C.I. Waggoner

WAGGONER PAW

SEPTEMBER 2023

Message from the Principal

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year, where We Shine Brighter Together! We have had our earliest start of school this year and we have embraced it. While the month of June saw pretty mild weather, the heat surely did turn on quickly. Our staff and students have been great with their flexibility while juggling the heat but also having a little fun outside as best they can. Our Wildcats have already been hard at work over the last several weeks reviewing material and learning new concepts. We kicked-off the school year with a school-wide assembly that introduced our staff and reminded our Wildcats of our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). Students are working on Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible. Of course, we always like to add Be Kind as well. Our PTO launched our fundraiser, Step It Up!, and Exploration Station has started again on Thursdays. Our teachers held Curriculum Night and Wildcat Den is in full motion. Thank you for your patience with the car pick-up line, as the weeks go by it has been getting faster. Please continue to have your sign in your car window to help speed up the process. Before we know it, Fall Break will be upon us and this year students have a little over two weeks off. I think all of us are looking forward to the beautiful Arizona weather that will be coming our way then.

Have a wonderful three-day weekend with Labor Day!

Sincerely,
Marcie Romero
Principal

Our Wildcats are shining so bright, you

almost need sunglasses when you enter the school.

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Neighborhood Parking:
If you park in the neighborhood surrounding Waggoner, please be careful to not park in front of the driveways or on the sidewalk.

Safety Tips:
The safety of your children is always our first priority. Now that our school year is underway, please take a few moments to have a conversation with your child about the safety precautions he or she should take on the way to and from school. These topics include:

- never telling a stranger his or her name or giving personal information
- never engaging in conversation with someone unknown
- walking with two or more people, staying on the sidewalk and going straight to school and home
- knowing if they feel unsafe because of an uncomfortable interaction with a stranger, they can call 911

We want your family to take every step possible in keeping children safe before and after school. Should you have questions or concerns, please feel free to call us at 480-541-5600.

Stay Connected:
Text messaging is the most effective way for our school and District to communicate critical information, especially in an emergency. Did you know the average person reads only 20% of incoming email, but **98%** of incoming text messages? Make sure you don't miss a message from Kyrene School District or Waggoner Elementary School. **Sign up for text alerts by simply texting "Y" or "yes" to 6758.**

Please like our Waggoner Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/ciwaggoner/

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Please be aware that bus passes are not permitted for everyday use. Due to the limited routes available, some buses are full and do not have the capacity for additional riders. Per the family handbook, "Students who qualify for bus transportation are assigned to a specific bus and may only ride that bus to and from school. Bus passes will be issued only for supervision/child care reasons, i.e., death in the family or medical emergency. Students are not to ride home with friends for other than supervisory reasons. To request a bus pass, a note dated and signed by the parent/guardian with the reason for the request must be presented to the school office at the beginning of the school day."

Emergency Card Update Deadline: Each year, families are required to review address, emergency and health information that are on file for their child(ren). To complete this annual review and verification process, parents are requested to log into their ParentVUE account to complete and submit their Health, Emergency & Address Information Update utilizing the Online Registration System. If you have not already done so, please complete this by **September 8**. We appreciate all families taking the time to complete this annual requirement. If you have any questions and/or need assistance with accessing your account, please call the Waggoner Office at 480-541-5600.

KYRENE SCHOOL DISTRICT BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION POLICY

We understand that parents and friends like to celebrate various occasions. However, balloons, cakes, candy, flowers, 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. This policy helps to ensure that instructional time is protected and that all students are treated equally.

No celebrations of individual student birthdays are to be held in classrooms, on the school campus, nor are students to hold parties for their teachers at school. Party invitations may not be distributed at school.

NIGHT FOR KYRENE

The Kyrene Foundation is excited to host our annual Night for Kyrene fundraising event. Join us at a new location, the Wild Horse Pass Resort, on September 9 for an evening of community building and fun to benefit the Kyrene Foundation! We will have a wonderful plated dinner, dancing to live music

from Twin Strings and Picaso, a fantastic silent auction, and more ways to support the Kyrene Foundation. The Night for Kyrene raises funds to benefit the entire Kyrene community - children, families, schools, and teachers. Find out more information about sponsorships, tickets, and tables at www.kyrenefoundation.org. Sponsorships and silent auctions are needed, so please contact NightForKyrene@kyrenefoundation.org if you would like to contribute!

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Regular school attendance is a key to student success. Students who are absent miss valuable classroom instruction including hands-on experiences, discussions, and opportunities to strengthen relationships that form a classroom community. in the required amount of time.

Absences from School

Excused Absences

When a student is not in attendance for any portion of or an entire school day and,

- The parent/guardian called the school's attendance line to report the student's absence within 24 hours and provided an acceptable excuse* for the absence, OR
- The parent/guardian was reached by the attendance office and provided the attendance office with an acceptable excuse* for the absence.

Please note: we cannot excuse an absence that is reported via e-mail; all absences must be reported to the school's attendance office via a telephone call.

In cases involving prolonged illnesses and/or excessive absences, a written excuse from a physician may be requested to verify the absence.

Unexcused Absences

A student has an unexcused absence under any of the following conditions:

- When a student is not in attendance for any portion of or for an entire day and does not have an

acceptable excuse*.

- The parent/guardian has not called the school's attendance office to report the student's absence and provide an acceptable excuse* within 24 hours.
- The parent/guardian cannot be reached by the attendance office to obtain an acceptable excuse*for the absence.

*The District will report all student absences and tardiness to school in accordance with A.R.S.§ 15-901 (A)(1) and defined by the Arizona Department of Education.

Tardy

A tardy is defined as arriving at school or class after the scheduled start time. It is important that every student arrive at school on time, before the bell rings every day. Students should arrive on campus at least five minutes before the scheduled start time but no more than thirty minutes before 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. Students who arrive late (tardy) miss important information including school-wide morning announcements and instructional goals for the day. Students who are tardy must enter through the school's front office.

Excused Tardy

Tardies will only be excused when the Parent or Guardian is present with their student to sign in late for school at the front office and provides an acceptable reason* for the student arriving late to school.

Unexcused Tardy

Tardies will be unexcused when the Parent or Guardian is not present with their student to sign in late for school at the front office and/or does not provide an acceptable reason* for the student arriving late to school.

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Fall Break: September 25 - October 6

No school

Teacher Work Day: October 9

No school

Staff Development Day: October 10

No school

School Resumes: October 11

Looking for a fun, exciting learning experience for your child during break? Community Education has options.

KYRENE DRESS CODE REMINDER

We want to remind families that Kyrene School District made adjustments to dress code guidelines last year, and we recommend families review current procedures with your students. The guidelines can be found in the Governing Board Policy Manual online, under Procedure **5-302.A Student Attire - Student Dress**. The guidelines are also available in the Kyrene Family Handbook.

Upcoming School Events

SEPTEMBER

SEP 1: PTO Meeting, 7:45 AM
SEP 4: Labor Day, No School
SEP 7: Site Council, 4:00-5:30 PM
SEP 9: Night for Kyrene, 6:00-10:00 PM
SEP 11: First Responders Day, 8:00 AM
9/11 Education Day
SEP 12: Governing Board, 6:00 PM
SEP 15: Constitution Day
SEP 18: School Pictures
SEP 21: What's For Dinner at Zzeeks Pizza
SEP 22: Student of the Month 7:00 AM
Custodians' Day
End of 1st Quarter
SEP 25 - OCT 6: Fall Break
OCT 9: Teacher Day, No School
OCT 10: Staff Development, No School
OCT 11: School Resumes

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District Calendar

2023

SEP 4: Labor Day, No School
SEP 25-OCT 6: Fall Break, No School
OCT 9: Teacher Day, No School
OCT 10: Staff Development, No School
OCT 11: School Resumes
NOV 10: Veteran's Day, No School
NOV 22-24: Thanksgiving, No School
DEC 18-JAN 1: Winter Break, No School

2024

JAN 2: Teacher Day, No School
JAN 3: School Resumes
JAN 15: MLK Day, No School
FEB 19: President's Day, No School
MAR 11-22: Spring Break, No School
MAR 25: Teacher Day, No School
MAR 26: School Resumes
MAY 23: Last Day of School

WELLNESS EVENT

The Kyrene Native American Program is hosting "Wellness Wednesday" at the Family Resource Center on Wednesday, October 18, 2:30 PM - 6:00 PM. Free flu vaccines, COVID vaccines & boosters, fluoride

varnish and sports physicals (limited spots) will be offered. This is open to ALL Kyrene Families. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Location: Kyrene Family Resource Center, (West of Ninos Elementary School), 1330 E. Dava Dr. Tempe, AZ 85283

Contact Us

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School Hours: 7:30 am - 2:15 pm
Early Dismissal Wed: 12:15 pm

Office Hours: 7:00 am - 3:30 pm
Wednesday: 7:00 am - 1:30 pm

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