



ESTRELLA NEWS

Friday, January 8, 2021

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, January 12: Registration for 2021-2022 Begins, Governing Board Mtg

Friday, January 15: Early Release Day @ 2:10 PM, Estrella Office Closes @ 2:50 PM

Monday, January 18: No School, Martin Luther King Holiday

Tuesday, January 19: Gifted Testing Application Due Date

Monday, January 25: Third Quarter Begins

Tuesday, January 26: Governing Board Meeting

Friday, January 29: Early Release Day @ 2:10 PM, Estrella Office Closes @ 2:50 PM



Early Release Dates for the Remaining School Year - Mark Your Calendars

As students continue online learning, Kyrene schools are mindful of the extended screen time for children. District leaders received positive feedback from families about the flexible learning hour days offered prior to winter break.

Kyrene School District will be reintroducing early release dates into the calendar for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year. Students are encouraged to use early release dates for independent study, homework catch up, social-emotional activities and self-reflection.

A series of release days will begin next Friday, January 15. The full schedule of dates and hours is [available online](#). Estrella will be dismissed at 2:10 pm on these early release days.

The early release schedule includes parent-teacher conference days in February. On early release days, onsite services at schools will end early as well. Kyrene afterschool programs will continue to be offered on early release days with an earlier start time at no additional cost to families. Kyrene has a tradition of weekly early release, so the reintroduction of early release dates into our calendar is a transition back to that practice.

Kyrene hopes the early release dates will meet the needs of families seeking to reduce screen time, help students catch up and keep up with grade-level expectations, and give teachers the necessary planning time to support the unique needs of all students in this tumultuous year.

Thank you for your support as Kyrene continues to seek ways to meet the challenges presented by the ongoing pandemic until students can safely return to in-person learning.

The following dates are early release days. All students, flex, in-person and onsite students will be dismissed at 2:10 p.m. All students must be picked up at 2:10 p.m.

Friday, 1/15/2021

Friday, 1/29/2021

Friday, 2/12/2021

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 2/24, 2/25, 2/26 (Family/Teacher Conference Days)

Friday, 3/5/2021

Friday, 3/26/2021

Thursday, 4/1/2021

Friday, 4/16/2021

Friday, 4/30/2021

Friday, 5/14/2021

Friday, 5/28/2021

Monday & Tuesday, 6/7 & 6/8

Gifted Testing 2020-21

Gifted testing is facilitated at sites three times per year. Information about applications due dates, testing windows, and results are available on www.kyrene.org/gifted. ***Applications for the next round are due on January 19, 2021.*** All public school districts have an ongoing “Child Find” obligation. This means that the Kyrene School District will identify, locate and evaluate all children within their geographic boundaries who are in need of special education and related services. Kyrene makes gifted testing available for students at school sites three times per year by application. Applications are due for the next round of testing for 2020-21 on January 19, 2021. If you think your child may be gifted, please visit the website at www.kyrene.org/gifted for information about gifted education, services, and testing in Kyrene.

 <h1>LEARN</h1>	<p>More than a dozen choice opportunities across 26 schools</p>
<p>Kyrene sets the bar among peer districts for classroom spending and teacher salaries</p>	 <h1>LEAD</h1>
 <h1>ACHIEVE</h1>	<p>A+ Schools of Excellence with some of the highest rated in AZ <i>Enrollment Begins January 12</i></p>

Kindergarten Enrollment 2021-2022 School Year

Registration for incoming Kindergartners for the 2021-22 school year will begin on January 12, 2021. Kyrene School District will continue to offer online enrollment for new students and any student applying to change schools. Enrollment links will be made available for the 2021-22 school year at [kyrene.org/enroll](https://www.kyrene.org/enroll) on January 12.

Current families with no school changes and no new students will not need to re-register. Children in grades K-4 and 6-7 will continue to be registered at the same school they currently attend. Current 5th graders will automatically be registered at the middle school assigned to follow their current elementary school. For our Estrella students, the middle school is Akimel A-al.

For current families with new students entering school, online registration will be available through your existing ParentVUE account.

Tax Credit Contributions

Help us reach our tax credit contribution goal of \$20,000. Our goal is to obtain enough funding to pay for two field trips per class in the 2021-2022 school year. Donate today through this link, <https://www.kyrene.org/Page/1404>.

What is a tax credit contribution? The IRS allows you to claim a deduction for the donations you make to qualified organizations. Individuals are entitled to a 100% dollar-for-dollar credit against their Arizona income tax owed. The maximum credit allowed is \$400 for married filing joint filers and \$200 for single, heads of household and married filing separate filers. For example, if you owe \$400 in state

income taxes and you donate \$200 to a public school for extracurricular activities, you may subtract the \$200 from your tax bill and pay the state just \$200. Please consult your tax adviser.

The Silver Apple Award

Nominate your outstanding teacher for the Silver Apple Award. Teachers will be featured on 3TV and will receive \$1,000 prize. Nomination forms are available at www.azfamily.com/goto/silverapple. Nominations accepted through March 12, 2021.

WE'RE HIRING

Kyrene School District

Instructional Assistants	Bus Drivers/Monitors
Resource Teachers	Electricians, HVAC Techs
School Psychologists	Groundskeepers
Speech-Language Pathologists	Club Leaders

BENEFITS

- AZ State Ret. System
- Medical, Dental, Vision
- Paid Holidays
- Flexible Schedules*
*both during/after school hours

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Early Release Days are 2:10 PM

Office Hours: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

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