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## A Message from Mrs. Anderson

Happy New Year! We hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits as we embark on an exciting new year filled with possibilities and growth. As we kick off January, we wanted to take a moment to share some upcoming events with you. It isn't only a new year, it is a new chance for everyone to restart.

As we dive into the new year, our dedicated teachers and staff are committed to providing a nurturing and stimulating learning environment. We encourage students to set goals, stay focused and make the most of their educational journey. Our teachers are doing amazing things as they continue to close the gaps of skills that may have been missed in previous years. Amplify and iReady are great resources to use at home. The suggested time for students to utilize the programs that are personalized to your child's individual needs is 45 minutes each week. If your child is struggling with reading or with math, both of these programs are proven to help bridge any gaps. Amplify supports reading needs and iReady supports any math needs. This is an easy way to ensure that your child is getting what he/she needs. Please email your child's teacher if you would like more information.

I am excited to announce the launching of an official WATCH D.O.G.S. program at Mirada. Who are WATCH D.O.G.S. ? Dads Of Great Students! Father and/or father figures (e.g., guardian, step dad, grandfather, uncles and adult brothers of current students. **If you are not the parent or guardian, you will need to be fingerprinted prior to volunteering.** WATCH D.O.G.S. is a national program designed to increase the committed involvement of fathers and father figures at school. Our goal is for you to spend one day this school year serving as a positive male model at Mirada Leadership Academy. If you are interested, please attend the WATCH DOGS kick off event on January 11th at 5:30pm with your Mirada student.

Please let your friends and neighbors know that Mirada's PreSchool/Kindergarten Showcase night is Tuesday, January 16th from 6-7pm. **Incoming Kindergarten students are encouraged to attend.**

January is packed with exciting events that foster community engagement and student development. Please mark your calendars for the following events:

January 11	Monarch Night Out-LaFonda 4-8pm (Chandler and Dobson) 2051 W Chandler Blvd Mirada WATCH D.O.G.S. Kick off event 5:30pm
January 15	No School-Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 16	100th Day of School PTO Meeting 2:45pm in the Media Center PreSchool/Kindergarten Showcase 6-7pm
January 22	Mirada Art Show 5:30-7:30 MPR

January 26      Milk and Cookies  
January 30      MML Awards  
                    7:40-8:20-K, 3rd, 4th  
                    8:30-9:00-1st, 2nd, 5th

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Let's make January a month of growth, connection, and achievement.

Kindly,  
Mrs. Anderson



**Every Wednesday is an Early Release Day.  
Dismissal is at 12:15pm.**





**January 3  
January 10  
January 17  
January 24  
January 31**

## Upcoming Events

January 2      Teacher Planning Day-No School for students  
January 3      Students return/Early Dismissal  
January 9      Open Enrollment/Community Ed Enrollment opens (pre-school, Kids Club, etc.)  
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[View Full Calendar](#)

# JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Teacher Planning No School for Students	3 Beginning of Q3-Students return EARLY RELEASE 12:15	4	5  Spirit Day	6
7	8	9 Open Enrollment Community Ed Enrollment opens Governing Board Mtg. Aprende 5-8pm	10 EARLY RELEASE 12:15	11 WATCH D.O.G.S. Kick off Event 5:30pm Dining Out La Fonda 4-8pm 2051 W Chandler Blvd	12  Spirit Day	13
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#### Lost and Found:

Please label your child's coats, jackets, sweaters, hoodies, lunch boxes, water bottles, etc. We do look for names on labels and tags in an effort to get items back where they belong. Any unlabeled, unclaimed items will be donated.

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Dear Mirada Families,

Exciting news! The Mirada Leaders in Art Show is right around the corner. Mark your calendars: On **Monday, January 22nd, from 5:30pm-7:30 pm**, the Mirada MPR will be transformed into a fabulous art gallery. Every student will be represented by having a piece of their artwork FRAMED and on display. For a sneak peek, watch for information about the Virtual Art Show happening the week before.

This art show will showcase *all* our amazingly talented Mirada artists! During the event, family members will have the opportunity to purchase their student's FRAMED artwork and take it home with you that night. Frames are \$30 each. Artwork can even be duplicated and framed to share as gifts with family members! If you do not purchase the framed artwork, it will be returned unframed in your child's portfolio at the end of the school year. Your participation will help us fund the extra cool supplies our artists love using during art class.

But that's not all! In addition to the gorgeous gallery of art, there will also be a variety of **art activities** for your whole family to participate in. And if THAT wasn't enough, we will also have **several local food trucks** here to serve you. You don't want to miss this awesome event!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Newbury and Ms. Drury  
Mirada Art Teachers

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# PTO CORNER

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

This year has already been jam packed awesome Monarch Community events. Thank you all for your support in making each one of them fun, safe, and special for our kiddos.

We are looking so forward to all we have ahead and to finishing the year strong.

Please join us at one of our meetings to be a part of the exciting things coming up.

## UPCOMING EVENTS!!!

### JANUARY

- 11 - Watch Dogs Kick Off Event! (More info to come)
- 11 - Monarch Night Out - La Fonda (chandler and dobson)
- 16 - PTO Meeting (Open) 2:45 pm in Library
- 22 - Mirada Art Show
- 26 - Milk and Cookies

### FEBRUARY

- 7 - Monarch Night Out - Peter Piper V-DAY (Ray & 50th)
- 16 - Special Persons Day (more info to come)
- 20 - PTO Meeting (Open) 5:30 pm in Library
- 28 & 29 - Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 29 - Rare Disease Awareness Day - ZEBRA DAY!!

## DON'T FORGET!!!

Each week we stock the Staff Lounge with drinks, snacks and treats for them to enjoy. Drop donations anytime OR sign up for specific items on our website.

**THANK YOU MONARCH FAMILIES!**

CALLING ALL DADS!!!



Watch D.O.G.S. is coming to Mirada.  
Mark your calendars for 1/11 5:30pm

**January 11th**



4-8pm

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lounge year round.  
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items to your grocery  
or Costco list and drop  
off in front office  
anytime.

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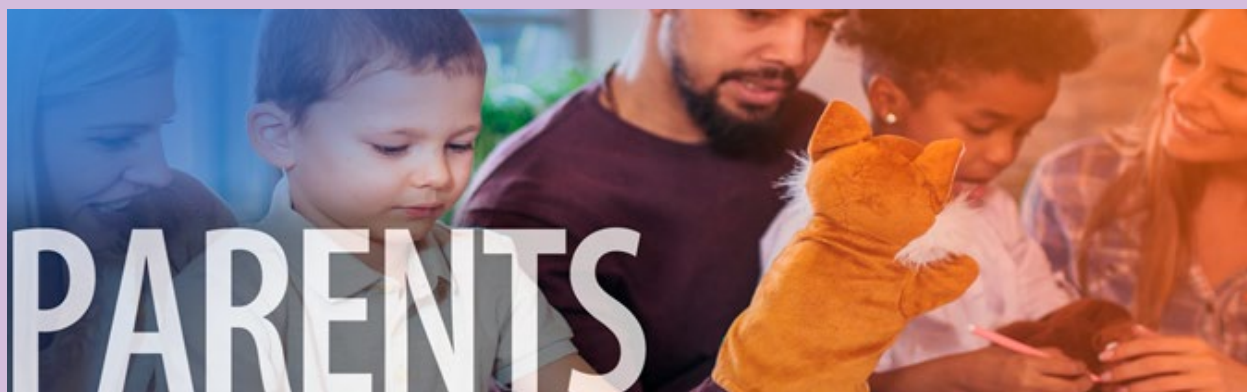
**Mirada  
Spirit Gear**



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Purchase this years Monarch Gear

Please scan the QR codes to order Spirit Wear and yearbooks. The price of yearbooks will go up in January.



## Parent Reminders

### Opt in for text communication

**IMPORTANT:** In the event of an emergency, text messages are the fastest and most effective way to communicate information to families. You must opt in to receive text communications! Text “Y” or “yes” to 67587 to begin receiving text messages from both your child’s school and the Kyrene School District.

### Birthday Celebrations

No celebrations of individual student birthdays are to be held in classrooms, on the school campus. We understand that parents and friends like to celebrate various occasions. However, cakes, cookies, cupcakes, candy, flowers, balloons, etc. cause many distractions and cannot be allowed on campus or on the bus. These items are disruptive in the classroom and are a safety concern on the bus. If they are delivered they will be kept in the office for parents/guardians to pick up. This policy helps to ensure that instructional time is protected and that all students are treated equally. Party invitations may not be distributed at school.

### Need to Report an Absence?

Call our 24 Hour Attendance Line at 480-541-4201 to report a student absence.

Please leave a message on the attendance line indicating the student's name, grade, date(s) and reason for absence. When your student is absent and we have not received notification, we will contact the parents. If we do not receive a return phone call, the student will be marked truant. **\*\*Note\*\*** Parents **MUST** call the attendance line within 24 hours of an absence, even if you spoke to the Health Office or communicated to the Teacher.

### Tardy

If your child is tardy, you must park in the parking lot and walk your child to the office. Sign them in and provide the reason why they are tardy. A tardy is defined as arriving at school or class **after the scheduled start time**. Students should be in their seats and ready to learn when the bell rings at the scheduled start time. **Students are considered tardy if they are not in their seats at the scheduled start time. Mirada students need to arrive with enough time to make it to their classroom by 7:30am.** Students who are tardy must enter through the school's front office and receive a Tardy pass.



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#### Tax Credit Donations ~ It's a Win, Win!

Your tax credit donations help provide some of the following at Mirada Leadership Academy: Leader in Me Program, guest speakers, Student Leadership Day, MML Awards and field trips. These programs develop well-rounded students, who in turn, build strong communities. Arizona statute allows individuals/couples to donate \$200/\$400 for a dollar-to-dollar tax credit. The deadline for tax credit donations is April 15 of the following year. You can donate online through our Payment Portal. Thank you for your continued support!

**Donate Online**

**Donation Form**

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#### Your QR Code



Scan this QR code to participate.

#### School Quality Survey

It is almost time to share your voice! The annual Kyrene School Quality Survey for Families opens Wednesday, January 10th. Your voice is critical to your children's education, the future of Kyrene School District, and Kyrene de la Mirada. That's why we need to hear from you! Share feedback on academic preparation, student support, safety and behavior, family involvement, and school leadership in Kyrene. The results will inform targeted action plans to make sure our schools are places where every student can thrive. Parents should check their email for an invitation on January 10th, or visit [www.kyrene.org/parentsqs](http://www.kyrene.org/parentsqs) to take the survey. The survey is offered in English and Spanish. All responses are strictly confidential.

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## Ready for a Day of Play?

*Free Fun for the Entire Family!*

Kyrene Community Education's signature *Play Day* event is back for the 2023-24 school year. The lineup includes over 40 booths and activities, food trucks and musical performances to keep the entire family entertained. New this year, Kyrene will be offering onsite registration support for the 2024-25 school year!

Mark your calendars and check [www.kyrene.org/playday](http://www.kyrene.org/playday) for updates.

**Saturday, January 20, 2024**

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Kyrene Centennial Middle School**

13808 S 36th St, Phoenix, AZ 85044



**Play Day Info**

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# The Leader in Me™

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Mirada Leadership Academy is a Leader in Me School. We focus and practice the 8 Habits of a Happy Kid. The beginning of the year is spent with a quick review of each habit so the children will begin practicing all habits ubiquitously throughout their learning day as well as when they leave our campus. Each month is dedicated to diving deeper into understanding each of the 8 habits.

Habit 1: Be proactive - we teach the children they are to "be in charge of me".

Habit 2: Begin with the end in mind - have a plan and set goals "A goal without a plan is just a wish".

Habit 3: Put first things first - work first, and then you get to play.

Habit 4: Think win-win - "I win, you win, we all win".

Habit 5: Seek first to understand, then to be understood - listen before you speak.

Habit 6: Synergize - working together is better than working alone.

Habit 7: Sharpen the saw - "Balance feels best".

Habit 8: Find your voice, inspire others' to find theirs - make a positive difference in your world.

When children live these habits at school and at home they are beginning to make the paradigm shift for success. We teach children that everyone can be a leader, not just a few. Everyone has genius, not just a few are gifted. The change must start with them, not rely on someone else to make the change. We empower our students to lead their own learning by setting goals and following the steps to achieve their goals, we do not direct and control their learning. We work with our families to develop the whole person, not just focusing on academics.

What is Leader In Me? <https://youtu.be/07cL9wYLLaQ>

## Links

 TheLeaderinMe.org [theleaderinme.org](http://theleaderinme.org)

 Facebook [facebook.com/TheLeaderinMe](https://facebook.com/TheLeaderinMe)

 Twitter [twitter.com/theleaderinme](https://twitter.com/theleaderinme)

YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/@LeaderinMeChannel>

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## Kyrene Positive Parenting - January Presentations

The Kyrene School District is pleased to continue the successful Positive Parenting Series this school year, focusing on issues that affect families both at school and at home. We hope you can join us.

### **JAN. 11 - Love and Logic for Families**

#### **Love and Logic for Families**

Parents are invited to learn about the Love and Logic approach to parenting, which is built around the science of caring and respectful relationship. An authentic, loving connection between parents and their children forms the foundation of good behavior and healthy decision-making.

#### **Presenter:**

Larry Kerby

#### **Date and Time:**

January 11, 2024

6:00 - 7:00pm

#### **Location:**

Centennial Middle School -Library

13808 S. 36th St.

Phoenix, AZ 85044

#### [Registration Link](#)

In Partnership With:

### **JAN. 17 - How to Reach, Teach, and Support the iGeneration Student**

#### **How to Reach, Teach, and Support the iGeneration Student**

Join us to gain valuable insight into tips and strategies for raising children for whom technology has always been present.

#### **Presenter:**

Katy McPherson

#### **Date and Time:**

January 17, 2024

6:00 - 7:00pm

#### **Location:**

Zoom

#### [Registration Link](#)

In Partnership With:

### **JAN. 18 - Related Services Providers Open House**

#### **Related Services Providers Open House**



Kyrene Related Service Providers will be hosting informational sessions for families to understand the services they provide. Related Service Providers in attendance will include a Speech Language Pathologist (SLP), Occupational Therapist (OT), Assistive Technology (AT) Specialist, Physical Therapist, and Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ACC) Specialist.

**Date and Time**

January 18, 2023

5:30-7:00pm

**Location:**

Waggoner Elementary School, 1050 E. Carver Road  
Tempe, AZ 85284

**Hosted By:**

Kyrene Exceptional Student Services Department

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## Tempe Coalition

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### **Community Education Enrollment Changes for Kids Club**

Planning for the 2024-25 school year is already underway, and we want to make you aware of changes to enrollment for Community Education. **Beginning this year, all Community Education programming (including Kids Club, After Hours, and Community and Signature Preschool) will open registration on the same day that general enrollment begins: January 9!**

Another change this year will ensure all Kyrene families have an equal opportunity to register for before and after school programming, which can fill up quickly. **In fairness to families who have been waitlisted in past years, there will be no pre-registration option for currently enrolled students this year.** Registration for Kids Club and After Hours for the 2024-25 school year will open for all students on **January 9 at 6:30 a.m.** in

the [Community Ed registration portal](#).

*Families enrolling students in Community or Signature Preschool programs will also register through the Community Ed registration portal on January 9. If you are registering a child for Integrated Preschool or looking to change Kyrene schools, that can be done through the Kyrene general enrollment portal. Please note that Summer 2024 program registration will open March 4, 2024.*

Register Here for Community Education Classes!



Nominations are underway for the 2024 Tempe Diablos Excellence in Education Awards! Each year, thanks to your nominations, Kyrene employees receive awards celebrating their extraordinary work in classrooms and around the District.

For more than 30 years, the Tempe Diablos have awarded educators for their dedication to enhancing learning, promoting positive school culture, and leaving a lasting impact on students, colleagues and the community. Now is your chance to nominate exemplary Kyrene educators (including teachers, leaders and education support professionals) for this prestigious recognition.

Categories include: Class Act, Inspiration, High Impact, Leadership, Lifetime Achievement, Rising Star and Teacher of the Year. Visit the Tempe Diablos website for more information about the award categories and to submit your nomination.

[Excellence in Education Award Nominations](#)

Nominations will be accepted through **January 29, 2024**. Kyrene students, staff and parents are all invited to submit nominations in different categories.

All award finalists and winners will be celebrated at the Excellence in Education Award Ceremony and Dinner on May 2. Thank you to the Tempe Diablos for this continued support of our Kyrene educators.

Sincerely,  
Kyrene School District



- Students may bring large bills to pay for their meal account - please remember no change is provided back to the student, the entire amount is applied to the student's account.
- If a student does not have enough funds on their account, after two (2) meals (breakfast or lunch) they are provided an alternate meal as per District policy. The student may still get side options and salad bar along with their milk.
- Please remember that dietary restrictions must be accompanied by a Dr's note and will be accommodated to the best of our ability. SFE is unable to honor preferences or requests.
- You may check your student's lunch balance by visiting [lingconnect](#). Linq Connect is our self-service lunch account portal, which makes it possible for Kyrene families to easily manage their student(s) lunch account. Families may check meal balances, transfer funds, apply for free or reduced-priced meals or create spending limits for their students by visiting [lingconnect](#). For any additional questions or assistance with your linqconnect account please call 1-844-467-4700 and follow the prompts.

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## Contact Us

**Kyrene de la Mirada  
Leadership Academy**  
5500 W. Galveston Street  
Chandler, AZ 85226

**School Hours:** 7:30 am - 2:15 pm<sup>SEP</sup>  
*Early Release Wed: 12:15 pm*

**Office Hours:** 7:00 am - 3:30 pm<sup>SEP</sup>  
*Wednesday: 7:00 am - 1:30 pm*

**Front Office:** 480-541-4200  
**Fax Number:** 480-541-4210  
**Attendance:** 480-541-4201  
**Health Office:** 480-541-4220  
**Cafeteria:** 480-541-4226  
**Kids Club:** 480-541-4230

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