



February 2, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 6: District Honors Music Festival @ Mountain Point HS 6-8pm

February 9: PBIS Store

February 14-16: Performing Arts Field Trip to California

February 19: No School

February 20: Arizona Youth Survey- 8th Grade

February 22: PTSO Restaurant Night- Someburro's

[View Full Calendar](#)

Perfect Attendance February









Any student who has perfect attendance in February will receive FREE DBacks tickets! Family members will receive tickets at a discounted rate.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

SCORE PERFECT CLASSROOM ATTENDANCE IN FEBRUARY 2024

FEBRUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Freedom Day	2 Groundhog Day 	3 Elmo's Birthday
4 Rosa Parks' Birthday	5 Hank Aaron's Birthday	6 Babe Ruth's Birthday	7 Send a Card to a Friend Day	8 Boy Scouts Day	9 National Pizza Day	10 National Umbrella Day 
11 Superbowl Sunday	12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday 	13 Fat Tuesday	14 Valentine's Day 	15 Susan B. Anthony's Birthday	16 National Innovation Day 	17 Random Acts of Kindness Day
18 World Whale Day 	19 President's Day	20 National Leadership Day	21 National Grain-Free Day	22 George Washington's Birthday	23 D-backs First Spring Training Game 	24 National Dance Day
25 National Chocolate-Covered Nut Day	26 National Bacon Day	27 International Polar Bear Day 	28 National Science Day	29 Leap Day		

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/>

AVID T-Shirts

Click the link for easy ordering instructions

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MwDCXUF_KudAu2BPxmcX3rJxz13iJGpv/view?usp=sharing

Aprende **SALE** 2023-24 AVID T-Shirt!

Order by Monday, Feb. 12, 2024!



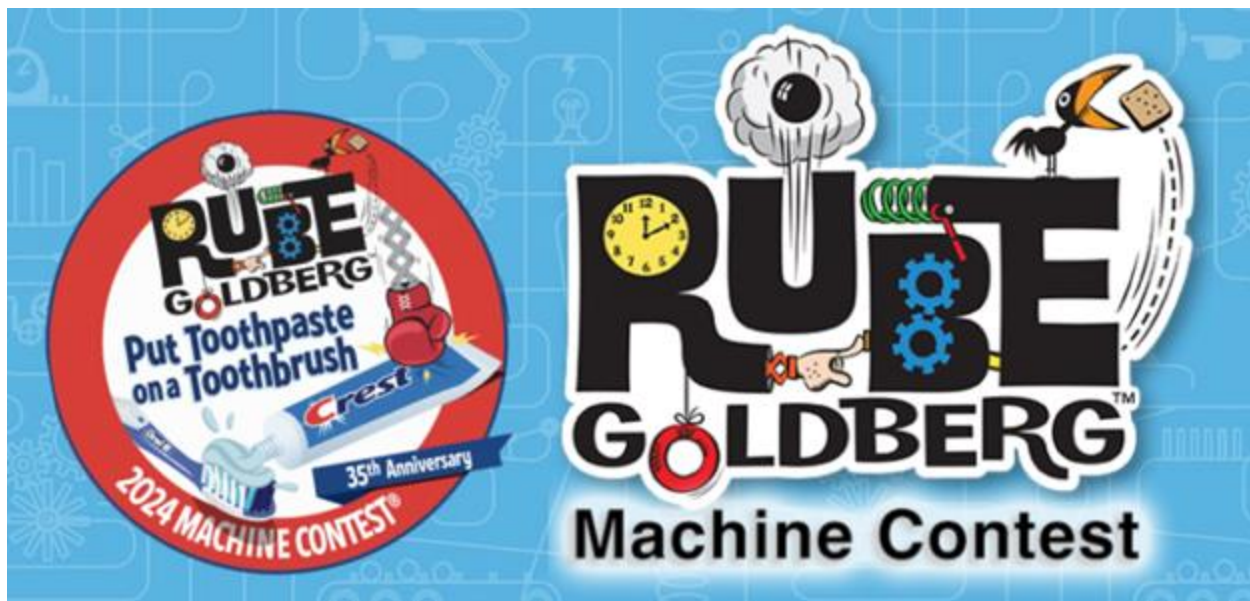
Now in 2 colors!
Black AND Gold
Adult Sizes XS - 3XL
\$13 for all sizes!



<https://az-kyrene.intouchrecepting.com>



**CHILDREN SIZES
NOT AVAILABLE**



We are very excited to announce that the Aprende Engineering Club will be competing in the National Rube Goldberg Contest. If your student is interested in participating there will be an application, short essay and an interview. Parental participation will be highly encouraged. The club meets Thursdays after school from 3:15 to 4:15. We will also meet some Saturdays. Please email Ms. Landis at wlandis@kyrene.org for more information. Registration closes Friday, February 9th.



We still have a few plots available for the Gardening Club. Gardening Club meets on Monday and Thursday Mornings at 7:30. Please email Ms. Landis at wlandis@kyrene.org for more information.

PTSO Fundraiser



EST. *Someburros* 1986

RAISING \$\$
NEVER TASTED SO GOOD!

On the day of the event,
SOMEBURROS WILL DONATE 30%

OF ALL PRE-TAXED FOOD SALES FROM ANY GUEST
THAT PRESENTS THIS FUNDRAISING FLYER, OR
MENTIONS THE ORGANIZATION UPON CHECKOUT

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DATE:

2.21.2024

LOCATION:

3461 W. Frye Rd. Chandler, AZ 85226

PHONE:

480-726-8226



OUR FAMOUS POLLO FUNDIDO

We would like to recognize the students who auditioned and were chosen for all-state band this year. The festival will be Saturday, March 2nd at Mountain View HS in Mesa. Congratulations!

7th grade

Mariana McWilliams, flute

Kai Bailey, clarinet 2nd chair!

Kaitlyn Hayes, clarinet 3rd chair!

Charlotte Hawley, alto sax

Annabelle Whitesides, bassoon 1st chair!

Dean Mantini, tuba

8th grade

Ace Fuson, flute

Trenton Henley, trombone

Ella Hartman, tuba 2nd chair!

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.



Quarter 3 Sports

BOYS SOCCER

JV Boys Soccer first match was a loss, 1-3, to Akimel but Victor scored within the first 2 minutes of the first half. We learned a lot as a team and were able to work on those skills during practice on Tuesday. Our second match had a much better outcome! We won 3-1 against Altadena. Mason and Grant were incredible keepers and Victor, Gio, and Hunter scored goals! We are looking forward to our three matches next week!

Varsity Boys Soccer Thank you very much to everybody for all of the support and positive energy at the recent Aprende soccer matches. The varsity team stayed in the KMS match last week until the final whistle and came close to equalizing the score. And the team came away with an earned win against Pueblo this week.

We (as a team) gained some insight and takeaways from these first matches and will continue to work diligently with each training session to improve our skill sets and build squad unity. I remain proud of the collective effort and enthusiasm to be resilient and stay positive and confident throughout the first matches.

Please come out the varsity and/or JV matches next week to support the Aprende soccer program.



GIRLS BASKETBALL

JV Girls Basketball started with a strong performance on 1/25 leading by 2 at half time. Fought hard the second half, ended up losing by 1 to Pueblo. The team got off to a fast start with an aggressive defense against Akimel A-al on 1/29 with a win. They opened a big halftime lead and never looked back. On 2/1, the team came out tough to open up a 6-point halftime lead against Altadena. Altadena took control in the second half to take a double-digit lead to win the game. The next game is on Monday, February 5th against Kyrene at home.

Varsity Girls Basketball started off the season with a perfect performance hosting Centennial and winning 77 - 0 . Great job Varsity, lets keep the momentum going. The team defeated Akimel-A-al on 1/29. Varsity Girls Basketball started off the season 3 and 0 with another win over Altadena 66 - 43. Way to go girls !

WRESTLING

State was a blast!!!

Many wins, pins, and lots of learning!

Congrats to Trenton Brown on his 6th place finish in the STATE!

Join us next year. We need wrestlers from 60 pounds to 245 pounds.

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

Office hours: 7:30am-4pm

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



New Website Coming Soon!

Our school will soon be getting a whole new look! This March, Kyrene School District will be launching new district and school websites with improved search, simplified navigation and modern design. The new site will launch over spring break to minimize disruption for families. Thank you to everyone who took the web design survey or participated in focus groups. We look forward to bringing your vision to life! [Visit us online](#) to learn more about the key features of our new site.

ESS Parent Transition Information Night

Do you have questions about your child's transition from 8th grade to high school? Please join the Kyrene Exceptional Student Services team for presentations about each transition. Question and answer time will be available if needed. February 5, 2024, 5:00-6:00 pm. [Zoom Link](#). Please sign up here: [ESS Parent Transition Information Night sign up](#)



OVERVIEW AND Q&A WITH DDD AND RSK

Join us for an information session with representatives from the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) and Raising Special Kids (RSK). They will provide an introduction to the supports and services their organizations provide to children with disabilities and their families and be available for questions after the presentation.

TUE
FEB20
5:30-7:00 PM

CI WAGGONER ELEMENTARY
1050 W CARVER RD
TEMPE, AZ 85284

REGISTER AT <https://bit.ly/kyrene-ddd-rsk-q-a-feb-20>



602-242-4366 | 800-237-3007 | raisingspecialkids.org

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.

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 on January 9. Kyrene looks forward to welcoming your students next year!



Kyrene Positive Parenting - February 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.

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Presenter: TBD

Date and Time:

February 20, 2024

5:30-7:00pm

Location:

Waggoner Elementary School

1050 E. Carver Road

Tempe, AZ 85284

Hosted By:

Kyrene Exceptional Student Services Department

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

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: [Make Payment/Account](#) [Tax Credit](#)



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.





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.

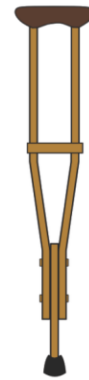
For prescription medications, the consent form must be signed by the prescribing provider.

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](#).



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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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

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