

KYRENE PRESCHOOL NEWS

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

BRISAS

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Welcome to Preschool....

For those of you who are returning to Brisas, welcome back! For those of you who are new to the preschool program you must be excited and a bit nervous! Please be assured that we are a highly trained staff of professional educators who will do our best to make this a wonderful, fun-filled year of learning for you and your child.

Class Hours...

- A.M. 8:20 to 11:20
- P.M. 12:20 to 3:20
- Please make it a priority to have your children to school on time as we start our day quickly. We will meet you at the doors with a sign in sheet. When picking your child up, we would also ask that you would be prompt as we usually have other duties to perform and meetings to attend. Please be sure to sign your child out when you pick them up. Thank you for your help in this matter.
- If you are late, your child will be sitting in the office and you will need to park your car and go sign them out from the main office.
- Parking –you will need to find a spot to park and walk your child to the door. (Gate #5) (BB door) If you are coming from Ray in the morning– you will need to park in the lot in the front of Brisas and Aprende. I would recommend that you come in off of Mc Clintock and park in the parking

lot by the Brisas playground. If you are late and gate 5 is closed, it means you need to check in through the office.

About our staff:

Classroom teacher – Lynn Clapper
I graduated from NAU with a dual major in elementary and special education. I have taught in a variety of special needs settings in Washington and Kyrene school districts. I am beginning my 32nd year in Kyrene with 27 of those years being in preschool. I hold certificates in Elementary and Special Education, and have my Structured English Immersion and Early Childhood endorsements. I also have my Masters in Early Childhood. I have 3 adult children, one living in Texas and the other two in Arizona. I also have 2 grandsons who live too far away. I enjoy cooking, watching TV, and spending time with my friends and family. I am excited to start a new year with your children.

Speech Pathologist – Sandy Hill
I am excited to be working with Lynn again and becoming a Brisas Camper, although I have never been much of a camper!!! I graduated with my Bachelor of Science in Speech and Hearing Science in 1976 and my Master of Science in Speech/Language Pathology in 1978, both from the University of Arizona (BEAR DOWN). I have been working as a pediatric speech/language pathologist for 37 of the last 40 years, but insist that I am not “old”, just “well seasoned”. I worked 16 years in homes

and clinics with children from birth to five, and 19 years in the Kyrene Integrated Preschool Program both working in the preschool classrooms and completing initial evaluations to determine eligibility for placement in the preschool program. I tried to retire two years ago, but really missed working with the preschool children so I am thrilled about coming back to work on a very part-time, only seeing children in the Brisas AM and PM preschool programs and some mentoring of a new graduate in speech pathology at Brisas and Kyrene Traditional Academy. I enjoy traveling (I just got back from spending 2 weeks cruising the Norwegian Fjords and a week in Copenhagen), pampering my 2 rescue dogs (a 95 pound Boxer and a 10 pound Schipperke) and family time. I love working with children to facilitate their communication skills, as well as educating parents about their child's communication abilities, and of course mentoring new speech pathologists. I will be in the Brisas Preschool all day on Thursdays, but if we miss each other at the door, I am always available by email at shill@kyrene.org Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns as I get to know each of your children, and I look forward to working with all of you.

my career teaching 2nd grade in Northern CA. over 30 years ago. I married my husband and moved to Arizona so he could begin a career with Motorola. I taught 2nd grade in the Tempe School District and then took some time off to be a stay at home mom. I then worked as a substitute teacher at Brisas for 3 years. I fell in love with the preschool program while filling a long term sub position and have never left. I have a Master Degree in Education, Arizona Teaching Certificate, and Arizona Early Childhood Endorsement. Both of my children attended Brisas. My daughter is beginning her senior year at ASU in Supply Chain Management and Data Analytics. My son is an ASU graduate working as an electrical engineer and beginning the ASU Engineering MA program. Enjoy every day with your precious children, because they really will grow up faster than you imagined.

* Idalia Meadows- This is my second year working for Kyrene de las Brisas as an Instructional Assistant, and my first year in the preschool program. As a Brisas parent, I have been volunteering for eight years. I am very excited to be part of this team and work with your little ones. I am originally from Mexico and speak English and Spanish. I have been living in Arizona for 15 years and am still not used to the summers. I am married and have two boys, one in his last year at Brisas Elementary and my oldest is at Aprende Middle school. We complete our family with my only daughter, Sissy, our beloved dog. I graduated from ITSON, my Alma Mater at Sonora State in Mexico, with a Bachelor degree in Chemistry. I look forward to working with your children

Preschool Teaching Assistants:

*Sharon Wilp – I am looking forward to working as an instructional assistant in your child's preschool classroom. Your child is a valued member of our classroom and I look forward to helping them grow and explore the world around them. I have been happily working in the Kyrene preschool for 15 years. I began

and helping to make them feel confident, empowered and surrounded by a safe and supportive environment where they can grow and blossom in the learning process.

If your child is riding the bus to school, please make sure you call transportation if they are home sick or if you aren't going to need them that day, for any other reason. 541-1700

Change of Clothes

EVERYONE: Since our room temperature varies throughout the day, and we have little control over it, you may want to leave a light weight sweater or jacket in your child's backpack, just in case. **Please remember to label the item.**

Please send a change of clothes in a plastic zip-lock bag with your child's name on it. Sometimes spills or accidents happen – especially in preschool.

If your child needs diapering, please send in a supply of diapers and wipes, with their name written on the packages. We will send you a note in your backpack letting you know when our supply is running low.

Birthdays

Birthdays are special times for children. The district policy is not to send in birthday treats. We will be celebrating your child's birthday in class by having them wear a special birthday crown and singing 'Happy Birthday' to them at snack time.

Preschool Attire

We are a hands-on program and have lots and lots of messy activities. Please do not send your child in clothes that you do not want to get dirty. The potential for paint, mud, glue, and other stains is great! We have paint shirts and make every effort to keep your child neat, but spills happen (a lot) in preschool. That's how children learn, by freely exploring the materials. In addition, we will be going to the playground daily (except on those really hot days) so we highly recommend tennis shoes for their SAFETY. If your child would like to wear a hat and/or sunglasses outside, please send it/them in their backpack. Please send in a water bottle daily and please be sure that it is marked with their name. This way they will be able to drink in the class during the day and they can take them outside when we go out.

Transportation

Your child's safety is very important to us. If someone other than you are going to be picking up your child at school, please let us know in advance in writing. If this will be a regular occurrence, please be sure their name is on the AZ Dept. of Health Emergency card. We cannot release your child to anyone but you, the names on your emergency card, or someone you've identified in a written note. Thank you for your understanding.

Backpacks

We would like to ask that you send a few things with your child on his/her first day of school. Please always send your

child to school with a **full sized** backpack that will fit papers and projects going home. Please have their name clearly printed on the backpack. We will check the big pocket in this backpack first thing upon arrival to see if there are any important messages from home, and we will use the folder we gave you to send our important papers home to you! Please check your child's backpack daily.

Snacks

Please be sure to put your child's name on their snack box or bag. We use this time for matching and name recognition. It is much easier if their name is on it. ☺ Remember to send in snack items and a drink. We are required to serve healthy snacks so please send in things like vegetables, fruits, yogurts, granola bars, nuts, ½ sandwiches and avoid foods high in sugar like chips, cookies, and donuts.

Wish List. . .

Our school list looks a little different than that of students in older grades. These are items that we go through quickly so any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Paper plates

Paper towels

Plastic Spoons

Antibacterial hand soap

Tissues

Velcro dots

Glue sticks

Glue

Xerox paper

Many of you got this list early and already brought things in. We want to **thank you** for your generous donations. In addition to these things we will have a wish list in future newsletters that might ask if you can donate certain items needed for a project, or if we are running low on any supply items.

Additional Information

Please do not hesitate to speak with one of the teachers if you have any questions or concerns! We strive for constant communication between home and school in order to make preschool a fantastic experience for you and your child! Please be sure to e-mail me a quick note and I will add you to my distribution list so I can send you newsletters that way.

This month...

We will be learning the routine for the classroom and about each other. We will be learning school rules and expectations and focusing on same and different. We will also focus on friendship and learning our new friends' names.

Keep in Touch! 541- 2121

Lynn, Sandy, Sharon, and
Idalia