

# Colina Coyote Tracks

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## Kyrene de la Colina Elementary School

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### Multi-Cultural Night: Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

Colina's 2nd Annual Multi-Cultural Event is Friday, December 6th, 6:00-8:00! Don't miss out on this great opportunity to learn about some of the amazing cultures that are represented here at Colina. All kids will receive a passport when they arrive and if they receive a stamp from every table, they will get a prize! Plus, some of the tables will have delicious food samples from their country/culture. It is a fun filled night where we all come together as a Colina Community. Don't miss it!

### Tax Credit Donations provide so much!

Your tax credit donation helps students attend extracurricular activities like art and music programs; character education; 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.

Examples of extracurricular enhanced learning include:

- lessons that come alive with author visits
- experiences that demonstrate future career possibilities
- programs that teach manners, work ethic and good citizenship
- inspiring educational field trips

Please consider making a [tax credit donation](#). Last year, donations by 37 families covered field trips for all students. Some families who can't participate in the full amount will donate a minimum of \$10 to cover their child's field trip. Thank you for your donation!

### 5<sup>th</sup> Graders Families: CMS Showcase Night: December 11

We hope you can attend the CMS Showcase Night on December 11th to learn all about middle school!

**DEC 6**

PTO Multi-Cultural Night 6-8p  
Colina Spelling Bee 12:30-2:30

**DEC 10**

Student Council Mtg till 3:30  
KSD Board Meeting

**DEC 11**

**5<sup>th</sup> Graders:** Centennial Middle School Showcase Night 6-7:30p

**DEC 13**

Spirit Day: Animal Print

**DEC 19**

Spirit Day: Colina Shirt

**DEC 20**

**NO SCHOOL**

**DEC 23-JAN 3**

Winter Recess

**JAN 6**

School Resumes

**JAN 10**

Report Cards go home

**JAN 14**

PTO Reading Wall Redemption

KSD Board Mtg

**JAN 16**

**Spring Pictures**

Green Team Mtg till 3:15

**JAN 17**

MLK Flag-raising Assembly 7:45a

Spirit Day: Colina Shirt

**JAN 20**

**NO SCHOOL-MLK Day**

**JAN 21**

PTO FDN: Macayo's



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**Computer Science Week: December 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**

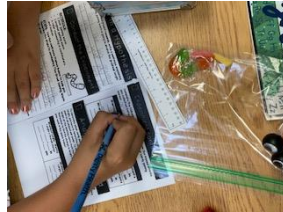
We are proud to announce that our entire school is participating in the worldwide Hour of Code learning event during Computer Science Week. Our Hour of Code participation is making a statement that Colina is committed to providing the opportunity for all of our students to develop these foundational 21<sup>st</sup> century skills. This event ensures that all students are exposed to problem-solving and inquiry based learning in which they learn skills that will help them achieve in all subject areas.

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Flag-raising Assembly: January 17<sup>th</sup>**

On **January 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:45-8:30a** Colina is hosting a Flag-raising ceremony to honor the accomplishments and contributions of Martin Luther King, Jr. Students will participate with songs and poems. Parents and family are welcome to join us for this ceremony. Please bring photo ID to sign in at the office.

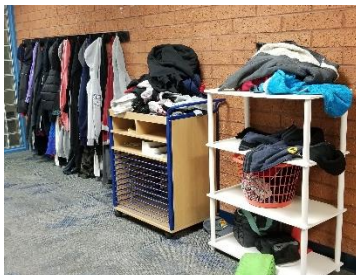
**STEM activities: The Great Gummy Stretch**

Recently, 3<sup>rd</sup> graders participated in a super fun STEM activity called the Great Gummy Worm Stretch! Using the Scientific Method, the students formulated a hypothesis about which worm (regular or sour) would stretch more, then tested their theory. One aspect that made this more challenging was the fact that the two worms were different lengths to begin with! The students engaged in great discussions about how to compare objects, when they are not the same to begin with. They are also becoming quite skilled at recording their data, and analyzing their results! I even managed to sneak in a quick fraction lesson, too! We LOVE Wednesdays!



**Lost and Found**

Our Lost and Found is growing. Please have your children check for missing items.



**JAN 22**

Yearbook Club Mtg till 1:30  
KSD Board Mtg 7p

**JAN 24**

Spirit Day: Twin/multiple day

**JAN 28**

Student Council Mtg till 3:30

**JAN 31**

Spirit Day: Super Bowl/Sports

**FEB 4**

PTO Reading Wall Redemption

Student Council Mtg till 3:30

PTO Community Mtg 6-7p

**FEB 7**

PTO Family Dance 6-8p

Spirit Day: Colina shirt

**FEB 11**

Student Council Mtg till 3:30

KSD Board Mtg 7p

**FEB 12**

Yearbook Mtg till 1:30

**FEB 14**

Spirit Day: Fancy dress day

**FEB 17**

**NO SCHOOL-President's Day**

**FEB 18**

PTO FDN: Chick-fil-A

**FEB 19**

Gifted Showcase

**FEB 20**

Green Team Mtg till 3:15

**FEB 21**

Spirit Day: Colina shirt

**FEB 24**

KSD Board Mtg

**FEB 25**

Student Council Mtg till 3:30

**MAR 9-16**

SPRING BREAK

**Playground Ambassadors and Junior Coaches are amazing!**



**WATCH D.O.G.S. – Dads of Great Students**

Watch D.O.G.S. is an innovative, father-involvement, educational initiative of the National Center for Fathering. Their goals are to provide positive male role models for students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important and to provide an extra *set of eyes and ears to enhance school security* and reduce bullying. It's an amazing program and students are so excited when Watch D.O.G.S. are on campus! [Volunteer here!](#)

A big shout-out to Mr. Ryan Herold, who is serving in the role of Top Dog! New this year, every adult who attended the kick-off was asked to recruit one more person to serve as a WATCH D.O.G. at least once this year. We can do it! If you have questions about signing up, please email Mr. Herold at [colinawatchdogs@gmail.com](mailto:colinawatchdogs@gmail.com).



**Phone Numbers**

**Main Line:** 480-541-2600

**Attendance:** 480-541-2601

**Fax:** 480-541-2610

**Health Office:** 480-541-2620

**Transportation:** 480-541-1700

**Cafeteria:** 480-541-2626

**School Hours**

7:10 am-2:30 pm

Wed. Early Release 12:30 pm

**Office Hours**

7:10 am – 3:40 pm

**Colina Mission Statement**

***Inspiring Growth & Achieving Excellence***

We will inspire growth and achieve excellence by building relationships with students, families and the community. We are committed to embracing diversity, encouraging a growth mindset and establishing high expectations for all.

**The 4Bs at Colina:**

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Safe
- Be Kind

At Colina, we remind children:

**THINK before you speak.**

*Are your words:*

- True
- Helpful
- Inspiring
- Necessary
- Kind



The **DISCOVERRoom** thanks all the volunteers (veteran and new) who make the DR so great!

**We need Volunteers** to keep the DR open for all our great activities. Shifts are 10:50-12:30 Tuesdays and 10:10-11:50 Wednesdays and Thursdays. Interested? Contact us at [discoveroomkyrene@gmail.com](mailto:discoveroomkyrene@gmail.com) subj. **Colina DR Vol**

**We can't wait to see you in the DISCOVERRoom!**



### **Student Messages & Deliveries**

In an attempt to preserve instructional time, messages and deliveries for students will be held in the office and an email will be sent alerting the teacher that it is there. Teachers will send the student down during a break in instruction.

**If you have a change in transportation for your child, please send a note ahead of time with your child or, for last minute changes, contact the Colina office PRIOR to 2:00 pm.**

### **FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE:**

**New this year! Report Cards are available in ParentVUE/StudentVUE for Grades 1-8!** Families and students are encouraged to log into their accounts, select the "Report Card" tab, and review first quarter progress. (PS and KG students only receive reports cards at the end of each semester.)

### **School Breakfast - Good for Kids and Good for Parents!**

Breakfast is served at all schools except Cerritos and Sierra, usually in the MPR when students are allowed on campus before school starts.

Visit [www.kyrene.org/foodservices](http://www.kyrene.org/foodservices), and complete an application at [Lunchapplication.com](http://Lunchapplication.com). Cash and checks for payments on meal accounts are accepted at all school sites.

Create an account at [K12paymentcenter.com](http://K12paymentcenter.com) to view your child's meal account, set low balance notifications for free, make optional credit card payments that have a convenience fee, and transfer money between your children's accounts.

Please contact Linda Stewart with any questions 480-541-1350.