



December 8, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

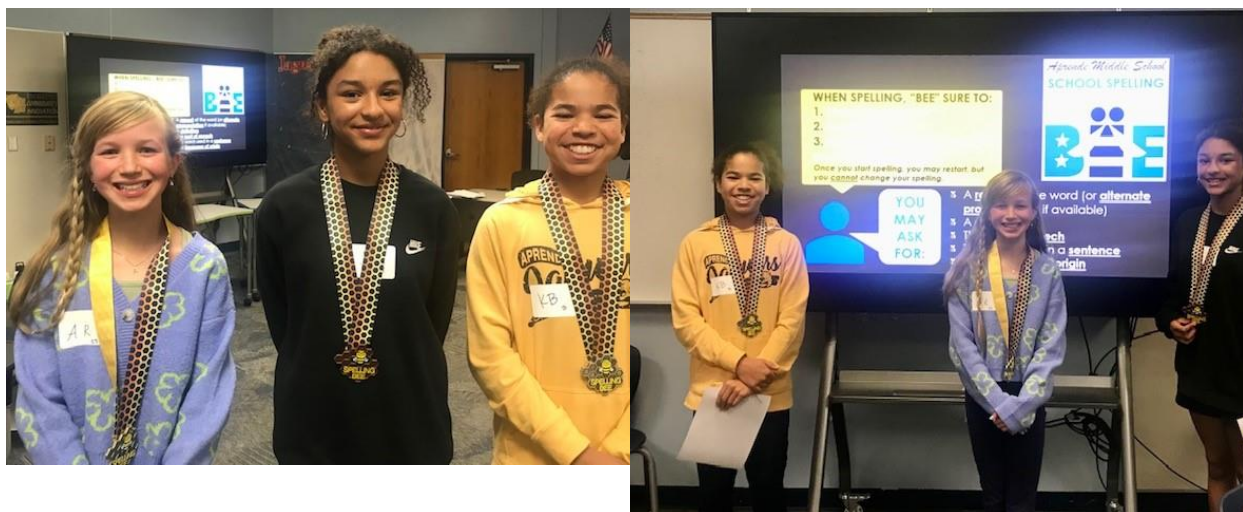
December 11: PTSO Meeting 8:30am
December 13: PTSO Restaurant Night- Famous Dave's
December 15: End of Quarter 2
December 18-January 2: Winter Break
January 3: School Resumes

[View Full Calendar](#)

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee winners!

1st place: Ava Royse 2nd place: Kai Bailey 3rd place: Jaida Williams
We're so proud of you!!!



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. The deadline for tax credit donations is April 15, 2024. You can donate online through our [Payment Portal](#).

Thank you for your continued support!



23-24 Yearbooks



We have a limited number of yearbooks for sale!!

****8th Grade Parents/Guardians-** Friendly reminder that 8th Grade Recognition Ads must be purchased by February 2, 2024. 8th grade families have their choice of two sizes; business card color and quarter page color. There are three templates to choose from when creating your recognition ad. The parent/guardian must complete recognition ad designs by February 2, 2024.

Please click on this link to purchase yearbooks and ads: <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/>

Yearbook Code: 14349324

Mentor Training Boys to Men



**Calling
Women &
Men**

**Aprende MS is offering weekly
school based group mentoring
for 7th and 8th grade boys.**

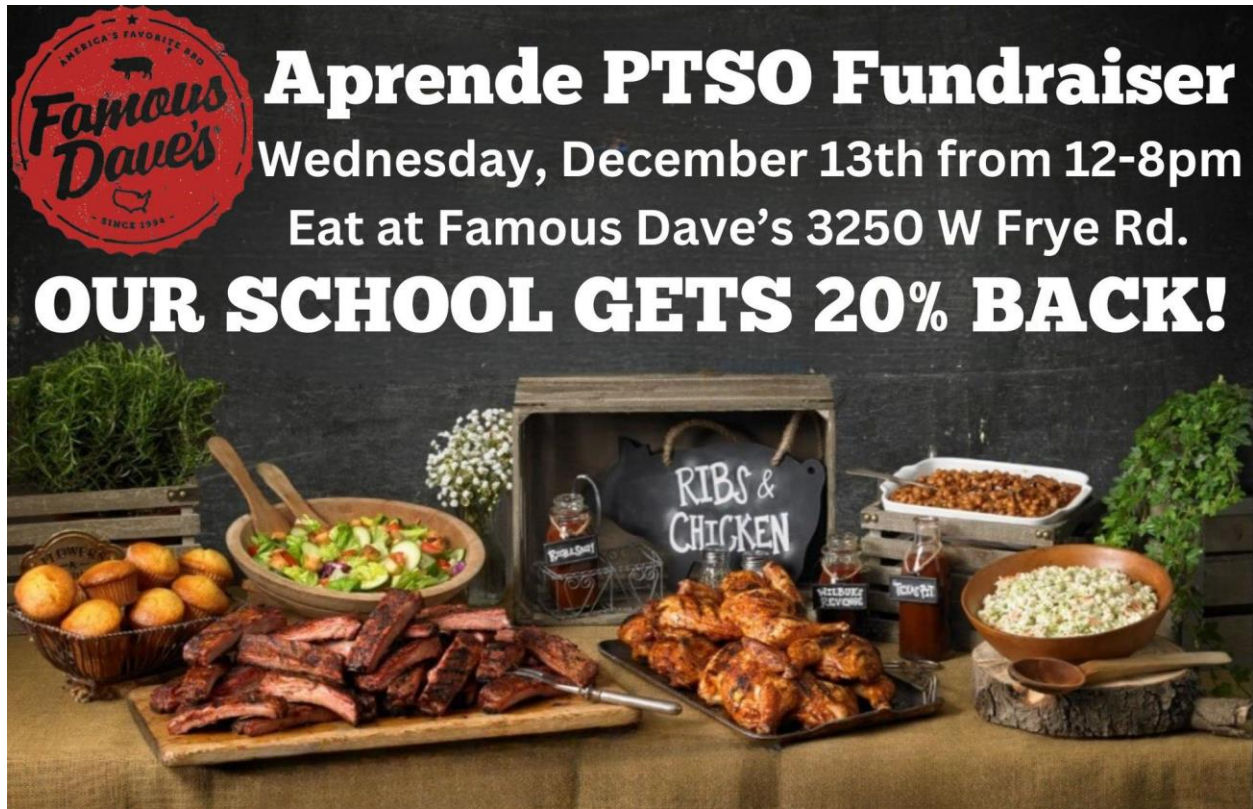


**Boys to Men Mentoring needs caring adults to
help launch weekly mentoring for boys in January
and for girls in September of next year.**

**Reach out to Aprende Admin or go to
www.boystomenphoenix.org/get-involved**

PTSO Restaurant Night

Take a break from shopping and cooking! Join us at Famous Dave's on 12/13! Please RSVP by clicking the "Commit to Eat" Button in this link



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).

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.



Quarter 2 Sports

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR QUARTER 3 SPORTS! QUARTER 3 SPORTS INCLUDE:
BOYS SOCCER AND GIRLS BASKETBALL**

PLEASE NOTE: REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE ON 1/5! NO EXCEPTIONS!

Boys Basketball:

Varsity:

12/4 - The varsity basketball team won tonight against Akimel with a final score of 47-35. The team finished the season 7-1 and look forward to our first playoff game on December 11th. The team was led by Saki with 19, Evan with 9 and Miles with 3. Come out and support the team next week in the playoffs.

JV:

On Monday the JV Basketball team played a hard-fought game against Akimel A-al. With 12 seconds left, we had a chance to tie the game and go to overtime. We ended up losing by 1 point. Good effort guys! On Thursday in the tournament round 1, Kyrene jumped out to a big lead and never looked back. We ended up with a 4-4 record for the season. Good job guys! Looking forward to next season.

Girls Softball:

We are so proud of the girls and the fantastic season we have had! THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT THIS SEASON AS WELL.

The 12/4 game at Akimel was fabulous. We came out a little flat and slow as we have the past couple of games. I am hopeful that we will pick it up as we head into the tournament. The hitting was fabulous. **NOA GRACE** with the game ball last night for her defense. She kept their "power hitter" Koa to a single and made great throws from right field. **Kylie, Olivia, Gabby** with the fantastic relay throw for the out at 3rd. **Doss** behind the dish keeping balls in front and doing a great job framing some pitches with a questionable strike zone at times. Fabulous hitting by Ellison and Leilany. Overall, everyone did a great job of picking ourselves up and putting together a lot of great offense and defense. We need to carry

this solid playing into next week. But we need to come out a little more fired up and a little more enthusiastic.

To highlight the rainy night game against Pueblo... **WOW AND WOW.. CAMI with the homerun! Amazing game.** We all had a lot of great things going on, despite the slow start. Violet on the mound was fabulous and equally as fabulous last night on the mound. Defensively, both games, we got the job done. Whether it was our infield or our outfield we got the job done in a big way. I / we are all so impressed with the girls.

We are excited for Monday's game against KMS and hopefully Thursday's Championship game against Altadena.

LET'S GO JAGUARS.. WIN IT ALL!!!

Wrestling:

Wrestling season is wrapping up soon. We are excited for our conference tournament on Wednesday and our State Competition in Prescott in late January. The season ended with our first loss of the year. It was a tight battle, and while we did not come out on top, we left the mat with grace, sportsmanship, and class. We are hungry and driven and we'll bring the fight next week. There is a place for everyone on the team. From 60 pounds to 245+, we'll make you smile, sweat, and build confidence. The Jaguar Wrestling Team is on our way to the top. Be a part of it next year!

COMING UP:

Basketball:

Varsity:

12/11 - Tournament Semi-Finals vs KMS @ KMS

12/14 - Tournament @ KMS (depending on outcome of 12/11 game)

Soccer:

12/11 - Tournament Semi-Finals vs ALT @ TSC

12/14 - Tournament @ TSC (depending on outcome of 12/11 game)

Softball:

12/11 - Tournament Semi-Finals vs KMS @ APR

12/14 - Tournament @ APR (depending on outcome of 12/11 game)

Wrestling:

12/13 Conference Invitational @ Desert Vista

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



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



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](#)



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 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

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.

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!

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](#)

Contact Us

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

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

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