



Friday, September 11, 2020

Message from the Principal

Dear Estrella Families,

These past weeks I have seen so many amazing things. Some students did not want to log out of their class because they love their teacher so much. I have been so impressed with the connections that our educational professionals have developed even in this virtual environment. When I get to see teachers working with students I also see the incredible amounts of energy it takes to learn and teach in this setting. For this reason please take this weekend to re-charge and prepare for another week.

This is going to be a big week for some of our students as Kindergarten, First Grade, and Second Grade begin in-person learning on Thursday. Parents will be getting more information about how return to in-person learning will look Monday and Tuesday as we begin our process. We remain focused on safety as our number one priority and that won't change as we begin this transition.

Thank you and Shine Brightly Stars,

Jessey Johnson
Principal Kyrene de la Estrella

Upcoming Events and Information

SEPTEMBER

September 14: K-2 families will be notified of any teacher changes

September 15: Last day of on-site supervision for K-2 students

September 16: **No on-site supervision for KG, 1st and 2nd Grades**- these students will learn from home. (3-5 students will still receive on-site supervision at Estrella)

***Sonic Restaurant Night Fundraiser 5-8 PM**

September 17: In-Person instruction begins for KG, 1st & 2nd Grade

September 21: 3-5 families will be notified of any teacher changes

September 22: Last day of on-site supervision for 3-5 students

September 23: **No on-site supervision for 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades**- these students will learn from home

September 24: In-Person instruction begins for 3rd, 4th & 5th grade
September 29: *Zzeek's Pizza & Wings Restaurant Day 11AM-10PM

OCTOBER

October 2: Teacher Work Day, No School

October 5-9: Fall Break, No School

October 12: District Work Day, No School

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Bus Route Information for Parents: Bus assignments are currently up-to-date via our Versatrans E-link Portal. Parents can visit our Transportation website [HERE](#). To login, the user name is their student's ID number and the password is the student's 8 digit birthdate (example: 09102020). Parents will also receive an email from Transportation with their student's route information; this includes the bus color, stop times and stop location. This communication will only be sent to the primary contact's email listed for the student, and will be sent in a staggered schedule.

- September 15, 2020: K - Grade 2
- September 22, 2020: Grade 3 - Grade 5
- October 8, 2020: Grade 6 - Grade 8

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



From our Health Office:

If your child will be on campus for in person learning on September 17th this could pertain to you!

1. If your child needs to have medication on campus, I.e. Epi Pen, Glucagon, Seizure Meds, ADHD Meds, etc., please come to health office and fill out appropriate paper work.
2. Parents, be aware that we have a VERY low threshold for sickness right now. If your child has even ONE of these following symptoms, do yourself and us a favor by keeping them home. Anyone of these symptoms will get a phone call home and you will be required to pick them up ASAP. See the following symptoms: fever (100.4), runny nose and congestion, coughing, Nausea, Vomiting, Diarrhea, Fatigue, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, Muscle or Body aches, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing.
3. Last but not least... PLEASE DO NOT MEDICATE (GIVE FEVER REDUCING MEDICATION) TO MASK A FEVER, AND SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.

Thank you for your corporation and understanding!

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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.

Gifted Child Find Notice:

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 October 26, 2020. 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. More information about the child find process can be found at <https://www.kyrene.org/Page/43892>.



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.

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