### *March*

- 17- **PTO Board Meeting** 9am Conference Rm
- 18- **Dairy Queen**-Restaurant Night



**April 3**  
**PTO Luau**  
**Spring**  
**Social**



### RESTAURANT NIGHTS

Thanks to everyone who attended Barro's Pizza Night in December. We made \$220 for our school! **Congratulations to Mrs. Wurtz's K class for winning the Barro's class pizza party for ordering the most pizzas!**

#### *Upcoming Restaurant Nights:*

Tuesday January 13 - **Mimi's Cafe** - *Ray Road in Abwatukee*

Monday February 2 -  
**Rubio's and D'Angelo's Gelato** -  
*Ray and Rural.*

Tuesday February 18 -  
**(To be announced)!**

Wednesday March 18 - **Dairy Queen** - *Rural and Eliot.*



### DAD'S NEEDED

We are looking for a few good dads to help with set up and clean up for PTO events.

Contact Katie Formisano 480.456.4480  
klb5723@cox.net for information.