

August 7, 2020

Message from Ms. Branch - LEADING WITH HEART AND COURAGE

Welcome to the 2020-2021 School Year! While it may not be the start we planned for, we are still planning for a year filled with greatness. The 2020-2021 school year will be one that makes history and it is our goal that Mirada Leadership Academy will be remembered for providing students with the educational adventure of a lifetime through excellent, engaging, online live instruction. The Mirada staff is ready to begin this unique adventure and are thrilled that you and your child are joining us. Our unique adventure will require parents, students, and teachers to all exercise the valuable skill of flexibility. Our philosophy at Mirada has always been that **every** Mirada student belongs to each of us whether they are assigned to our classroom or not. Teachers have, and will continue to work collaboratively to meet the individual needs of every student. In the past, our students often walked to other classrooms throughout the school day to receive instruction from other teachers. While they did not change homeroom teachers, they did benefit from collaborative learning. This strong collaboration will continue; however, given the current circumstances we are in, which allows parents to choose an in-person (once schools reopen) or flex model, homeroom teachers will change for a number of students throughout the school year. Therefore, the teacher your child is assigned at the beginning of the school year may very likely change at some point during the school year. Thank you for understanding why we need to make changes. We appreciate your positive support as necessary changes may be required. During next week's virtual Meet the Teacher event, parents and students will be introduced to the entire grade level team in order to become familiar with all teachers in the child's grade level. Mirada Leadership Academy is known for its outstanding, energetic teachers which is a win-win for all.

Here are some important dates and details to help you and your child be ready for the first day of school.

August 12th – Class placements for the first quarter will be available through Kyrene ParentVue. [Kyrene ParentVue Link](#)

August 13th – Virtual Grade Level Meet the Teacher event will occur at scheduled times between 4:30 – 7:00 pm. These times will be posted on the Mirada Leadership Academy Website by Monday afternoon. Grade level daily schedules will also be posted on our school website. [Mirada Leadership Academy](#)

August 13th and 14th – Distribution of technology and student materials will occur on these two days.

- Students' materials needed for the first quarter will be distributed. Additional supplies needed are posted on our school website. Technology devices will be checked out to students upon request. Each Mirada student will need to be able to have access to either a desktop computer, a laptop, or a Chromebook during the scheduled school hours. Please only request a device if your child does not have access to one.
- Families will need to sign up for a time to pick up materials using the following link: [Sign Up for Materials](#) Please ignore the "quantity" box on the form.
- Please stay in your car as we will utilize a curbside delivery system.
- Place a sign in your front window with your child's last name and grade level.
- Staff will be following CDC guidelines for social distancing and hand washing during this process.

August 17th – First Day of School. Online school begins at 7:30 am and ends at 1:45 pm Monday through Friday. Before school and after school care is available through our Community Education Kids Club program. Please see the Kyrene website for more details. [Kyrene Kids Club](#)

The Mirada Leadership Academy staff is focusing all of our energy on “building the new” and we are inspired by the possibilities that await our staff members, students, and families this school year.

**The secret of change is to focus all of your energy,
not on fighting the old, but on building the new.**
~Socrates

Warmly,

Ms. Branch, Principal

Upcoming Events and Reminders

AUG 13: Meet the Teacher Night - Virtual Event

AUG 13/14: School Supply and Technology Distribution at Mirada

AUG 17: School Starts - ALL STUDENTS

SEPT 7: Labor Day - No School

Parent Reminders

Student Password Setup/Reset

As we start the new school year, it will be necessary for all students to set up a new password and three security questions for their Kyrene network account. Follow the instructions that are attached as soon as possible so that your children are ready for the school year. **IMPORTANT:** When you are initially prompted to enter a password, please note that your temporary password has been set as Student1. If you need assistance, contact the student help desk via this website.

Classroom Photo/Video Recording

As we begin this school year, we want to remind families that when your child enters a virtual classroom, they are, in effect, entering our school and agreeing to abide by all school rules as set forth in the Kyrene Family Handbook and any handbook addendums. As a reminder, students and parents/guardians are not allowed to take any photos or videos of virtual learning. This includes not allowing other individuals (such as media) to take photos or record videos either. Kyrene School District has policies and practices in place for allowing media inside our schools, and all media requests must go through the District Office. Thank you for helping us to safeguard the security of our online learning spaces.

First Grade Teacher Miss Donnelly



You can bet there is a big smile under that mask! First grade teacher, Miss Donnelly, says "While this year may look a little different, it won't stop us from having the best year ever together!"

Contact Us

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School Hours: 7:30 am – 1:45 pm

Office Hours: 7:10 am – 3:10 pm

Important Numbers:

Front Office: 480-541-4200
Fax: 480-541-4210
Attendance: 480-541-4201
Health Office: 480-541-4220
Cafeteria: 480-541-4226
Kids Club: 480-541-4230

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