



December 14th, 2023

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## Message from the Principal

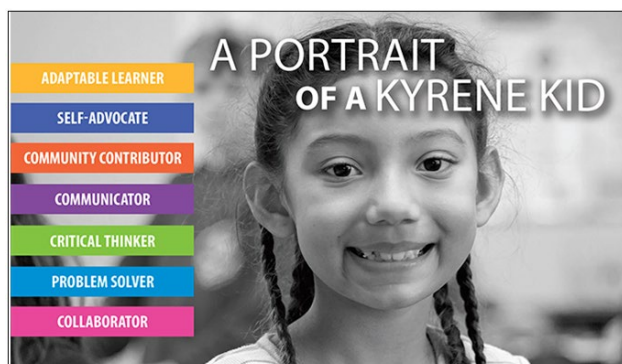
Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

As we approach the much-anticipated winter break, I would like to take a moment to express my gratitude for the hard work and dedication from students and staff throughout first half of the school year. I don't know about you, but this first semester starting in July has made this winter break even more special. I hope that you all get to connect with your loved ones and share the traditions that bring you closer together.

I am so proud of the growth, learning, and collaboration within our school community and the connections that we have all made, but it has been hard work! So, as we step into the well-deserved and hard-earned holiday season, I encourage everyone to take this time for rest and rejuvenation. Whether you are traveling or staying close to home, I wish you a joyful and peaceful break. Thank you for your ongoing support, and I look forward to seeing everyone back in the new year, ready to continue our shared journey of academic excellence and personal development.

Shine Brightly,

**Jessey Johnson** | *Principal*



Enroll in Arizona's Top  
Elementary District

*Registration for 2024-25 school year  
begins January 9th*

Winter Break December 18th-January 2nd





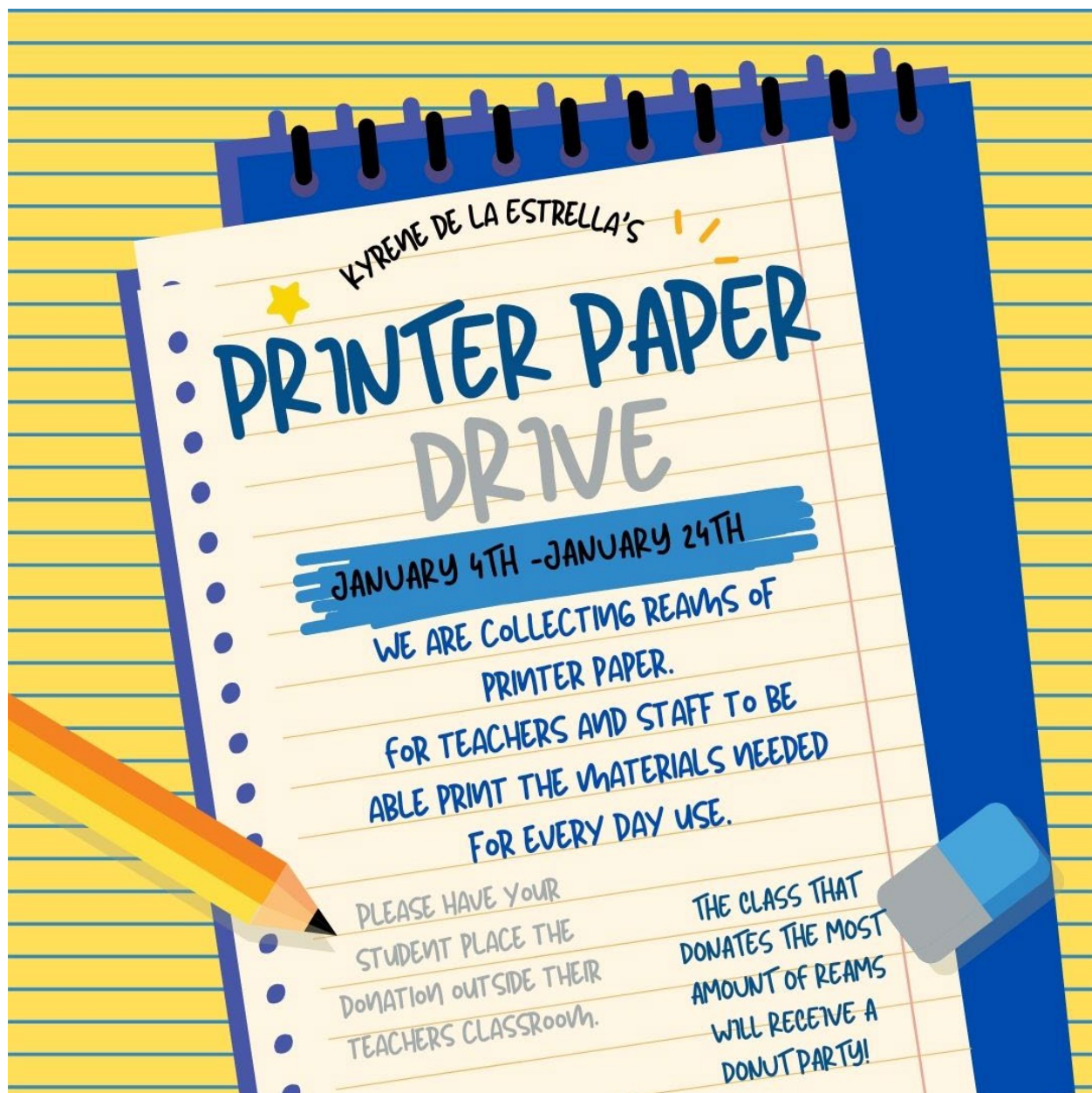
## Attendance Reminders

Parents/Guardians,

As a reminder, students are considered **tardy** when the bell rings at 9:10 am. If they are not in their seats prior to 9:10am they are **late**.

Also if you plan on signing your student out early, please do so before 3:30pm as to limit the disruptions to the classroom dismissal process.

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Counselor's Corner - Holiday Support and Snack Drive





# SUPPORT FOR THE HOLIDAYS

HOLIDAY  
FOOD  
BOXES



## FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

MON., NOV. 20    WED., DEC. 20

MESA CONVENTION CENTER  
263 N. CENTER STREET  
MESA, AZ 85201

9 A.M. - 1 P.M. (OR UNTIL FOOD LASTS)

### What you need to know:

- Traditional holiday foods will be distributed at both events.
- Drive-thru distribution, so please empty your trunks.
- Walk-up service available to those without vehicles.



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# SUPPORT FOR THE HOLIDAYS

## AZCEND Food Bank

### Emergency Food Boxes

Emergency Food Boxes tailored to family size and special dietary needs. We serve Emergency Food Boxes in Chandler, Gilbert, Queen Creek, San Tan, Coolidge, Mesa, Bapchule, Sacaton, Sun Lakes and Ahwatukee. If you are not in these cities, we will serve you the first time and refer you to the Food Bank in your area.

- Monday: 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
- Tuesday: 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- Wednesday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Thursday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Every 3rd Saturday of the month: 9:00 am until supplies last

### Holiday Food Boxes

Christmas food boxes will be distributed on

- Saturday, December 16 from 9 am – Noon
- Monday, December 18 from 9 am – Noon
- Tuesday, December 19 from 3 – 6 pm
- Wednesday, December 20 from 9 am – Noon
- Thursday, December 21 from 9 am – Noon

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### Location and Directions

*The Food Bank is located at AZCEND 345 S. California St., Chandler, AZ 85225; 480-963-1423.*

# SNACK DRIVE



An essential component of students being ready to learn is getting enough fuel during the school day. We're asking for donations from families able to help keep snacks on hand for students in need. I'm constantly amazed by the generosity of the Estrella Community. If you're able to help, Please bring individually wrapped snacks to the front office for Ms. Davis.

Please contact Ms. Davis with any questions.  
(480) 541-3149 / jkdavis@kyrene.org

Thank you in advance for helping all of our Estrella Stars shine brightly!



## Snack Wish List



***Goldfish, Pretzels, Chips  
Granola and Nutrigrain Bars  
Applesauce Pouches  
Fruit Strip / Fruit Leather  
Cheese / PB Sandwich Crackers***

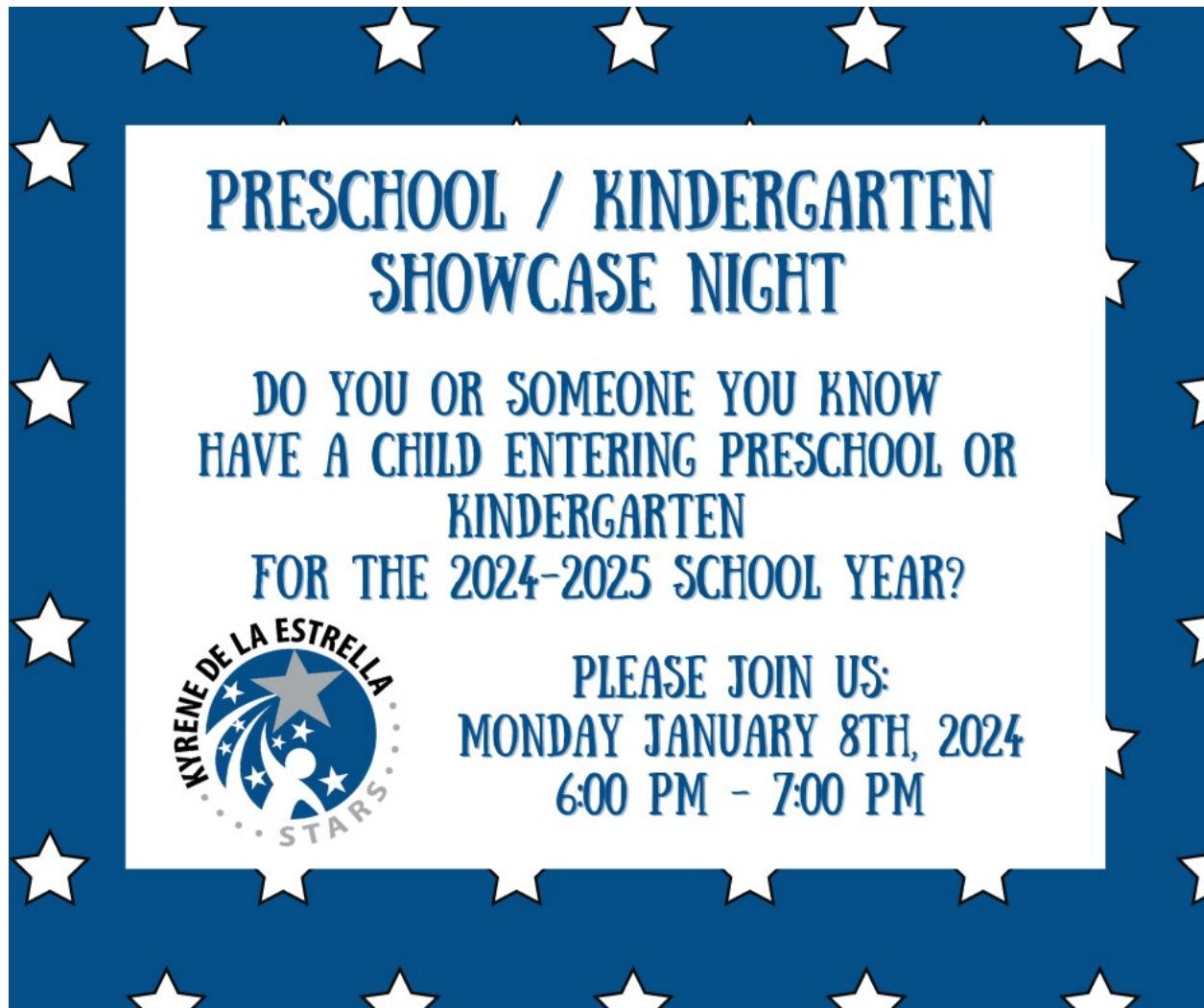
## Health Office Donations

We are in need of items to support our students!

- New and Unused Underwear (Sizes 5-10)
- New and Unused Socks (Sizes 5-10)
- Gently Used Pants ( Sizes 5-10)

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Showcase Night January 8th, 2024

A poster for a showcase night. It has a blue background with a white star border. In the center is a white rectangle containing text and a logo. The text is in a blue, serif font. The logo is circular with a star and a figure, surrounded by the text 'KYRENE DE LA ESTRELLA' and 'STARS'.

**PRESCHOOL / KINDERGARTEN  
SHOWCASE NIGHT**

**DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW  
HAVE A CHILD ENTERING PRESCHOOL OR  
KINDERGARTEN  
FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR?**

**PLEASE JOIN US:  
MONDAY JANUARY 8TH, 2024  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

A circular logo for Kyrene de la Estrella Stars. It features a large star in the center, with a smaller star and a figure reaching up towards it. The text 'KYRENE DE LA ESTRELLA' is written in a circle around the top, and 'STARS' is at the bottom.

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**Tax Credit Drive!**



# Tax Credit Drive!

## CURRENT GOALS FOR USING DONATIONS

- ★ Field Trips
- ★ Educational Experiences
- ★ Guest Speakers
- ★ STEAM Activities

## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Help provide school activities  
& equipment

1. Tax Credit Donations benefit you and Estrella Elementary
2. Your Donation goes directly to students!
3. Tax Credit Donation can reduce your State of Arizona taxes.

Click the link: [https://  
www.kyrene.org/  
taxcredit](https://www.kyrene.org/taxcredit)

Or Scan the QR code to  
donate



Arizona statute allows individuals/couples to claim up to \$200/\$400 for a dollar-to-dollar tax credit.

The deadline for tax credit contributions each year is *April 15* of the following year.

## School Quality Survey Opens Jan. 10th

We value our students' voices and we gather their feedback through the Kyrene School Quality Survey and use students' responses to guide our action plans. This year, the School Quality Survey will be open



from January 10 through January 24. At the start of the year, parents were asked to provide consent in ParentVue for their child(ren) to take the School Quality Survey. We do not yet have a response for your child. Students without a parent's response will not take the survey. Students complete the survey during their homeroom/advisory. Parents can review a copy of the survey in ParentVue. Please log into Synergy today to select yes or no.

If you have not yet responded, it should pop up in a box as soon as you log into [ParentVue](#)

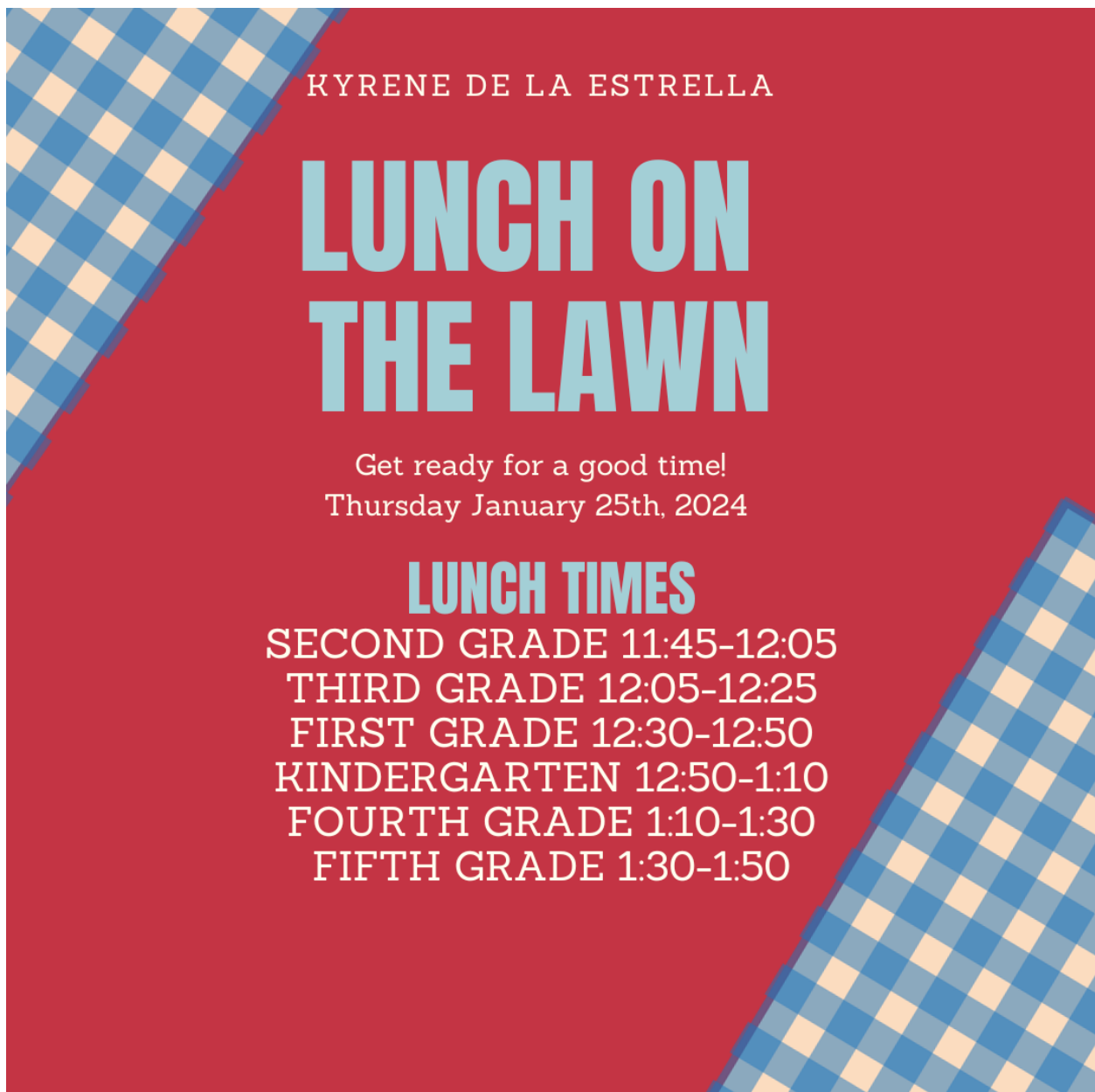
If you have responded, you can see your response by going to the Documents section of My Account

Use [this link](#) to activate your ParentVue or get help with a password.

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## Lunch on the Lawn - January 25th, 2024



KYRENE DE LA ESTRELLA

# LUNCH ON THE LAWN

Get ready for a good time!  
Thursday January 25th, 2024

## LUNCH TIMES

SECOND GRADE	11:45-12:05
THIRD GRADE	12:05-12:25
FIRST GRADE	12:30-12:50
KINDERGARTEN	12:50-1:10
FOURTH GRADE	1:10-1:30
FIFTH GRADE	1:30-1:50



## Contact Us

**Kyrene de la Estrella**  
2620 E Liberty Lane,  
Phoenix, Arizona 85048

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**Fax:** 480-541-3010  
**Attendance:** 480-541-3001

**School Hours:** 9:10 am – 3:25 pm

**Office Hours:** 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

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