

Kyrene de la Paloma News

August Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Important Dates:

Curriculum Nights

Thursday - August 13th - 1st (6:00pm) and 4th grade (7:00pm)

Tuesday - August 18th - 2nd (6:00pm) and 5th grade (7:00pm)

(Kinder and 3rd Grade was Tuesday, August 11th)



Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year at Kyrene de la Paloma! The staff and I are looking forward to a fun-filled year! The new construction on the building is done and looking really good. The changes to the building are going to add to the wonderful atmosphere here at Paloma. We are excited to all be under the same roof!

This is the first issue of my newsletter that will come to you on a monthly basis. From now on all of my communications will come electronically. As school districts struggle to operate with the limited budget from the state, we need to think of ways to cut costs. Going electronic is one way to save hundreds of dollars per school year. Joining the Kyrene ListServ is easy. Just go to the following address to subscribe.

<http://www.kyrene.org/ksdportal/list>

In this issue, you will find some very important reminders about our procedures for the safety and security of your children. We take these procedures very seriously and we hope that you will make every effort to help us maintain a safe and secure environment for learning.

I look forward to getting to know you and your children very soon. It's going to be a great year.

Janet Tobias
Principal



One of our first evening events is the Ice Cream Social.

This fun event will take place on Friday September 11th from 6:30-8:30. Mark your calendars now for this great community event. More details will follow.



First School Fundraiser

Please look for information about our gift catalog fundraiser this month. We will kick off the fundraiser on August 21st with a fun and exciting assembly.

Remember that without your help with school fundraisers, many of our events would not be possible. Thanks ahead of time for your involvement in this first fundraiser.

We are excited to announce our theme for the 09-10 school year:

Peace

Our theme comes from the school wide celebration of each day that students practice peaceful actions. The main idea is that we will work together to make our campus even more peaceful by using our life skills each and every day. We will continue to emphasize peaceful resolutions to problems and will celebrate by earning what we will call Peace Days. When we reach our short term goals that we will set together we will celebrate by announcing a crazy sock day, extra recess day or some other fun idea that the students have voted for. We guarantee that this will be a cooperative and motivating school-wide plan.



Important information about the removal of the portables!

We were informed today that the construction company is removing the West bike rack in the next couple of days. All students will use the East bike rack until further notice.

Reminders:

- Students are not allowed on campus before 7:15am. There is no duty coverage before that time, so it is critical that students not be on our campus before 7:15am unless they are here for breakfast. Thanks for your support with this.
- Remember that all children who are arriving on campus to the East of the building will enter the playground by using the East gate. Students who arrive on the bus or walk from the West of the building will enter the playground using the West gate.

The Kyrene Parent Portal

The Kyrene School District is implementing a Parent Portal. This secure web-based system will allow parents to access and view a variety of information about their student(s). Depending on the grade level, some of this information may include student absences, demographics, parent email address, etc. The system will continue to evolve over time to include additional information. Specific directions about the Kyrene Parent Portal, which will include your secure log-in and password, will be mailed to you during the early part of the school year. Please follow the instructions to be sure that everything works properly.



Health Steering Committee openings for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

The Health Steering Committee serves at the request of the Kyrene Governing Board primarily to consider issues related to curriculum and instruction of Strand 8 (Growth & Development) and Strand 9 (HIV/AIDS & STIs) of the Expanded Health Curriculum. The committee is made up of parents, community members, health professionals, teachers and administrators. At this time there is a need for more parent representation on the committee.

The major focus of the Health Steering Committee for the 2009-2010 school year will be to review resources and materials to support the newly revised Strand 8 (Growth & Development) and Strand 9 (HIV/AIDS and STI's). From August through November the committee will be meeting twice a month on Mondays at the District Office from 4:45 – 6:45 p.m.

If you have an interest in becoming a member of the committee or have questions about the work of the committee please contact Sue Yost, Health Curriculum Coordinator syost@kyrene.org (480-783-4118) or Carrie Furedy cfuredy@kyrene.org (480-783-4124). Additional information about the Health Steering Committee can be accessed at the following web site. <http://www.kyrene.org/curriculum/health/HealthCommittee/index.htm>

Requests for membership on the committee must be received by August 20, 2009. Please include your name, contact information, the ages of your children and the school they attend, and any other information that would be helpful as potential members are considered. Should there be more people interested than the number of openings the decision will be made by lottery.



2009-2010 Asbestos Notification

This notice is in compliance with 40 CFR Part 763.93 (g) (4).

While we do not have an asbestos issue in Kyrene, per the United States Environmental Protection Agency's "Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act" [(AHERA) 40CFR Part 763], every school district must have a plan in place to deal with potential issues. Please be advised that an Asbestos Inspection Report and Management Plan has been developed for each school and building in the Kyrene School District.

The Principal at each school maintains a copy of the Asbestos Management Plan in the Administrative Office, and the plan is also available for review at each school during normal school hours. Additionally, a copy of each plan is kept by the Facilities Department at 8700 S. Kyrene Road, Tempe, AZ 85284, as well as being available in PDF format on our website at:

<http://www.kyrene.org/facilities/asbestos/index.htm>.

If you have questions or concerns regarding Kyrene's plan, please contact Mr. Jack Musella, Facilities Supervisor at (480) 783-4200.

To keep the plan current, as required by the U.S.E.P.A., a complete survey and inspection of all Kyrene schools is conducted every six months by properly-trained and accredited individuals.

Office Information

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School Hours:

M, T, Th, F

7:45am - 2:35pm

Wednesday-Early Release

7:45am - 12:35pm

The first bell rings at 7:40.

All students are expected to be in their seats and ready for a day of learning by the second bell at 7:45.

24 Hour Attendance Line

480-783-2797

Remember that there is **NO SCHOOL** on

Monday, September 7th

In observation of the Labor Day holiday.