



November 17, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 21: PTSO Restaurant Day- Panda Express
November 22-24: No School- Happy Thanksgiving
November 28-30: NWEA Testing
December 1: PBIS Store
December 7: NJHS Meeting
December 7: Spelling Bee
December: Jag Spotlight Breakfast

[View Full Calendar](#)



NO SCHOOL!

Wednesday, 11/22-
Friday, 11/24

Have a fun & safe break!

Student Sign-Out



We understand students will need to be signed out for appointments, etc. Please try to avoid signing out your student after 2:55pm. The last 10 minutes of school tend to be hectic and we appreciate your understanding.

Also, please try to limit the amount of items being dropped off in the front office (water bottles, lunches, sweatshirts). Every time we need to call a classroom, it is disruptive to the class.

Lost & Found

Lost & Found: The "Lost and Found" is overwhelmed with items. We will be putting them all outside in the courtyard next Monday 11/20 & Tuesday 11/21 to be claimed. Any unclaimed items will be recycled at the end of the day Tuesday.

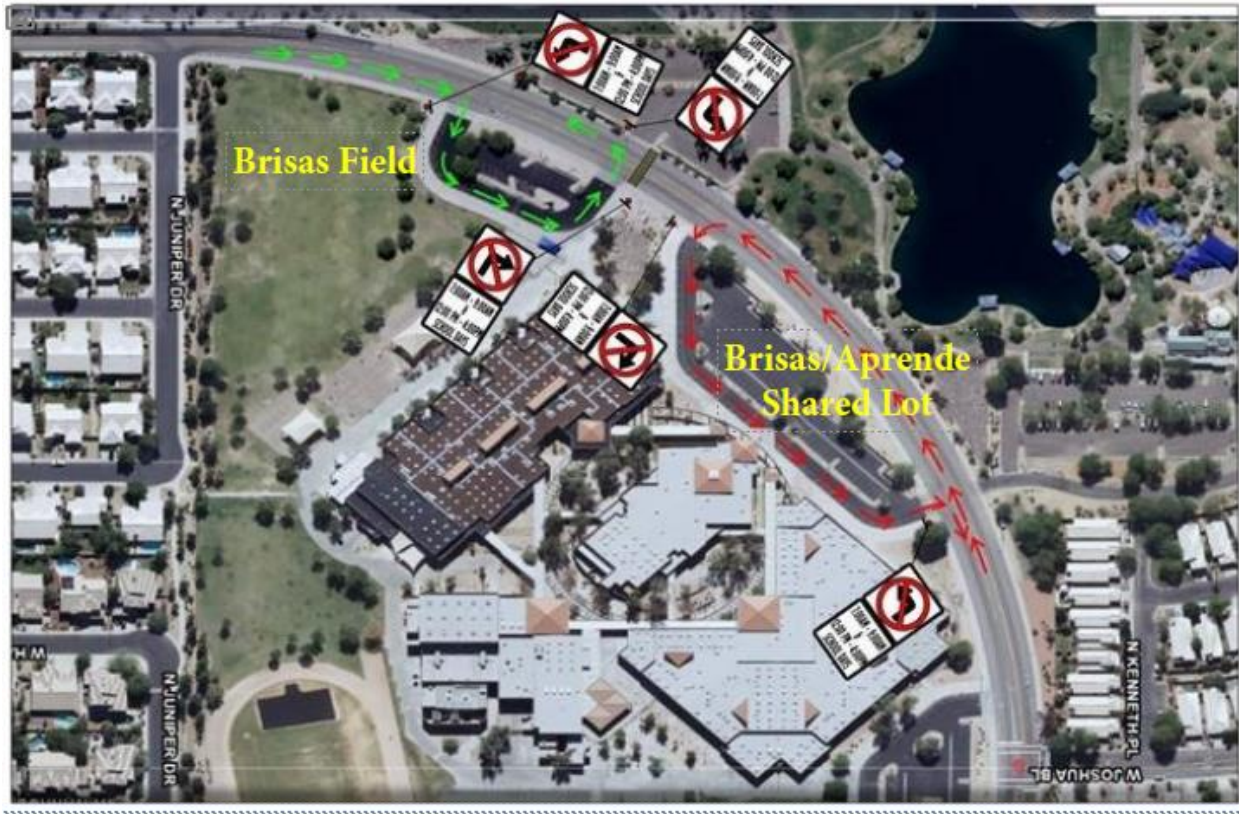
Traffic Flow Pattern

Below is a map showing the traffic flow pattern for entering & exiting parking lots for student drop off & pick up at Aprende & Brisas. There are "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!



Corona - ASU Engineering Information Session Follow Up



Thank you to Ms. Mel Wendell, Corona del Sol Engineering CTE teacher and Danielle Landis, ASU Mechanical Engineering student for their time and experience on the High School to College Engineering Process!

Thank you to the parents & students who attended as well. Here is a link to the presentation as promised. (This is also for those who were unable to attend but wanted the information).

[Corona - ASU Engineering Session Google Slides](#)

PTSO Fundraiser

Take a break from cooking and eat at **PANDA EXPRESS** on **Tuesday, 11/21** at **Chandler Fashion Center!!** Your Aprende PTSO will get 20% back from all sales when you show the flyer below. Thank you so much for your support!!!

Fundraiser for Aprende PTSO

20% of sales will be donated
Come support our school!

When

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Time: 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM



Where

**Panda Express located at:
3111 W Chandler Blvd
Chandler AZ 85226
(480) 812 - 0700**



Online

**PandaExpress.com or the App.
Enter 358111 in the fundraiser
code box**

How to Order

or



In-Person

**Bring paper flyer or
show it on your
smartphone**

Order ahead or on the event day Tuesday, November 21, 2023



Health and Safety

Committed to your health and safety. Panda Express
is recognized as **America's safest restaurant brand.**

Participating fundraiser guests are required to present a valid fundraiser flyer (paper copy or digital image) with each order to receive credit towards the fundraiser. Flyers may not be distributed inside or within the vicinity of the restaurant including, without limitation to, the restaurant parking lot before or during the fundraiser. Panda Restaurant Group reserves the right cancel any and all fundraiser events, if the Panda Restaurant Group Fundraiser Guidelines are not followed. Panda Restaurant Group will donate 20% of all purchases made, pre-tax and before fees, at the designated date, time, and your Panda Express location when purchased with your unique code at check-out or when a copy of this flyer is presented. Purchase(s) of gift cards do not count towards the fundraiser, but purchases made with gift cards will count. No portion of purchase is tax deductible.

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Quarter 2 Sports

Boys Basketball:

11/13 - The varsity boys played hard tonight against Pueblo for our 3rd win of the season. The boys are 3-0 and continue to show that Aprende is the best team in the district. The team was led by Isaiah Rider with 16 points followed by Royal with 12, Jonah with 10 and Devan with 8. Great job Jaguars.

11/16 - The varsity team won again with a score of 44-34, making them 4-0 for the season. The team was led by Saki and Isaiah Rider each with 12 points and Payson with 8 points. The team is firing on all cylinders so don't miss a game and come out and support your varsity basketball team.

11/16 - The JV Basketball team got off to a solid start before falling behind by 9 points at the half. We pulled within 4 points before falling to Altadena. Next game Monday November 20th at 4:30pm. Look forward to seeing you there.

Girls Softball:

11/13 - WHAT AN INCREDIBLE START TO OUR SEASON!

I am so proud of all our girls! It is amazing to see the growth they have made in such a short time.

Last week our victory over Pueblo was wonderful. Those kinds of games are always a challenge, but the great thing is that our girls stayed focused the entire time and didn't get too complacent, etc. So impressed with this group of girls and the leadership of our older girls. After every game, one of the girls gets a game ball. CONGRATS to VIOLET last night, JAEIANA and KILIE from the other games.

Akimel-WOW.. they always put up a good game and have a great team. However...we are BETTER! All of us were so amazed at how well the girls did last night.

HIGHLIGHTS: OMG.... Violet! What an incredible debut you made on the mound last night. You were so composed and so strong! GREAT JOB. We will certainly miss you Thursday. Have a FABULOUS trip to Costa Rica! And CONGRATS ON GETTING THE GAME BALL.

Doss: Way to come back strong and catch the whole game, do a great job offensively and defensively. You had some great blocks and fabulous heads up plays! Ellison: Awesome job at first base. I am so impressed with your leadership and positivity. You made some great plays! Leilany: Fantastic work at second base. You have come SO FAR being loud and leading the field. Olivia: Starting out the game with a diving catch really set the tone for stepping up our whole team to that next level. And of course, the bunted home run was exciting. Fabulous work both at the plate and on the field. Gabby: As always, coming through with some hits, some plays, and great leadership! You have really grown in the game. Mia: The speed you have never ceases to amaze me. AND THAT HIT!! WOW.. you ripped that one. Loved it. Jazzy: Every time you are on the field, I see you playing with more and more confidence. You are doing so well hustling and getting yourself on base. You have a great eye for the good/not good pitches. Noa Grace: Like I mentioned to you yesterday, I am so glad I have you as an all-

around utility player. YOU are so versatile, and I love that you do a FABULOUS job in whatever position you are in. You always hustle, you always lead!! Kylie: Way to come in from left field and close the game. It takes a lot of mental strength to do that, not to mention, skill! Your pitching is incredible so far this season. I can't wait to see what the rest of the season brings. Chloe: great job getting on base and hustling. I can't wait to see you keep growing in the game. Cami, Jaylah, LG, Tressa, each of you contributes so much positivity in your cheering, your attitude, and your game. Jaeliana, we look forward to having you in the lineup Thursday! Addison, we hope you are doing alright, and we look forward to you being back with us!

11/16 - What a great game! Despite the loss it was still a good game. Loved the drizzle we had too! Huge SHOUT OUT to Jazzy's parents for taking all the gear to my car for me. I appreciated it greatly!

Highlights: Olivia, great job stepping up to pitch after not having pitched in a while; and of course, WOWthat home run hit was HUGE! Way to be a spark plug to get us going.

Kylie as always amazing on the mound and at bat!

Doss: What a fabulous game behind the plate. Ellison: Fabulous throw from the outfield to Doss to stop that run from coming in! As always, a strong solid game at the plate and in the field.

Gabby: Defensively a solid game at 3rd base! Jazzy, LG, Cami, Chloe, Jaylah, Jaeliana, FABULOUS job hustling after some big hits to the outfield. Great awareness of where to throw the ball.

Leilany: Fabulous work at second base. So proud of the growth you have made. Noa Grace: Way to come through at the plate again and make great plays in the field.

Violet, Tressa, and Mia, we missed you and can't wait to have you back soon!

Clearly, their pitcher did a good job, but so did ours. For the game to be as close as it was, was so rewarding to all of us as coaches. We are so proud of the game they played. We only play Alta Dena one time during the season. I am confident that we will see them again in the finals!!

Wrestling:

Aprende wrestling is still undefeated.....one tie and one win! We are looking strong, and I am seeing the skills, strength, and determination growing!!! Come cheer us on at our next home meet on 11/28 at 4:30. It's loud and exciting. While it is too late to join the team this year, we'd love to have you on the mat with us next year. It WILL make you a better person. Go get 'em, Jags!!!

Cross Country:

We know Aprende Cross Country wrapped up prior to Fall Break, but we had 6th grader Lucia Valenzuela-Ezre #1 runner all season long participating in the Youth middle/Jr high school State meet on Saturday November 4, 2023. Lucia finished 11th overall receiving a medal in the 6th grade section. Congratulations and we are looking forward to another bright future season!



COMING UP:

Basketball:

Varsity:

11/20 vs AKI @ APR

JV:

11/20 vs AKI @ APR

Soccer:

11/20 vs CEN @ APR

Softball:

11/20 vs CEN @ APR

Wrestling:

11/21 vs ALT @ ALT

****All game schedules can be found on our Aprende webpage under Athletics. ****

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

Office hours: 7:30am-4pm

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



Kyrene Positive Parenting - December Presentations

The Kyrene School District is pleased to continue the successful Positive Parenting Series this school year, focusing on issues that affect families both at school and at home. We hope you can join us.

Dec. 13 - SnapChat - What every Parent Needs to Know

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Participants will learn the dangers teenagers could face when using the social media platform SnapChat.

Presenter: Kaitlyn Demich

Date and Time

December 13, 2023

6:00-7:00pm

Location: Online

[Registration Link](#)



Making A Difference



The Kyrene Foundation, in partnership with the Kyrene School District, is hosting its annual Turkey & Trimmings / Winter Wonderland Donation Drive. We are asking for only monetary donations for the event. Monetary and gift cards cannot be accepted. We are unable to accept tangible gift donations.

Your \$150 donation will provide holiday food for two Kyrene children and their families. Because of an increase in family needs, over 1300 children & 500 families are in need of your help.

Make an online donation or sponsor today through Dec. 13, 2023
at www.kyrenefoundation.org/donationdrive2023

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Aprende offers a variety of clubs, activities and organizations. Click [here](#) for Club/Activity information.

An Activity Bus is offered on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 4:15pm.
A pass is required for transportation. Please fill out & bring to the front office. Students will keep the pass for the entire year. Click [here](#) for Pass/Route information.

Health Services

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE A RUNNY NOSE	I HAVE A PERSISTENT COUGH	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I have a communicable disease
								
Temperature of 100.2 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	With yellow/green discharge	Croupy Cough	Within the past 24 hours	Impetigo, ringworm, or body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active head lice or nits	Redness, itchy, and/or "crusty" drainage from eye(s)	Flu, Measles, MRSA, etc.
I AM READY TO RETURN TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...								
Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication i.e. Tylenol or Motrin	Free from vomiting for at least 24 hours and have had at least 2 solid meals	On required antibiotics for at least 24 hours	Cleared by my doctor and have a note specifying my continued symptoms are not contagious to others	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash, itching, open sores, and fever. And I have been evaluated by my doctor, if needed	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided that I no longer have lice or nits	Evaluated by my doctor, have begun appropriate medication, and/or have a note from my doctor stating I may return to school	No longer contagious and the incubation period for any communicable disease has passed

Before & After School Enrollment Changes

Dear Kyrene Families,

Planning for the 2024-25 school year is already underway, and we want to make you aware of changes to enrollment for Community Education programs, including Kids Club, After Hours, and Community and Signature Preschool. Beginning this year, all Community Education programming will open registration on the same day that general enrollment begins. **Mark your calendar for January 9!**

Another change this year will ensure all Kyrene families have an equal opportunity to register for before and after school programming, which can fill up quickly. **In fairness to families who have been waitlisted in past years, there will be no pre-registration option for currently enrolled students this year.** Registration for Kids Club and After Hours for the 2024-25 school year will open for all students on **January 9 at 6:30 a.m.** in the [Community Ed registration portal](#). We strongly encourage interested families to be online promptly at 6:30 a.m. to begin registration.

Families enrolling students in Community or Signature Preschool programs will also register through the Community Ed registration portal on January 9. If you are registering a child for Integrated Preschool or looking to change Kyrene schools, that can be done through the Kyrene general enrollment portal.

[Open enrollment information](#)

[Preschool information](#)

[Community Education information](#)

Remember: whether you are planning to change your child's school, register a new preschool or kindergarten student, or secure a spot in a before or after school program for the 2024-25 school year, enrollment day is January 9!

Summer 2024 program registration will open March 4, 2024.

Sincerely,
Kyrene School District

Wag Wednesdays



Bring your pup to Aprende student drop-off on Wednesdays from 7:50am to 8:15am for a little treat!

Just roll down your window and Staudohar will pop a Bubba Bite into your pup's mouth!

Tax Credit Donations

Please consider making a tax credit donation to help support some of the following at Aprende: Performing Arts, Athletics, Clubs, AVID, Field Trips, etc.

These programs help develop well-rounded students, who in turn, build strong communities. Arizona statute allows individuals to donate \$200 and couples to donate \$400 for a dollar-to-dollar tax credit. You can donate online through our [Payment Portal](#).

Thank you for your continued support!

MAKE A TAX CREDIT DONATION TODAY!



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.



Quicklinks

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

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