



September 29, 2020

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## October's Message from Ms. Branch

Our first quarter is coming to end and thoughts of fall are just around the corner. To say that the first quarter has been unique is definitely an understatement as this is certainly a year we will not soon forget. And while it has been unique, it also has been a quarter in which we all practiced much patience and flexibility while also giving considerable grace to those around us. I want to personally thank our families for the patience, flexibility, and grace shown to us as we have navigated through new challenges. Your gratitude and kindness are so appreciated.

Our first weeks back with our in-person students have gone very well. Our students are handling all the new protocols and seem to be adjusting well to the new routines. We are all very proud of them! It has been such a joy to have so many of our students return to us. We do, however, miss our students who are still working online. Our joy will be complete when everyone is back at Mirada! Our pride continues as we celebrate how well our Flex students are doing as they work in a distant learning environment. And while school looks different than before, we are thankful for the opportunity to serve our fabulous Mirada students whether in person or from afar. Mirada Leadership Academy students, families, and staff are the best!

**Children are not a distraction from more important work,  
they are the most important work.**  
-C.S. Lewis

Thoughts of fall are close as we are only days away from Fall Break. I hope you have plans to enjoy some wonderful, relaxing family time. Along with pumpkin spice lattes ☺, sharpening the saw is a habit we need more of in our lives right now. Happy Fall Break!

Warmly,  
Ms. Branch



## Upcoming Events

OCT 2: Teacher Work Day - No School  
OCT 5-9: Fall Break  
OCT 12: No School Day  
OCT 19: Report Cards Available on ParentVUE  
OCT 22: Early Release 12:30pm - Parent Teacher Conferences  
OCT 19-25: Culver's Restaurant Week



## Fall Break No School October 2 - 12

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Students will return to school **October 13**



Kids Club/After Hours will be reopening in alignment with the grade-level staggering return of students. Program staff are very excited to see your children and will be implementing mitigation strategies aligned with those during the school day including cohorts, face coverings, hand washing and social distancing, when feasible and to the extent possible. If you are interested in signing your child up, you may do so online. For more information, visit [Community Education](#) or call 480-541-1500.

## Parent / Teacher Conferences

Parent/teacher conferences will take place during the week of October 19-23. **Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, will be an early release day** in order to allow teachers more time to complete conferences. **School will release at 12:30 pm on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

### How will conferences be conducted?

The Fall conference window occurs before Kyrene is permitting large gatherings of people, so virtual conferences will be necessary for the Fall conference window. Parents will be offered three options for conferences:

- Conference held by phone
- Conference held via Zoom
- No conference- this option is available for parents who feel that they have had adequate communication regarding their child's academic and behavioral progress.

### What can you expect from your conference?

- 15 minute phone or Zoom conference in which your child may be asked to participate
- Celebration of success
- Focus on setting academic/behavioral and personal goals for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter

Classroom teachers will be setting up their own individual conferences to be held throughout the week of October 19th. Please watch for communication from your child's classroom teacher regarding their individual conference times.



Early Release Day:  
Thursday 10/22  
12:30 p.m. Release

## Meal Applications

Please submit a meal application for the 20-21 school year if you would qualify, so the meal status is in place when we return to the NSLP program in January. This applies no matter what kind of school or Learning Environment your child is attending this year. Apply here [www.lunchapplication.com](http://www.lunchapplication.com), or contact Linda Stewart at 480-541-1350 or [lstewa@kyrene.org](mailto:lstewa@kyrene.org) for questions. Paper meal applications can be turned in at any school office. Meals will be charged free, reduced or paid prices to the meal accounts. USDA has us in temporary free meal service status September- December of 2020, but meal applications need to be processed like in previous school years. Thanks for submitting your meal application.

## Student Emergency, Address, Health Information

Each year, families are asked to review address, emergency and health information that are on file for your child(ren). After Fall Break, from October 13 through October 27, a menu item will be available in ParentVUE so that families are able to confirm, or update, emergency card information. We appreciate all families taking the time to complete this request. If you have questions and/or need assistance with accessing your account, please call your school office.

## Report Cards

Quarter 1 report cards will be available for parents to review in ParentVUE accounts beginning Monday, October 19.

## Free Meals for All Children

Kyrene School District is now providing free meals for all children, regardless of income or eligibility. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will cover the cost of breakfast and lunch at no expense to families or to the District, through December 31, 2020.

Meals will be served on school days to all children, ages 18 and under. In-person students will receive meals on our campus, while Flex families can pick up meals on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Kyrene District Office, at 8700 S. Kyrene Rd. in Tempe, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Parents and guardians may pick up the meals. Children do not need to be present.

- **Monday Meal Pickup:** You can choose to pick up Monday & Tuesday's meals \*OR\* Monday-Friday's meals
- **Wednesday Meal Pickup:** Only Wednesday-Friday meals provided

If you have already put money into your child's account for lunches, all balances will remain on the account until paid food services resume in January. While students will not be charged for meals at this time, they may purchase a la carte items which will impact account balances.

## UPCOMING Restaurant Week - Mark your Calendars!



Culver's October 19 - 25  
Website: [Culver's](https://www.culvers.com)  
3155 Ray Road in Chandler

In order to support CDC guidelines, we encourage our families to take advantage of the drive thru option. Just remember to mention "MIRADA!"

Please "join" us in support of our Mirada PTO.

# Counselor's CORNER

WITH MS. CHAVEZ



Welcome all new and returning Mirada families!  
My name is Clarissa Chavez, I am your school counselor and I am so excited to begin this school year! 😊

Now more than ever, your child's social emotional wellbeing is important. Being in a global pandemic means that your child may be having many different feelings like sadness, worry, feelings of loss, or feelings of anger and frustration. They may also be engaging in new behaviors that they don't typically have. Having these feelings and behavior changes are *normal* and *expected* reactions to the many changes and situations that have resulted from COVID-19.

To provide your child the social-emotional support needed during this school year, Kyrene School District teachers will be providing all students with a social emotional learning (SEL) lesson each day. In my role as your school counselor, I can also provide individual and group SEL support, information and access to food and community resources, and availability to discuss your child and their social emotional needs and concerns.



## School Counselor Google Site

To learn more about my role and the support I can provide, please see my google site for more information!

Link: <https://sites.google.com/kyrene.org/mirada-cielo-school-counselor/home>

## Contact Information

CIE Phone: (480) 541-2424

MIR Phone: (480) 541-4369

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## Schedule

Monday & Thursday: Kyrene del Cielo  
Tuesday & Friday: Mirada Leadership Academy  
\*Rotate Wednesdays



## 2020-21 Asbestos Notification Letter

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Staff Member:

As per the United States Environmental Protection Agency's "Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act" [(AHERA) 40CFR Part 763], please be advised that an Asbestos Inspection Report and Management Plan has been developed for each school and building in the Kyrene School District.

The Principal at each school is responsible for maintaining a copy of the Asbestos Management Plan in the Administrative Office, and to make sure the plan is available for review at each school during normal hours.

Additionally, a copy of each plan is kept by the Facilities Department's website at [https://www.kyrene.org/asbestos\\_management](https://www.kyrene.org/asbestos_management).

The Designated contact for the Kyrene School District is Mr. Giacomo (Jack) Musella, Facilities Manager.

To keep the plan current, as required by the U.S.E.P.A, a complete survey and inspection of all Kyrene schools is conducted every six months by properly-trained and accredited individuals.

Chris Herrmann  
Chief Financial & Operations Officer  
Support Services  
09/16/2020

This notice is in compliance with 40CFR Part 763.93 (g) (4).

**#KyreneSafe**  
**#KyreneStrong**

### From the District Office:

Please visit [SafeStrong](#) for up to date information and news from Kyrene.

### Contact Us

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

School Hours: 7:30 am - 1:45 pm  
Office Hours: 7:10 am - 3:10 pm

Front Office: 480-541-4200  
Fax Number: 480-541-4210  
Attendance: 480-541-4201  
Health Office: 480-541-4220

### Quick Links

- [Food Services and Menu](#)
- [Mirada's Website](#)
- [ParentVUE](#)
- [StudentVUE](#)
- [PTO Website](#)
- [Technology Assistance](#)
- [Family Handbook](#)

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