



July 21, 2022

## UPCOMING EVENTS

July 24: NWEA Testing- ELA

July 25: NWEA Testing- Math

July 26: Early Release @ 1:05pm

August 3: NJHS Meeting- Library

August 8: 6th Grade Meet & Greet Coffee Chat with Principal Kory

[View Full Calendar](#)

## Message from the Principal

Aprende Families,

We've had an outstanding first week! Despite the heat, everyone is doing well and staying healthy, and students are displaying Pride, Respect, and Responsibility! Please send your student with plenty of water and/or remind them to refill at our water fountains. We have been limiting outside time to 10 minutes (or less) at lunch and students ARE able to remain in the cafeteria the entire lunch period if they choose (usually they stay for half the lunch period, then go outside). If you would like your child to remain inside for lunch, please prompt them to do so. We are also giving them multiple reminders about the heat advisory and are providing water bottles outside for those who forget to bring them to lunch.

Please take a few minutes to read and acknowledge the family handbook and other permissions in ParentVue. Your student's Advisory teacher will also be sending reminders; then after that, if acknowledgements are not complete, administration will be calling families. Aprende's specific schoolwide expectations can be found [here](#). District wide expectations for discipline, dress code, bullying/harassment, and all other items will be found in the handbook linked in ParentVue. Acknowledgements also include survey and photo/media permissions. Thank you for your prompt attention to these important items.

Finally, please ensure you are following all drop off/pick up procedures (below). Drop off and pick up become significantly delayed (and frustrating) when families are not following the correct procedures. In addition, students/families are not allowed to jaywalk and must use one of the two crosswalks on either end of the school. Finally, U Turns in front of the school on Desert Breeze Blvd. are prohibited. Thank you for following these guidelines to ensure our procedures run smoothly, and most importantly, students stay safe.

Have a wonderful weekend! Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns: [rkory@kyrene.org](mailto:rkory@kyrene.org)

Respectfully,  
Renee Kory, Principal

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## NWEA Testing 7/24 & 7/25

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s),

During the week of July 24, 2023, your child will take a MAP Growth (Reading and Math) NWEA test on a computer. Monday, July 24, students will be taking the ELA portion of the assessment. On Tuesday, July 25, the Math portion of the assessment. MAP Growth scores help teachers check student performance by measuring achievement and growth. Teachers use results to inform classroom lessons and set goals for students.

MAP Growth tests are unique as it adapts to each student's responses to measure their skill level. If a student answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. These results will provide a more complete picture of what students know and are ready to learn - whether it is on, above, or below their grade level.

Since MAP Growth tests provide immediate and accurate information about a student's learning, it's easy for teachers to identify students with similar scores that are generally ready for instruction in similar skills and topics, and then plan instruction accordingly.

MAP Growth reports also provide typical growth data for students who are in the same grade and subject and have the same starting performance level. Each school year, students will take the MAP Growth tests in the Fall, Winter, and Spring. Following each testing period, individual student reports will be uploaded in ParentVUE so you can further review it with your child or their teacher.

We are just getting started with using MAP Growth and we are truly excited to focus on growth for individual students. If you would like additional information about MAP Growth, please visit

<https://www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/family-toolkit/>.

Sincerely,  
Amy Violette

NWEA Testing Schedule ELA (7/24) and Math (7/25)											
6th grade	Start time	End time	Minutes	7th grade	Start time	End time	Minutes	8th grade	Start time	End time	Minutes
Testing 7th pd	8:20 AM	10:14 AM	114	Testing 7th pd	8:20 AM	10:14 AM	114	Testing 7th pd	8:20 AM	10:14 AM	114
Period 3 Lunch	10:14 AM	10:44 AM	30	Passing	10:14 AM	10:17 AM	3	Passing	10:14 AM	10:17 AM	3
Passing	10:44 AM	10:47 AM	3	Period 3	10:17 AM	10:58 AM	41	Period 3	10:17 AM	10:58 AM	41
Period 4	10:47 AM	11:28 AM	41	Period 4 Lunch	10:58 AM	11:28 AM	30	Passing	10:58 AM	11:01:00 AM	3
Passing	11:28 AM	11:31 AM	3	Passing	11:28 AM	11:31 AM	3	Period 4	11:01 AM	11:42 AM	41
Period 1	12:15 PM	12:56 PM	41	Period 5	11:31 AM	12:12 AM	41	Period 5 Lunch	11:42 PM	12:12 PM	30
Passing	12:56 PM	12:59 PM	3	Passing	12:12 PM	12:15 PM	3	Passing	12:12 PM	12:15 PM	3
Period 2	12:59 PM	1:39 PM	40	Period 1	12:15 PM	12:56 PM	41	Period 1	12:15 PM	12:56 PM	41
Passing	1:39 PM	1:42 PM	3	Passing	12:56 PM	12:59 PM	3	Passing	12:56 PM	12:59 PM	3
Period 6	1:42 AM	2:22 PM	40	Period 2	12:59 PM	1:39 PM	40	Period 2	12:59 PM	1:39 PM	40
Passing	2:22 PM	2:25 PM	3	Passing	1:39 PM	1:42 PM	3	Passing	1:39 PM	1:42 PM	3
Period 7	2:25 PM	3:05 PM	40	Period 6	1:42 PM	2:22 PM	40	Period 6	1:42 PM	2:22 PM	40
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Aprende Spirit Gear



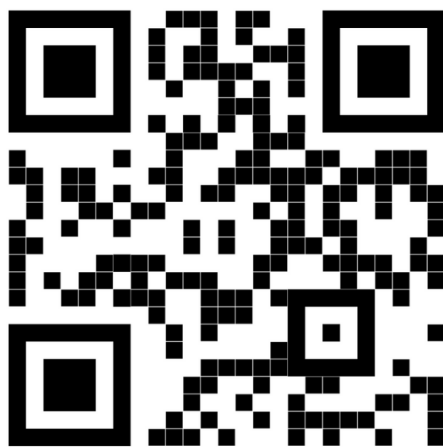
# **ONLINE SPIRIT STORE NOW OPEN**



**The Aprende Apparel Store  
is open for orders through July 31.  
Order now to get the size and style you want!**

**Note: Items will be delivered within three  
weeks of order close date.**

## **GO JAGUARS!**



[HTTPS://APRENDE.ECWID.COM/](https://aprende.ecwid.com/)

ADULT SIZES ONLY. PLEASE REFER TO SIZE CHART FOR EACH ITEM.



# JAGUAR PLAYERS AUDITIONS:

## SUPERHEROES

**When:** Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:15pm

**Where:** Theatre room (204)

**What:** Pick up an audition packet on the Jaguar Players board outside of the Theatre room (204) or room 310

Callbacks will be on Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> from 3:15-4:30 pm in the Theatre room (204)

**Want to find out more information about the Jaguar Players? Come to the interest meeting on Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> from 3:15-4:30 in the MPR**

Crew applications due 7/25 to Jag  
Players bulletin boards (204/310)  
(You can audition AND apply for crew!)

[Supply lists](#) have been updated on our webpage. A small number of additional specific supplies may be requested by grade levels/teachers, which will be communicated at Meet the Teacher Night and the first few days of school. Additional supplies may be requested throughout the school year and specifically for some of our elective classes. Thank you for helping to prepare your child for school.

Bell Schedules can be found [here](#). Students may arrive on campus no earlier than 7:50. The first bell rings at 8:15. Dismissal is at 3:05 and students must be picked up no later than 3:15. Wednesdays are early release days at 1:05pm

Transportation- Families can access information regarding Bus Routes and Bus Safety by visiting the Kyrene webpage and looking under the Parent Tab or by selecting the following [link](#).

[PE Uniforms](#)- Can now be purchased through Kyrene's online payment portal. Kyrene School District has a convenient payment portal for parents to pay for everything from athletics to field trips. The [InTouch payment portal](#) will provide parents with digital receipts for all of your transactions. You can even use it to make this year's tax credit donation to the school of your choice. Register once and use the portal all year. (At this time, payments for Preschool, Kids Club and After Hours will still be made through Community Education.)

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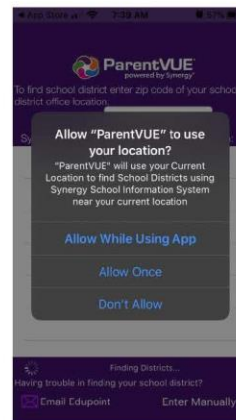
## ParentVue Mobile App

The ParentVUE Mobile application helps parents stay informed and connected by providing day-to-day insight into their child's academic experience. ParentVUE Mobile for the iPhone/iPod Touch works with the Synergy™ student information system in much the same way as the ParentVUE web portal, allowing parents to access near real-time information on assignments and scores, attendance, and demographic information. ParentVUE offers parents a single sign-on to view all of their children's information regardless of school.

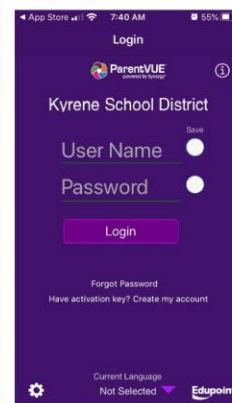
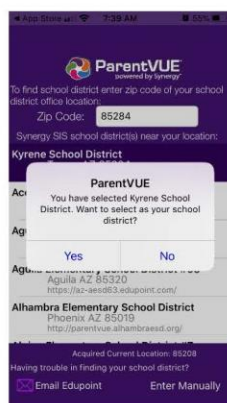
## Logging in to ParentVUE Mobile App

After downloading the ParentVUE Mobile App from the App store, follow these directions to log in.

- 1) When opening the app for the first time, you will be asked to connect to your school district. Swipe left to search.
- 2) You can allow the app to use your location to find the nearest school districts by choosing "Allow While Using App" or "Allow Once", or manually enter in your zip code by choosing "Don't Allow"



- 3) Select Kyrene School District from the list of Synergy school districts near you, then click "Yes" to confirm your selection.
- 4) If you already have an active ParentVUE account, click "Already Activated" then log in to your account. *\*If you do not have an active ParentVUE account, please contact your school for an activation key with directions on how to create an account.*



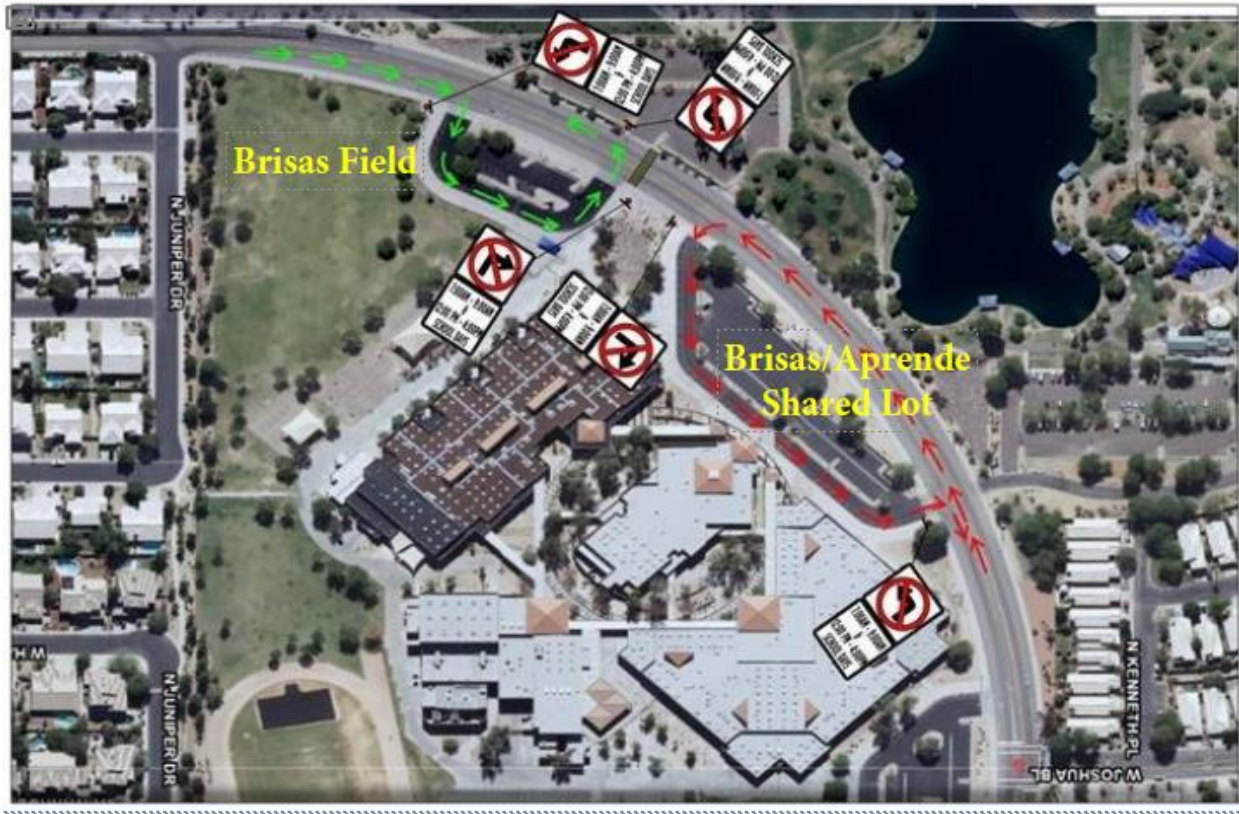
**Traffic Flow Pattern for Entering & Exiting Parking Lots for Student Drop Off & Pick Up at Aprende & Brisas**

Below is a map showing some of the signs that the City of Chandler has installed in our school zone. There are also “Do Not Enter Signs” on the Exits to each of our parking lot driveways. Please do not use the North Staff Parking Lot during drop off and pick up times. This parking lot is for staff and buses only during those times. Please review the map - it shows where to drop off and pick up depending on the direction you enter our school zone. Also, there should be no dropping your student off when you are stopped in middle of the road. This is a huge safety concern. We also prefer that you utilize the drop off system instead of parking on the street or at Desert Breeze Park to drop your child off at school as this causes more traffic issues and interrupts the way the flow of traffic is supposed to work.

*If you travel from Ray Road* you will turn left into the shared parking lot in front of Brisas/Aprende offices to drop off & pick up, exit right back towards Ray Road. Once you pull into the parking lot and come to a stopping point in the drop off line, your child should immediately exit the vehicle onto the sidewalk and enter the school. This allows you to be ready to move and exit the parking lot when the line moves again. Please stay in the drop off line and wait for the line to move to exit.

*If you travel from McClintock* you will turn right into the parking lot in front of Brisas' Field (playground/preschool), pull all the way forward, and your child will exit onto the sidewalk and walk in front of Brisas to Aprende. You will exit this parking lot by turning left and return in the direction of McClintock. Thank you.

Also, for the safety of everyone, **we need every student and parent** that walks across Desert Breeze Blvd **to use one of our cross walks**. We have a cross walk at the stop sign at Desert Breeze Blvd and Joshua and another cross walk in front of the Brisas parking lot. We ask that **everyone do their part keeping the students safe** as they make their way to and from school. **No Jaywalking or U-Turns Allowed!** Thank you for putting safety first!



## Health Office Medication Policy



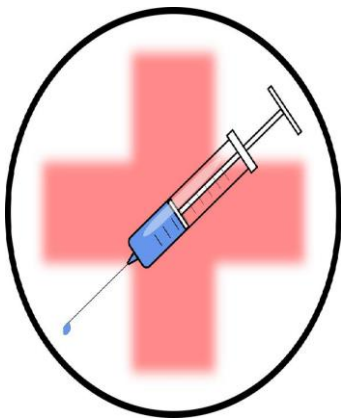
The Aprende Health Office does NOT stock ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin) Benadryl, Hydrocortisone cream or ointment, antibiotic ointment or cough drops. However, if your student requires over the counter medication for orthodonture work or menstrual cramps please click here for the [Kyrene District Medication policy](#).

#### **Over-the-Counter and Prescription Medications:**

Any medication must be brought into the school health office by an adult and the proper paperwork must be completely filled out. Students are NOT allowed to carry medication on their person at any time, this includes any prescriptions and over the counter meds like Tylenol, Ibuprofen, or cough drops. Prescription medication must be in its original container with a current prescription label. All over-the-counter medications (including cough drops) must be in their original factory sealed container with all warnings and directions intact. If you have any questions, please call the health office at 480-541-6220.

**Student Daily/Rescue Medications:** If your student requires daily medication during school hours the prescription label must include the time to be given. School health care plans for allergy/asthma/seizure rescue medications can be obtained by contacting Anita Weidner or Christine Jacobs, Aprende Health Assistants at 480-541-6220 or [aweidner@kyrene.org](mailto:aweidner@kyrene.org) or by visiting the front office.

## **ATTENTION PARENTS - IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS**



All enrolled 6th and newly enrolled 7th & 8th grade students are required to provide a record of their 11-year-old immunizations for Tdap and Meningococcal vaccines to the Aprende Middle School Health Office. Please check [ParentVUE](#) to confirm your student's health records are up to date.

Updated immunization records may be emailed to [aweidner@kyrene.org](mailto:aweidner@kyrene.org) or faxed to (480) 541-6210. The Maricopa County health department provides free vaccinations to all children 18 years old and under. They can be reached at (602) 506-6767 <https://www.maricopa.gov/1809/Locations>

If you have any questions regarding this requirement, please contact your family physician or Aprende Health Assistants, Anita Weidner or Christine Jacobs, at (480) 541-6220.



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## Quarter 1 Sports

Welcome Back!

Below is information regarding 2023-24 Quarter 1 sports.

Online registration opened on July 1st.

Cross Country practice will begin on 7/31 @ 6:25 am. Please come prepared with the proper Cross Country athletic dress and plenty of water.

Girls Volleyball tryouts begin 7/31 @ 3:30 pm in the Gym. Please come prepared with the proper athletic dress to play volleyball and plenty of water.

Due to extreme heat, the Boys Soccer season has been postponed to the 4th quarter. Please see the message below from Kyrene district office:

Student safety is always a top priority in Kyrene School District. As you know, soccer practice and games take place during the hottest part of the day. Due to the record breaking heat wave Arizona is experiencing, the decision has been made to postpone the 2023-24 Boys Soccer season to the fourth quarter (after Spring Break). Due to the winter Athletic schedule, spring is the soonest opportunity to reschedule the soccer season. More communication about tryouts and games will be coming closer to the start of the season. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your understanding and shared goal of keeping student athletes safe.

If you have any questions, please contact Athletic Director, Amy Violette, [aviolette@kyrene.org](mailto:aviolette@kyrene.org) or Athletic Secretary, Melissa Harris [mharris@kyrene.org](mailto:mharris@kyrene.org) 480-541-6203

Office hours: 7:30am-4pm

Address: 777 N. Desert Breeze Blvd., East #2, Chandler, AZ 85226

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## Apply for Free or Reduced-Priced Meals Starting July 1

Kyrene School District is excited and preparing for the 2023-2024 school year. The application portal for free and reduced lunch will open July 1, 2023. As a reminder, a new meal application is required every year to determine eligibility for the current school year. This message provides some key dates and important information pertaining to our Food Service program for the upcoming school year.

**Key Dates:**

**July 1-** Online Application portal opens! [Apply](#) for free or reduced lunch for the 2023-2024 school year.

**July 19-** First day of school

**August 30-** Eligibility from 2022-2023 school year **EXPIRES!** Please [submit a new application](#) for the new school year starting July 1, 2023.

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Corona Del Sol Choir Workshop

**CDS** CORONA DEL SOL  
CHOIR WORKSHOP

Aug 29th, Sept 5th, Sept 12th  
4:30- 6 pm



*Attention all 4th-8th graders!*

**Corona del Sol** is excited to announce a very special workshop for all those interested in learning about and/or joining the amazing CDS choir program!

Come meet our awesome choir Director **Mr. Andrew DeValk** and our top choir the **Jaztecs** for this three week workshop on **Tuesday August 29th, Tuesday September 5th and Tuesday September 12th from 4:30-6pm.**

After the workshop, your student will get to perform in the CDS Fall choir concert on **Thursday September 14th at 7pm** and show you all the fun they had and what they learned.

There will be a **\$25** fee that will include a music and materials, a T-shirt and snacks. Please sign up soon to reserve your spot. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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Join us at a new location for an evening of community building and fun to benefit the Kyrene Foundation.

The Night for Kyrene raises funds to benefit the entire Kyrene community; children, families, schools, and teachers.

To purchase tickets and for sponsorship opportunities [visit our events page](#)

**Saturday, September 9, 2023**

6:00 - 10:00 PM

Wild Horse Pass Resort

**Save the Date:** Join us at our 11th annual signature fundraiser for a night of socializing and community-building while fundraising for a good cause. This annual event brings together more than 300 Kyrene community members. Gather your friends, family and colleagues together and plan for an enjoyable night of socializing and community building while fundraising for a great organization. Donating locally strengthens our community and ensures that all of our children succeed and meet their potential.

The night includes a plated dinner and cash bar. There will be a spectacular silent auction, a wine pull, and a Fund-a-Need feature during our event. We will also have fun live music throughout the event with a dance floor!

**Call for Sponsors:** Sponsors are critical to the success of our event, and are a wonderful way for local business to make a significant impact in our community. If you are associated with a business interested in sponsorship of the Night for Kyrene, please email [nightforkyrene@kyrenefoundation.com](mailto:nightforkyrene@kyrenefoundation.com)

Sponsorship levels and benefits can be found [here](#).

Individual tickets to our event are \$100 each or \$1,500 for a reserved table. Hope to see you at the Night for Kyrene!

To purchase tickets and for more information (including sponsorship opportunities, or making a donation if unable to attend), please [visit](#).

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## Important: Sign up for Text Messages

In the event of an emergency, text messages are the fastest and most effective way to communicate information to families. You must opt in to receive text communications! Text “Y” or “yes” to 67587 to begin receiving text messages from our school and Kyrene School District.

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### Quicklinks

- [School Website](#)
- [Breakfast/Lunch Menu](#)
- [Calendar of Events](#)
- [ParentVue and StudentVue](#)
- [PTSO Information](#)

## Contact Us

**Kyrene Aprende Middle School**  
777 N. Desert Breeze Blvd. E. #2  
Chandler, AZ 85226

**Phone:** 480-541-6200  
**Fax:** 480-541-6210  
**Attendance:** 480-541-6201

**School Hours:** 8:20am-3:05pm  
**Office Hours:** 7:30am-4:00pm