



PUEBLO NEWS

July 15, 2022

Message from the Principal

Dear Bulldog Families,

I hope that you have all enjoyed a restful summer break. We are looking forward to seeing our 7th and 8th grade bulldogs and can't wait to meet our new 6th grade Bulldogs. Please read below to learn about how you can be prepared for the upcoming school year.

Please mark your calendars with the following dates:

JULY 25	Meet the Teacher
JULY 27	6th Grade WEB Orientation
JULY 28	First Day of School
AUGUST 3	Early Release, 1:05 pm

Please see important Back to School information below:

Meet the Teacher

This event will take place on Monday, July 25 with gates opening at 4:35. In order to allow room for students and parents within the classrooms, we will be dividing our student population into 2 groups as follows.

Last names beginning with A - L will come to Pueblo from 4:45 - 6:00

Last names beginning with M - Z will come to Pueblo from 6:15 - 7:22

We are encouraging students and parents to access schedules in advance through StudentVue and/or ParentVue. These will be available on Monday, July 25 around 2:00 PM. In an effort to save paper and reduce crowding, **we will not be passing out paper copies of student schedules**. Please consider adding the ParentVUE mobile app to your phone for easy access. If for some reason you cannot access your child's schedule through [ParentVUE](#) or StudentVUE please contact the Pueblo front office at 480-541-6800.

Students will be following their schedules and meeting teachers during designated times. We will email specific times later next week and will also be providing hand-outs at the event. It is important that we stick to the schedule in order to avoid overcrowding. This is not an open-house event and we

appreciate your help with not congregating and socializing inside the classrooms. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Schedule changes will only be considered in cases where a student is scheduled into a class that is the wrong level or is missing a class. We will have a schedule correction form available for parents to submit if this is the case.

WEB - 6th Grade Orientation

On July 27 our 6th grade bulldogs are invited to come to Pueblo to meet their WEB leaders and some of our teachers and administrators. WEB, which stands for Where Everybody Belongs, is a nationally recognized middle school orientation, transition, and mentoring program. WEB involves 8th grade students being trained as leaders and mentors to help welcome and develop positive friendships with our new 6th grade students. You should have received a letter from Pueblo in the mail with information regarding this event. If you have any questions please contact the Pueblo front office at 480-541-6800 or email Haleigh Gettings at hgettings@kyrene.org.

ParentVUE Mobile App. & Acknowledgements

The ParentVUE Mobile application helps parents stay informed and connected by providing day-to-day insight into their child's academic experience. ParentVUE Mobile for the iPhone/iPod Touch works with the Synergy™ student information system in much the same way as the ParentVUE web portal, allowing parents to access near real-time information on assignments and scores, attendance, and demographic information. ParentVUE offers parents a single sign-on to view all of their children's information regardless of school. Go to [ParentVUE Mobile App](#) for directions and login.

On July 28 families and students will be able to sign in to their Parent/StudentVUE accounts to review and acknowledge Kyrene's Family Handbook, Technology Agreements, Text Messaging Permissions, Survey Consent, and User Guides. At least one family member and all students must acknowledge their respective forms/handbook each year. Thank you for taking the time to review this information by August 11.

Text Message Communications

Families are encouraged to opt in for our Kyrene School District and school based text message for reminders and notifications. You can sign up to receive text message alerts by texting "Y" or "yes" to 67587. This is something that needs to be done every year.

Athletics/Clubs

For information about registration for Athletics please visit the Kyrene webpage and look under the Programs and Services tab. If you have any questions about Pueblo Athletics please visit the [Pueblo Athletics homepage](#) or contact Erin Gray in student services in our Pueblo front office at 480-541-6804.

Fall Sports - boys soccer, cross country, volleyball

Winter Sports - boys basketball, girls soccer, softball, wrestling, cheer

Spring Sports - girls basketball, baseball, track and field

There will be opportunities throughout the year for students to get involved in clubs. Students can find information by way of our daily announcements and Bulldog TV. Parents can find information in the Bulldog Newsletter which will be emailed at the beginning of each month and linked on our [school webpage](#).

Supply Lists

The [Supply List](#) includes recommended supplies for each grade level. These are not required on the first day of school and if families need help acquiring any of the suggested items please contact the Pueblo office. Additional supplies may be requested throughout the school year and specifically for some of our elective classes. Thank you for helping to prepare your child for school.

Students that have registered for Band will need the following items.

1 inch black binder with clear view front and inside pockets

Pencil pouch with 3 holes to go inside the binder

5 dividers

Sharpened pencils (mechanical are fine)

Sheet protectors (50 pack is good)

PBIS Donations

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports is a school-wide process for creating positive and safe environments that are predictable, encouraging, and effective for achieving academic success and reaching social goals. Here at Pueblo Middle School, we focus our efforts on helping all children exceed their potential by teaching to and supporting the whole child.

Our students are simply terrific and the majority of students follow our school expectations, and we want to recognize these positive behaviors. PBIS acknowledges their efforts daily as they demonstrate their best. Through instruction, comprehension and regular practice, all teachers, staff members, and students use and follow a consistent set of behavior expectations and routines across all school settings. All students are directly and explicitly taught school expectations throughout the school year to continually ensure understanding. At times, students make choices that are not positive. When this happens, we view it as an opportunity for re-teaching.

We have adopted a unified set of procedures expected in all common areas. You will see expectations posted throughout the school. Students are recognized daily with online Dog Tags for practicing the 7

Habits and remembering to:

Be Respectful

Act Responsibly

Remember Safety

Kindness Matters

Students will have the opportunity to earn dog tags when they are “caught” demonstrating appropriate behavior. These can be cashed in for prizes and snacks. We are asking for donations to help stock our PBIS store. Items such as small gift cards (\$5 & \$10), earbuds, bags of chips, individually packaged snacks, and cans of sparkling water would be greatly appreciated.

Transportation

Families can access information regarding Bus Routes and Bus Safety by visiting the Kyrene webpage and looking under the Parent Tab. This [link](#) will take you directly to the page.

Online Payment Portal

Kyrene School District has a convenient new payment portal for parents to pay for everything from athletics to field trips. The [InTouch Payment Portal](#) will provide parents with digital receipts for all transactions. You can even use it to make this year’s tax credit donation to the school of your choice. Register once and use the portal all year. For directions to set up your account, please click [here](#).

Food Services

As a reminder, the federal government is no longer providing universal free school breakfast and lunch meals. The universal access to free meals decreased the importance of and need for families to complete the application for free or reduced price meal eligibility. Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, Kyrene will be returning to the pre-COVID meal service model of offering free, reduced price and paid breakfast and lunch. In order to determine if your student qualifies for free or reduced price meals, we ask that all families complete the free and reduced meal application located at family.titank12.com. To begin your application click [here](#).

Additionally, Kyrene meal prices will remain the same as the 2021-2022 school year.

Meal payments can be made on the [InTouch Payment Portal](#) this year. Parents can view meal balances or pay by check/cash at schools. Free & Reduced lunch applications are available at school sites or contact Linda Stewart at 480-541-1350 or lstewa@kyrene.org if you have questions or to confirm an application status.

PTO Membership

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing PTO board members. We are grateful for their support last year and look forward to working with them again this coming school year along with our newest board member Samantha Tucker. If you are interested in getting involved with the Pueblo PTO, this year's first PTO meeting will take place at Pueblo on Monday, August 8 at 9:00 AM.

President - Amanda Ohlgren
Treasurer - Heidi Nechtman
Secretary - Sofia Preston

Have a wonderful weekend. The Pueblo teachers and staff are looking seeing everyone soon.

Sincerely,

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School Hours: 8:20 am – 3:05 pm
Every Wednesday at 1:05 pm

Office Hours: 7:45 am – 4:15 pm
Every Wednesday at 2:15 pm

Be sure to bookmark our Pueblo website.

