



December 15, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 15: End of Quarter 2
December 18-January 2: Winter Break
January 3: School Resumes

[View Full Calendar](#)

**Holiday
Break**



Have a safe & fun
Holiday Break!

Students return on
Wednesday, January 3rd.

2024 AVID Basketball Game at ASU



2024

AVID Day at ASU

AVID Conference

We are thrilled to announce that we will be hosting the AVID Conference on January 17th, 2024, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Our goal is to equip high school students for the journey that awaits them post-graduation, and our conference will be filled with fun and informative activities. Join Access ASU for college program exploration workshops inclusive of lunch and take a guided tour to explore the Tempe campus and all ASU has to offer!

Who: 9–12th Grade Students

Date: January 17th, 2024

Time: 9:30am–3:30 pm

Where: ASU Tempe Campus
Memorial Union

Limit of 30 students per school



Scan QR code to register.
Questions? Contact Christa
ccavan1@asu.edu

Learn more about Access ASU and subscribe to the K-12 Educator Newsletter at:
eoss.asu.edu/access-newsletters



AVID Basketball Game

Join us for a facility tour of Mountain America Stadium and attend the ASU vs UCLA Men's Basketball game at Desert Financial Arena.

Time: 4:00pm–5:30pm facility tour,
7:00pm tip-off

Where: Mountain America Stadium
(North End of stadium)

You do not need a ticket to the game to partake in the facility tour



Scan QR code to purchase tickets.
Questions? Contact Nash
nash.thompson@asu.edu



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!

**MAKE A
TAX CREDIT
DONATION
TODAY!**





SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL WITH A **TAX CREDIT DONATION!**

STEP 1

Visit kyrene.org/taxcredit
and click **Donate Now**



STEP 2

Sign In

Returning Users

Returning Users
Please log in below

User Name:

Password:

[Sign In](#)

New Users

1st Time Users
(Non-Parent/Guardians
Making Tax Credit Donations)

**Non-Parent/Guardian Guest
Account**
A guest account allows you to easily
make tax credit donations and
access receipts in the future.

[Create Account](#)

STEP 3

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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**



BOYS to MEN of Greater Phoenix
480-206-0696 EIN# 47-3518202
www.boystomenphoenix.org

Volunteer Possibilities

Kids spell love..... "T - I - M - E"

Thank you for helping future generations be the best they can be.

We are caring adults that believe boys deserve caring adults to help guide them to healthy manhood. This is a call to women and men that feel aligned with our vision and will help build a sustainable organization.

- **Safety** is core to our culture. We follow BTMUSA safety protocols and all laws to ensure safety for all.
 - Required: Interview process, application, background check and complete BTM Mentor training.
 - COVID: We follow our school partner policy. Masks Optional, Full Vaccination desired, not required.

Women and Men Volunteers We thrive on the inclusion and diversity of our community. All people from all cultural and life backgrounds needed. Time commitment for the 3 tasks below range from 2 to 6 hours per month.

- **Back Ground Check:** Online social security number check needed. Small cost and results in 3 days

Outreach& Fundraising: Are you a story teller? Help promote Boys to Men's story through social media, digital newsletters or our website. Support Fundraising efforts, while promoting our story of generational change.

Finance & Systems: Maybe numbers and process development is a match for your talents. Do you know Quick Books?

Governance: Help create sustainable growth with deeper community support.

Family Mentoring Circle: Support moms and boys together in their own deep conversation and support circle

Mentors -Men Volunteers:

Group Facilitation Mentors: Weekly or bi weekly groups run 1.5 hours equaling 4 to 8 hours per month.

Boys and Men groups both on campus and virtual, plus single moms and sons with mentor support.

- Obtain Fingerprint background card clearance. Reasonable cost with results a few weeks.

Adventure Group Mentors: 2 to 4 hours per month

Men and boys gather once a month, to check in, connect, play and have fun.

- Online social security number check needed. Small cost and results in 3 days

Mountain Adventure "Rite of Passage Adventure Weekend" 3-day weekend 2-3 yearly

Phoenix mentors guide boys through an intense transformational weekend.

- Commit to the full weekend and pay a \$150 staff fee & complete online social security number check.

Return on your Investment: Our commitment to you

Honor your Time by being prepared and on time for meetings, mentoring groups and trainings.

Provide you with rewarding work

Create a safe, respectful and transparent space for all voices to be heard

Give you opportunities for leadership, personal growth and development

Help you strengthen personal relationships with BTM communication tools

-Guided Change Communication (Motivational Interviewing process) -Active Listening

-Handle Difficult Conversations (What -So What -Now What) -How to A.C.T with tact

If you can't spare your time or talent, would you consider a donation? Donate at www.boystomenphoenix.org or send your check to Boys to Men of Greater Phoenix PO Box 50235. Phoenix, AZ 85076

Are you ready to step up? Contact us info@boystomenphoenix.org 480-561-6363.





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:

On 12/11 the varsity basketball team won against KMS with a score of 45-38. The boys are playing hard and ready for the championship game on Thursday. The team was led by Isaiah Rider, Jonah and Payson. Please come out and support your team Thursday as we play for the championship.

The varsity basketball team lost a hard fought battle in the championship game against Centennial. The boys had a great season and represented Aprende with great sportsmanship!

Girls Softball:

OUR GIRLS ARE AMAZING, AWESOME, AND FANTASTIC!

WHAT A FABULOUS 14-2 VICTORY OVER KMS! THANK YOU EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT TO SUPPORT OUR GIRLS.

The greatest thing is that no matter what their role was, everyone did an amazing job! I get that it is hard not to be one of the ones playing, but each and every one of our girls did their part to get us to where we are now... in the CHAMPIONSHIP GAME!!

Shoutouts from KMS Game: NOA GRACE.. WOW.. a grand slam and key hitting to keep us going with 2 outs. SO SO SO proud of you! Oliva, Ellison, Gabby, incredible hitting and leadership. So impressed! MIA... great clutch plays in the outfield! JAYLA .. what a HUGE catch you made to end that inning and your plate appearances were fabulous. You did your job so well. KYLIE and DOSS... as usual a dynamic pair on the mound and behind the dish. You 2 are so solid together! Leilany coming through with a big hit to move the runners around!

On the bench... I was so proud of all of you for cheering and doing your part. It is hard, I get it.... but that is part of learning to be a team! Everyone supported everyone no matter what. VERY IMPRESSIVE.

LET'S GO JAGUARS... BRING HOME THE WIN!!

CONGRATULATIONS, JAGUAR SOFTBALL! WHAT AN AWESOME AND AMAZING GAME.

Wrestling:

Jaguars!!!!!! A group of 40 kids have made me so proud for the last few months. Not because they win every match, but because they DO either win or lose with grace. They support each other. They maintain great grades. They show class and sportsmanship. They work hard and push themselves. It's no surprise that, due to their efforts, they have earned a Conference Championship in Wrestling for the 23/24 school year. FIRST PLACE!!!

Join us next year. We need you, and you'll end the season a better person than when you started!!!!

Congrats kids!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Up next.....State Competition in Prescott.

Other News:

After finishing the cross-country season at Aprende, Landon Wallace continued running 11/12 year old boys USA Track and Field(USATF) cross country for the Arizona Cheetahs Track Club. He finished 2nd in the Arizona state USATF meet and 21st out of 75 in the USATF Region 10 meet in El Paso qualifying for the national championship meet. He competed in Louisville, KY over the weekend in the USATF Junior Olympic National Meet and ran a 10:57 3000m (in spite of rain and some slick muddy sections) placing him 74th out of 431. He is excited for track and field in the spring and returning to lead Aprende boys cross country as an 8th grader next fall!

Thanks for all the great coaching at Aprende helping to challenge him to be better and train every day (for the first time) for that 2 month stretch. We're continuing to help work on race day anxiety and preparing for success every day in good choices not just at training sessions :) and he is making improvement in these areas gradually.



COMING UP:

QTR. 3 Sports:

Try outs begin week of 1/8

Practice begins week of 1/16

Games begin week of 1/25

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 - January 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.

JAN. 11 - Love and Logic for Families

Love and Logic for Families

Parents are invited to learn about the Love and Logic approach to parenting, which is built around the science of caring and respectful relationship. An authentic, loving connection between parents and their children forms the foundation of good behavior and healthy decision-making.

Presenter:

Larry Kerby

Date and Time:

January 11, 2024

6:00 - 7:00pm

Location:

Centennial Middle School -Library

13808 S. 36th St.
Phoenix, AZ 85044

[Registration Link](#)

JAN. 17 - How to Reach, Teach, and Support the iGeneration Student **How to Reach, Teach, and Support the iGeneration Student**

Join us to gain valuable insight into tips and strategies for raising children for whom technology has always been present.

Presenter:

Katy McPherson

Date and Time:

January 17, 2024

6:00 - 7:00pm

Location:

Zoom

[Registration Link](#)

JAN. 18 - Related Services Providers Open House **Related Services Providers Open House**

Kyrene Related Service Providers will be hosting informational sessions for families to understand the services they provide. Related Service Providers in attendance will include a Speech Language Pathologist (SLP), Occupational Therapist (OT), Assistive Technology (AT) Specialist, Physical Therapist, and Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ACC) Specialist.

Date and Time

January 18, 2023

5:30-7:00pm

Location:

Waggoner Elementary School, 1050 E. Carver Road

Tempe, AZ 85284

Hosted By:

Kyrene Exceptional Student Services Department



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



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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