



August 18, 2020

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## Message from the Principal

Dear Estrella Families,

First of all welcome to the 20-21 school year. It is wonderful to continue calling Estrella home and I am settling into my new role as Principal. I speak for every single staff member here at Estrella when I say thank you for your patience as we get this year of learning off the ground. There have been some challenges and please know that we are working very hard to make sure that each day of online learning is better than the previous one. Teachers at Estrella are working hard this week to make sure that students are comfortable in their virtual learning environment. They are practicing many different digital tools to provide the instruction your children need. You will see that teachers are taking lots of time to make sure everyone knows how to operate their digital tools, and this way students will be able to use these tools effectively to demonstrate their learning. Please encourage your children to do their best and be patient as we all learn how to navigate our new learning environments.

Thank you,

Jessey Johnson  
Principal Kyrene de la Estrella



## From the District - Distance Learning Help

Distance Learning Help - [Website HERE:](#)

Lots of helpful guidance here for troubleshooting problems!

Students learning from home will participate in instruction using digital learning tools such as Google Classroom, Zoom, Clever and other online educational platforms.

This website provides students and families with information and tutorials on how to access and use the e-learning tools

implemented by Kyrene teachers during the digital learning experience. To see more, select a topic from the website navigation menu at the top of the page.

## District Calendar

### 2020

**AUG 17:** First Day of School  
**SEP 7:** Labor Day, No School  
**OCT 2:** Teacher Day, No School  
**OCT 5-9:** Fall Break, No School  
**OCT 12:** Staff Development, No School  
**NOV 11:** Veteran's Day, No School  
**NOV 26-27:** Thanksgiving, No School  
**DEC 18:** Teacher Day, No School  
**DEC 21 - Jan 1:** Winter Recess, No School

### 2021

**JAN 4:** Third Quarter Starts  
**JAN 18:** MLK Day, No School  
**FEB 15:** President's Day, No School  
**MAR 8-12:** Spring Break, No School  
**MAR 15:** Teacher Day, No School  
**APR 2:** No School Day  
**MAY 31:** Memorial Day, No School  
**JUN 8:** Last Day of School

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## School Breakfast and Lunch Program

### 2020-21 School Year Curbside Meals -

Meal Service for the 2020-21 school year begins August 17. Breakfast and lunch will be available for all students, whether receiving in-person services or engaging in online learning at home. Students receiving on-site services will have meals provided at the school site. For students in distance learning, meals will be available through a curbside pickup system. Curbside pickup will take place 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.

- **Monday Meal Pickup: Monday & Tuesday \*OR\* Monday-Friday meals provided**
- **Wednesday Meal Pickup: Wednesday-Friday meals provided**

Students must be enrolled in a Kyrene school to receive meal service. Students do not have to be present to pick up meals, but you will need their student I.D. number. For families using curbside service, it will be helpful to write your child's name and student ID number on a piece of paper and place it in your car window. Once at curbside, call 480-541-1660 to contact Food Service.

### Pay for Meals Online -

Checks made payable to Kyrene School District and cash in a sealed envelope and labled for the student are accepted at the school sites. We offer an optional credit card service to make meal

payments, view account balance, and review meal history online at [www.k12paymentcenter.com](http://www.k12paymentcenter.com). Electronic Check(eChecks) option can be chosen for \$0.95 fee regardless of the total amount, as of 4/7/2020. Payments up to \$95.00 will be charged \$1.95 convenience fee, \$96.00 and up will be charged convenience fee of 3.99% of the total payment. One payment may be split multiple children for one transaction fee. Parents may transfer money between accounts themselves. Low balance notifications can be set under Parent Profile to be notified when the meal account is getting low on funds. Please remember to turn off Automatic payments in K12Paymentcenter.com so you don't get charged over summer break, this is found in the Wallet section under Recurring Payment settings by changing auto payment type to low balance for the summer or change the number of payments to 0.

#### **National School Lunch Program -**

The National School Lunch Program is a program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Through this program, eligible students may be offered free or reduced-price meals. We also participate in the School Breakfast Program at schools except these schools; Cerritos, and Sierra. Meal payments may be made online, as this program operates in all of the schools in the Kyrene School District. Meal applications are distributed to every student in the district at the beginning of the school year. Application information will remain confidential and will be used only to determine eligibility for free or reduced-priced meals. Applications are also available at all school offices or by clicking on the link below:

#### **2020-21 School year meal application -**

You may apply after July 7, 2020 for the new school year. Please visit [www.lunchapplication.com](http://www.lunchapplication.com) to submit an online meal application prior to school beginning. Paper meal applications for the new school year are sent home on the first day of school to all students. We email the notification of meal status letter to parents when the application is processed. Please watch for [noreply@mg.mealsplus.com](mailto:noreply@mg.mealsplus.com) - School Nutrition Department for the letter. Roll over meal status will end on 9/10/2020.



#### **Attendance Reminder:**

Even though we are currently distance learning, please remember to call the attendance line if your student will not be logging in for the day due to an appointment, being ill, etc. On the attendance line

please leave the student's first and last name, reason for absence and your relationship to the student. If possible, please call the evening prior to absence or early morning. The 24HR attendance phone number is 480-541-3001. Thank you.



## From our Health Office:

Parent reminder:

This year we (all Kyrene schools) have a VERY threshold for sickness. If your child exhibits one of the following symptoms, while at school, be ready to come pick your child up. All parents have signed and agreed to the following...

- I understand that in order to attend school, my child must be free from COVID-19 symptoms. If, during the day, any of the following symptoms appear, my child will be separated from the rest of the class and moved to a supervised, secure area. I will be contacted, and my child MUST be picked up within 1 hour of being notified.
- While the District understands that many of these symptoms can also be due to non-COVID-19-related issues, we must proceed with an abundance of caution during this public health emergency.
- Symptoms typically appear two to seven days after being infected. Your child will not be able to return to school until (1) 10 days have elapsed since the symptoms first appeared and (2) your child has been fever-free, without any medication, for twenty-four hours, and (3) your child's other symptoms have improved. \*The 10-day requirement may be waived if a child meets the conditions (2) and (3) and the family can provide a COVID test that is negative prior to the 10-day requirement students may return to school.

Please see the Parent Handbook for further information.

**\*Health Office Request for little boys underwear & shorts, also little girl underwear & shorts. Sizes 4T and 5T. Thank you so much!**

# Welcome to the School Counselor's Corner



## Meet Our School Counselor

Welcome back, Estrella Stars!

My name is Jessie Davis and I am the school counselor at Estrella. I am so excited to begin this journey in the 2020-2021 school year. I know there are many unknowns and these times can be a bit overwhelming. As your counselor, I am available to work with students and help with academic, personal and social emotional needs. I look forward to offering support and resources to students, staff, families and the community. I meet with students individually, in small groups, collaborate with parents, teachers and staff. Additionally, I consult with community organizations to meet the needs of all students and families at Estrella.

I am here to help address or provide resources for:

- Social/emotional support and mental health
- Short term, individual and group counseling
- Assistance with food, hygiene, clothes, and school supplies

If you have any questions, concerns or need assistance please do not hesitate to contact me at [jkdavis@kyrene.org](mailto:jkdavis@kyrene.org) or at (480) 541-3149.

Thank you,

Jessie Davis, M.A.

Certified School Counselor - [Information Page HERE](#)

Please see below for some resources to help assist you and your family:

McKinney Vento Homeless Liaison

Leticia Beltran, MSW

[LBeltran@kyrene.org](mailto:LBeltran@kyrene.org)

480-541-1523

Family Resource Center (Located next to Kyrene de los Ninos)

1330 E. Dava Dr. Tempe, AZ 85283

480-541-4772



[Family Resource Center Website HERE](#)

AZ Food Bank Locator- [Open HERE for information](#)



## 2020-2021 Estrella PTO - [Website Click HERE](#)

The Estrella Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is a non-profit independent school organization comprised of parents, teachers and administrators. Our purpose is to support our children's education and enhance their elementary school experience, while building the Estrella Community through Support in Learning, School Events, Student & School Support, and Teacher Appreciation. We promote Communication between the school and Estrella families, keeping our Estrella community strong. The Estrella PTO is open to all parents, guardians and school staff.

### 2020-2021 Estrella PTO Board Members

Heather Rahn - PTO President - [hrahnpto@gmail.com](mailto:hrahnpto@gmail.com)

Alanna Miller - PTO Vice President - [alannarose83@hotmail.com](mailto:alannarose83@hotmail.com)

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Jen Duer - IT Director - [jen.duer@icloud.com](mailto:jen.duer@icloud.com)

For any other questions please e-mail - [estrellapto3000@gmail.com](mailto:estrellapto3000@gmail.com)

## Contact Us

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**Office Hours:** 8:30 am – 4:30 pm