



November 21, 2023

## UPCOMING EVENTS

November 21: PTSO Restaurant Day- Panda Express  
November 22-24: No School- Thanksgiving Break  
November 28-30: NWEA Testing  
December 1: PBIS Store  
December 7: NJHS Meeting  
December 7: Spelling Bee- 3pm  
December 7: Choir Concert @ Corona HS- 7pm  
December 8: Jag Spotlight Breakfast

[View Full Calendar](#)



**NO SCHOOL!**

Wednesday, 11/22-  
Friday, 11/24

Have a fun & safe break!

## Jag Spotlight- 2nd Quarter

Each quarter, content area teachers are being asked to nominate students who exemplify outstanding behaviors/skills in their classes. Let's celebrate our Jag Spotlight Students for 2nd Quarter!

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**6th Grade**

Jace Ball  
Paige Boyce  
Addyson Coor-Martindale  
Madelyn Danzer  
Delilah Doughty  
Taliya Drake  
Aldrin Edwin  
Shaelyn Glider  
Elisa Griffey Castillo  
Musa Hamideh  
Jonathan Henderson  
Mayumi Julius  
Ellie Kaufman  
Violet Nelson  
Ava Royse  
Eliya Shivers  
Matthew Stocker  
Daliyah Taylor  
Viraj Verma

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**7th Grade**

Adriel Arellano Leal  
Sam Borns  
Conner Correll  
Olivia Ewing  
Lilly Hillman  
Kadence Larson  
Delia McCormick  
Zakary Skalka  
Annabelle Whitesides

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**8th Grade**

Layla Bailey  
Trenton Brown  
Ilarion Gonzales  
Marina Jovanovic  
Kobe Kitani  
Ella Peters  
Drake Royse  
Kaleigh Watanabe

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## Message from PTSO

The Aprende PTSO would like to offer our sincere gratitude and thanks as we head into our Thanksgiving Break. Together, we raised over \$20,000 for our school for our Aprende Rocks fundraiser. Here are a few highlights:

We gave away over 100 prizes between the weekly prizes, Fall Break Frenzy prize, Donor prizes & our night of Regular and Grand Prize drawings.

Top Grade-Level Fundraisers:

6th - Sebastian C.

7th - Wyatt F.

8th - Mia H.

Top Fundraising Advisory Class (by Grade):

6th - Sutherland

7th - Polay

8th - Blomberg

Be on the lookout for our posts on how we are putting your money to good use for our students, staff and campus! Happy Thanksgiving!

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## 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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JAGUAR  
PLAYERS

# Smashburger Fundraiser NYC TRIP



SMASHBURGER  
2010 E. Elliot Rd.  
Tempe, Az  
480-420-3635

Mention you are with Aprende Jaguar  
Players before placing your order

Nov.  
30

11:00AM - 9:00PM





Parents/guardians are asked to call the 24 hour attendance line 480.541.6201 each day that their child is absent. Please leave a message spelling the student's name, grade, date(s) of the absence and reason for absence. If a phone call is not received, or if the school has not been able to contact the parent/guardian, the student will be given an unexcused absence.

As a reminder, students who are absent from school the day of an activity **MAY NOT** attend the activity (i.e. classroom party; a middle school dance or sporting event; an after-school enrichment club; or Kids Club care after school).

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## 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.

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## Traffic Flow Pattern

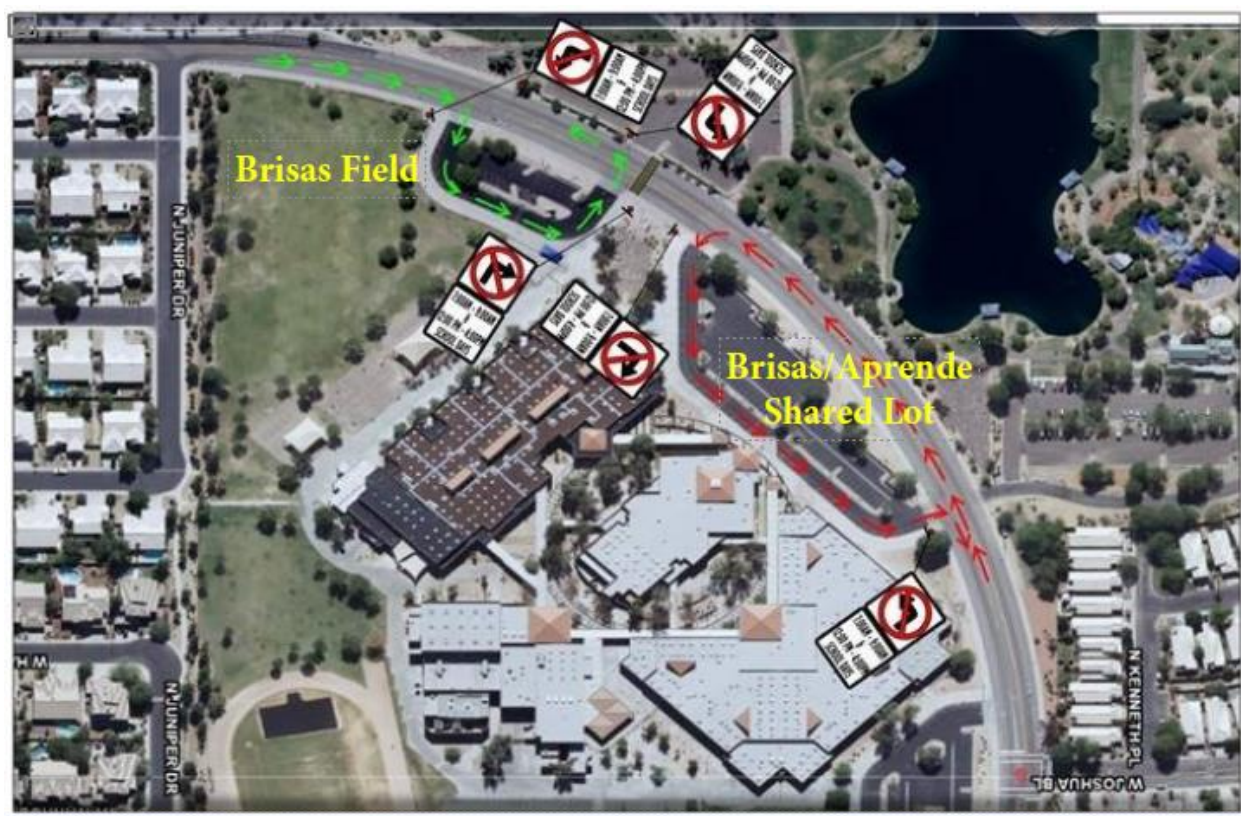
Below is a map showing the traffic flow pattern for entering & exiting parking lots for student drop off & pick up at Aprende & Brisas. There are “Do Not Enter Signs” on the Exits to each of our parking lot driveways. Please do not use the North Staff Parking Lot during drop off and pick up times. This 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!



## Quarter 2 Sports

### Boys Basketball:

11/20 - The Varsity team continues its undefeated season tonight against Akimel. We won 61-38 and the lead scorers were Saki, Isaiah Rider and Marcello. 3 more games in the season and we are looking and playing together as a solid team.

11/20 - The JV Boys Basketball Team got off to a fast start to take a 9-point lead. They held off the comeback from Akimel A-Al to seal the Victory. Next game Monday November 27th at KTA. Happy Thanksgiving!

### Girls Softball:

Thank you all so much for coming out to support our fabulous Jaguar ladies on 11/20. I know the girls love it, and so do we! So many great things happened. Congratulations to LG (Grace) for getting the game ball! She was a fabulous pinch runner for Doss! All the girls did such great work.

### COMING UP:

#### Basketball:

##### Varsity:

11/27 vs KMS @ KMS

11/30 vs PUE @ PUE

##### JV:

11/27 vs KTA @ KTA

11/30 vs PUE @ PUE

#### Soccer:

11/27 vs KMS @ KMS

11/30 vs PUE @ PUE

#### Softball:

11/27 vs KMS @ APR

11/30 vs PUE @ APR

#### Wrestling:

11/28 vs CEN @ APR

11/30 vs KMS @ KMS - **JV ONLY**

**\*\*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](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





*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](http://www.kyrenefoundation.org/donationdrive2023)

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### **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**



### SnapChat- What every Parent Needs to Know

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](#)

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**Ready for a Day of Play?**

***Free Fun for the Entire Family!***

Kyrene Community Education's signature *Play Day* event is back for the 2023-24 school year. The lineup includes over 40 booths and activities, food trucks and musical performances to keep the entire family entertained. New this year, Kyrene will be offering onsite registration support for the 2024-25 school year!

Mark your calendars and check [www.kyrene.org/playday](http://www.kyrene.org/playday) for updates.

**Saturday, January 20, 2024**

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Kyrene Centennial Middle School**

13808 S 36th St, Phoenix, AZ 85044



#### **Activities & Booths**

- Athletes in Training
- Challenge Island
- Chess Emporium
- Coding with Kids
- Conquer Ninja Gyms
- Dignity Kids
- Mad Science
- Magnus Chess Academy
- Nerding
- Planting Seeds
- Playful Digital Learning
- REACH Basketball
- Science Matters
- The Be Kind People Project
- The Home Economist
- Young Rembrandts

**and more!**

#### **Food Trucks**

- Cobber's Craving
- Eis Cafe
- El Taco Santo
- Happy Time Kettle Corn
- Jeremiah's Italian Ice
- Mustache Pretzels
- Oh so Good Mini Donuts
- Phoenix Phreeze Ice
- Stadium on Wheels

**and more!**

#### **Musical Performances**

- Brisas Mallet Masters
- Manitas Steel Drum Ensemble
- Esperanza Mallet Band

**and more!**

## **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

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# 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.

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**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!

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## 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!**



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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

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Chandler, AZ 85226

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**Attendance:** 480-541-6201

**School Hours:** 8:20am-3:05pm

**Office Hours:** 7:30am-4:00pm

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