



January 19, 2024

## UPCOMING EVENTS

January 20: Kyrene PlayDay  
January 24: Deadline for School Quality Survey  
January 25: PTSO Fundraiser - Barro's  
January 26: PBIS Store  
January 26: 8th Grade Fieldtrip- Diary of Anne Frank

[View Full Calendar](#)

## Message from Principal Kory

Aprende Families,

Please take a few minutes to complete the School Quality survey (information below and also e-mailed directly to you). Last year we only had 10% of families take the survey and this year we are at 9%. We value your feedback and DO USE IT to make any necessary revisions, however, when only 10% of our parent population is responding, it is difficult to make major changes with data that is not representative of the majority of our family voices. I very much appreciate you taking the time to do the survey.

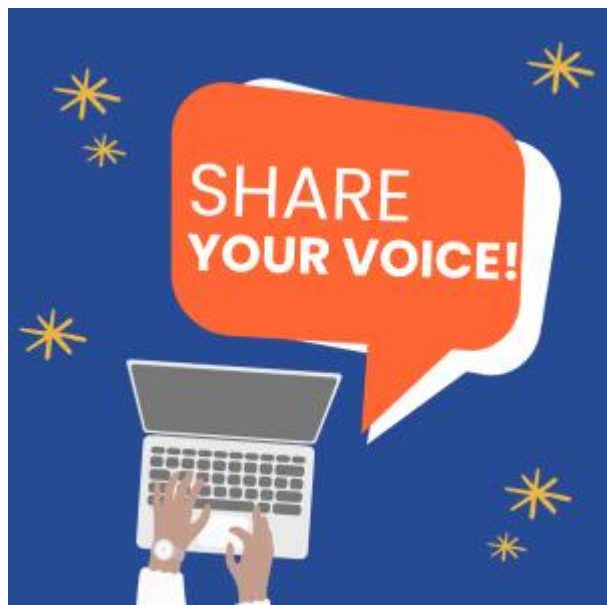
Please continue to read the newsletter, especially in the coming months, as it will contain a great deal of information about end of the year activities and transition information. Also, if you are still needing to make a tax credit donation, we would welcome any tax credit, as this is what we use to fund our clubs and other extra-curricular opportunities.

As always, thank you for your support and please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions/concerns.

Respectfully,  
Renee Kory, Principal  
[rkory@kyrene.org](mailto:rkory@kyrene.org)

## School Quality Survey

It is time to share your voice! The annual Kyrene School Quality Survey for Families is open through **Wednesday, January 24**. Your voice is critical to your children's education, the future of Kyrene School District, and [school name]. That's why we need to hear from you! The results will inform targeted action plans to make sure our schools are places where every student can thrive. Parents should check their email for an invitation, visit [kyrene.org/parentsqs](https://kyrene.org/parentsqs) or use the QR code below to take the survey. The survey is offered in English and Spanish. All responses are strictly confidential.



### Your QR Code



Scan this QR code to participate.

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## 8th Grade Fieldtrip Reminders

8th grade families: If your student returned his/her field trip permission slip before winter break to see "The Diary of Anne Frank" next Friday, January 26, the deadline to make the \$20 payment to attend is **Wednesday, January 24**. This field trip fee covers transportation and ticket cost. The preferred method of payment is the online payment portal which you can access by [clicking here](#). Cash and checks can be turned in to the front office staff (not individual teachers). If you have any questions about payments, please contact the front office at (480) 541-6200.

On the day of the field trip, 8th graders will be eating a later-than-usual lunch, so please be sure to pack a filling snack for your student to eat in the morning before the performance.

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## Middle School Physicals



## Cost: \$15.00 cash only

### What to Bring:

Please print and bring Banner physical documents with you. The physical history form should be pre-completed and signed by a parent/guardian prior to arrival. This provides consent to treatment by Banner Sports Medicine staff.

Parent/Guardian **MUST** be present with athlete to obtain a physical.

See link below or scan the QR code for documents.

<https://bit.ly/KYRENEBANNERPHYSICALS>

**Questions: Contact Christopher Hansen with Kyrene Middle School at 480-541-1512**



**Location: Kyrene Akimel A-al Middle School**  
2720 E Liberty Ln,  
Phoenix, AZ 85048

**Date:** Mon, Feb 12th, 2024

**Time:** 3:45pm – 6:45pm

Please arrive for registration according to your school timeslot.

3:45: Akimel A-al  
4:15: Altadeña  
4:45: Aprende  
5:15: Centennial  
5:45: Kyrene  
6:15: Kyrene Traditional Academy  
6:45: Pueblo

Physicals are first come, first serve. You must be in line for registration by 7:00pm.

Patient is responsible for all documentation provided during physicals. Banner is not responsible for keeping these records.

# JOIN THE CDS BAND!

## Marching Band Information Meeting for New Members



**TUESDAY**  
JANUARY 30 2024



**TIME**  
06:00 - 07:30 PM

### COME FIND OUT MORE!

BE PART OF ONE OF  
THE BEST MARCHING  
BANDS IN THE  
WESTERN U.S.! **MEET**  
**IN THE BAND ROOM**  
**AT CORONA DEL SOL**

### CONTACT US

dduplessis@tempeunion.org  
coronabands.com



Enroll in Arizona's Top Elementary District

Enrollment is now open for the 2024-25 school year.



**Kyrene kids are at the top of the class**, consistently outperforming students in peer districts and charter schools.

**Kyrene kids aspire to become leaders, scientists, artists and more**, through a variety of PreK-8 program offerings, from computer science immersion to project-based learning.

**Kyrene kids get a global education** with world languages (Spanish and Mandarin) and an International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme.

**Make a Plan. Visit Kyrene Online.**

To help with your planning for next year, be sure to visit us online:

- Learn about Kyrene's [Choice Opportunities](#).
- Explore what it means to be a [Kyrene Kid](#).
- Share the vision of a Kyrene student who is [Ready for the Future](#).

## **Open Enrollment**

Kyrene School District offers online enrollment for new students and any student applying to change schools. New or transferring students who live outside of a school's boundaries must fill out an application via the online registration portal. Open Enrollment must be approved before registration is considered final.

## **Current Students**

Current families with no school changes and no new students will not need to re-register. Children in grades K-4 and 6-7 will continue to be registered at the same school they currently attend. Current 5th graders will automatically be registered at the middle school assigned to follow their current elementary school.

Families who want to make an enrollment change to a school other than the one assigned are strongly encouraged to submit applications for your preferred school by **January 15**. To make a change, log into your ParentVUE account and select the "change school" option.

For **current families with new students** entering school, online registration will be available through your existing ParentVUE account.

Enrollment links will be made available for the 2024-25 school year at [kyrene.org/enroll](https://kyrene.org/enroll) on January 9. Kyrene looks forward to welcoming your students next year!

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**PTSO Fundraiser**

# APRENDE BARRO'S DAY!



**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25TH  
APRENDE PTSO GETS 20% BACK!  
COME FOR THE PIZZA & WINGS...  
STAY FOR THE COOKIE SUNDAE!**

**yum  
yum**



**Dine-in ~ Carry out ~ Delivery  
Kyrene/Warner**

CdS Pommie Fundraiser for Nationals

# Self Defense Class



**\$20**



Class is limited to the first 50 people  
signed up and paid. Please click the QR  
Code to reserve your spot!

**JANUARY 27TH**

DOORS OPEN AT 10:30AM

CLASS: 11AM-12PM

CORONA DEL SOL  
SOUTH PRACTICE FIELD

PARK IN THE SENIOR LOT OFF OF RURAL ROAD TO CHECK IN AT THE BOOSTER TABLE

Open to girls and women at least 10yrs old

Wear comfortable clothing  
and athletic shoes

**Our instructor is Cindy  
Jacinek, who is a retired  
Phoenix Police Officer.  
Cindy is assisted by Chris  
Hale, also a retired  
Phoenix Police Officer.**

Please email questions to:  
[coronapomboosters@gmail.com](mailto:coronapomboosters@gmail.com)  
or text our Booster President  
Chris Hightower - 480.766.0104

In February, Kyrene will participate in the Arizona Youth Survey, an anonymous statewide prevention needs assessment for middle and high school students conducted by the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission. Beginning on January 29, parents of students in grade 8 will have the opportunity to review details and opt in or out for their child's participation in ParentVUE.

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**Ready for a day of play?** Please join us on **Saturday, January 20, 2024** from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Kyrene Centennial Middle School for Kyrene Community Education's signature *PlayDay* event. The lineup includes over 40 booths, activities, food trucks and musical performances to keep the entire family entertained. More information can be found at <https://www.kyrene.org/playday>.



**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!**

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.

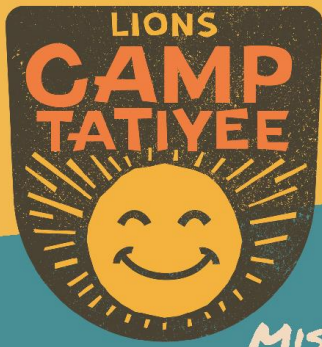
Please click on this link to purchase yearbooks and ads: <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/>

Yearbook Code: 14349324

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### Camp Opportunity for Students with Special Needs

Camp Tatiyee is a Special Needs camp located in the White Mountains of Arizona. They provide a FREE week long overnight summer camp experience for school aged individuals (7-21) with Learning Disabilities, Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Visual impairments, Intellectual disabilities, and Orthopedic disabilities. They offer archery, science, music, art, go karts, etc. as well as a themed week full of night activities including a dance on the last night. Camp Tatiyee's mission is to enrich the lives of individuals with special needs by providing a life changing summer camp experience that promotes emotional health, independence, self-esteem, and confidence, entirely free of charge. Registration is currently open for Summer 2024.



## MISSION STATEMENT

Camp Tatiyee works to enrich the lives of individuals with special needs by providing a life-changing summer camp experience that promotes emotional health, independence, self-esteem, and confidence, entirely free-of-charge



Camp Type  
**SUN.-FRI.  
OVERNIGHT**

Age Groups  
**KIDS: 7-21  
ADULTS: 22+**

Fee  
**\$0**

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Online Application
- ✓ Potential Camper Form
- ✓ Physician's Clearance Form

### LIMITATIONS

- ✓ ASD level 2 & above
- ✓ psychiatric & conduct disorders

### 2024 CAMPER REGISTRATION

1 November 2023 - 30 April 2024

**More Information** (480) 380-4254 [www.camptatiyee.org](http://www.camptatiyee.org)



## CAMP TATIYEE SUMMER SCHEDULE

### **JUNE 2-7: MULTI-CHALLENGED ADULTS (22+)**

Seen but not limited to: Ortho+Intellectual challenges, angelman syndrome, TBI, etc.

### **JUNE 9-14: LEARNING DISABLED (7-17)**

Common Disabilities Seen: ADHD, ADD, OCD, Dyslexia, etc.

### **JUNE 16-21: ORTHOPEDICALLY CHALLENGED SCHOOL AGE (7-21)**

Common Disabilities Seen: Muscular Dystrophy, Spina Bifida, Amputees, CP, etc.

### **JUNE 23-28: DEAF, HARD OF HEARING, CODA (7-17)**

This session is intended for kids with hearing impairment as their only disability

### **JULY 7-12: MULTI-CHALLENGED SCHOOL AGE (7-21)**

Seen but not limited to: Ortho+Intellectual challenges, angelman syndrome, TBI, etc.

### **JULY 14-19: INTELLECTUALLY CHALLENGED SCHOOL AGE (7-21)**

Common Disabilities Seen: Down Syndrome, ASD 1, PWS, FAS, Fragile X, etc.

### **JULY 21-26: ORTHOPEDICALLY CHALLENGED ADULTS (22+)**

Common Disabilities Seen: Muscular Dystrophy, Spina Bifida, Amputees, CP, etc.

### **JULY 28-2: INTELLECTUALLY CHALLENGED ADULTS (22+)**

Common Disabilities Seen: Down Syndrome, ASD 1, PWS, FAS, Fragile X, etc.

More Information (480) 380-4254

[www.camptatiyee.org](http://www.camptatiyee.org)

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](http://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

#### Select Items at All Schools

**Shop**

[Items At All Schools](#)

[Pay Fines/Fees](#)

[Register for Athletics/Activities/Intramurals](#)

### STEP 4

#### Select Campus Type

**You are here:**

[DISTRICT](#)

**School Type**

[DIGITAL ACADEMY](#) [DISTRICT OFFICE](#)

[ELEMENTARY SCHOOL](#) [K-8](#) [MIDDLE SCHOOL](#)

### STEP 5

#### Select School and Tax Credit

**You are here:** [DISTRICT](#) / [ELEMENTARY SCHOOL](#) / [C.I. Waggoner ES](#)

**Categories:** [Most Payment Account](#) [Tax Credit](#)

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](http://www.boystomenphoenix.org/get-involved)**

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**BOYS to MEN of Greater Phoenix**  
480-206-0696 EIN# 47-3518202  
[www.boystomenphoenix.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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).

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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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## Quarter 3 Sports

## BOYS SOCCER & GIRLS BASKETBALL

Reminder, Spirit Wear sales are closing this Saturday at 5pm.



CONGRATULATIONS ON MAKING THE SOCCER TEAM!

To build team spirit, the PTSO is offering soccer spirit apparel for athletes, families and coaches.



SOFT SHORT SLEEVE TEES \$18  
LONG SLEEVE DRI FIT \$20  
SOFT HOODIES \$25  
OPTIONAL NAME ON BACK \$6 EACH

Purchasing spirit apparel is optional and is not part of the Soccer uniform. Spirit apparel may be worn to school on game days, practice and team events. Spirit apparel will be delivered approximately two weeks after the **due date of 1/20/2024**

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

SCAN THE CODE TO SHOP FOR SOCCER SHIRTS:

GO  
JAGUARS!



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



CONGRATULATIONS ON MAKING THE BASKETBALL TEAM!

To build team spirit, the PTSO is offering basketball spirit apparel for athletes, families and coaches.



SHORT SLEEVE TEES \$16  
HOODIE \$28  
OPTIONAL NAME ADD ON \$6 EACH

Purchasing spirit apparel is optional and is not part of the Basketball uniform. Spirit apparel may be worn to school on game days, practice and team events. Spirit apparel will be delivered approximately two weeks after the **due date of January 20th, 5pm.**

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

SCAN THE CODE TO SHOP FOR BASKETBALL SHIRTS:

GO  
JAGUARS!



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



If you have any questions, please contact Athletic Director, Amy Violette, [aviolette@kyrene.org](mailto:aviolette@kyrene.org) or Alissa DeFoe [adefoe@kyrene.org](mailto:adefoe@kyrene.org) 480-541-6202

Office hours: 7:30am-4pm

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





## UPDATED SCHOOL HEALTH OFFICE MEDICATION POLICY

The Aprende Health Office does NOT stock Advil, Motrin, Tylenol, Benadryl, Hydrocortisone cream, Antibiotic ointment or cough drops. However, if your student requires over the counter medication please click here for the [Kyrene District policy](#) and link to a fillable **Parent/Guardian Consent for Administration of Medicine at School** form or visit <https://www.kyrene.org/Page/1006>

A consent form for administering prescription and non-prescription medications must be completed and submitted with all medications administered at school.

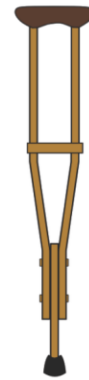
For prescription medications, the consent form must be signed by the prescribing provider.

## Returning to School After an Injury

To provide the safest environment during the school day, any student returning to school following a serious injury, prolonged illness or surgery must provide a signed medical release form (discharge paperwork if seen by ER/Urgent Care) to return to school.

Written permission, by a licensed medical provider, must be provided for all students requiring a wheelchair, knee scooter, crutches, etc. All equipment will be provided by the parent/guardian.

Please contact the school health office for any necessary health support at 480-541-6220. For more health services information, review pages 11-14 of the [Kyrene Family Handbook](#).



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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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### 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



A+ School of Excellence™

