



February 23, 2024

## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 26: CCD Field Trip to Phoenix Zoo

February 26: PTSO Meeting- Postino South Tempe 5:30-7pm

February 27: AVID 8 Field Trip to EVIT

February 28-March 1: Parent/Teacher Conferences - Early Release Days @ 1:05pm

February 29: Band Concert

[View Full Calendar](#)



Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held Wed. 2/28, Thurs. 2/29 & Fri. 3/1.  
All 3 days are early release with a dismissal time of 1:05pm.

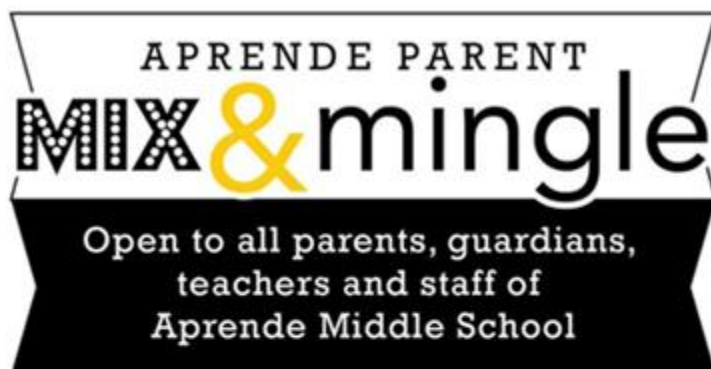
## Message from Principal Kory

As a reminder, students cannot be dropped off in front of school any earlier than 7:50. If they are earlier than 7:50, they need to wait in the side bus lot sidewalks by the fields. Students have been

told this numerous times and will begin receiving consequences if they continue to arrive early to school and loiter in front of Brisas/Aprende front offices. Thank you!

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## PTSO- Parent Mix & Mingle



Join your Aprende PTSO next Monday  
All families of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade are welcome!

**February 26, 2024**

**5:30p – 7:00p**

**Postino's Tempe South**

**(NE corner of Rural & Warner)**

• Appetizers on us • Prizes and giveaways • Bring a friend •

We've got the whole patio – let's fill it!

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## 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		

## Tax Credit Donations

### Tax Time is Here!

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](#).

Click [here](#) for instructions on the payment portal.

Thank you for your continued support!

# MAKE A TAX CREDIT DONATION TODAY!



## Quarter 4 Sports

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR QUARTER 4 SPORTS!**

**QUARTER 4 SPORTS INCLUDE: BOYS BASEBALL AND TRACK & FIELD**

Make sure to complete the online registration forms and turn in your up to date physical.

Health Insurance is mandatory to participate!

Coaches Letters which contain detailed information about each sport are available to pick up in the front office. They are also posted on the [Aprende Athletic Webpage](#)

Please note the Deadline for Baseball registration is Friday, 3/8 at Noon.

**There will be NO Exceptions to the 3/8 Registration Deadline.  
Baseball try-outs will be Tues 3/26, Thurs 3/28 & Fri 3/29 from 3:30-5:30pm.**

**First day of Practice for Track & Field will be Tuesday, 3/26.  
Practices will be Monday-Thursdays 6:25-7:55am.**

Sports Registration Link: <https://az-kyrene.intouchrecepting.com/>

Current physical: Every student registered to participate in a sport will also need a signed current physical uploaded to In-Touch.

Optional Insurance Company Link: <https://myers-stevens.com/>  
[Instructions on how to enroll for the Optional Insurance Company.](#)

## Quarter 3 Sports

### **BOYS SOCCER**

**JV Boys Soccer** had a great beginning of the week with our first win against Akimel! Aprende won 4-1! Darian and Kace both had 2 goals. Mason made many saves in the net and all team members were working cohesively as a team. We look forward to training next week and our semifinal match on Monday, 03/04! Come cheer us on at home!

**Varsity Boys Soccer** had an inspired week. The closing match of regular season on Tuesday ended in a 1-1 draw with a competitive Akimel A-al team. And on Thursday, Aprende played the first round of the district tournament. This first match was against Centennial, and Aprende played with a very controlled and confident style which led to a victory. Aprende will travel over to the Pueblo fields on March 4th to challenge Altadena in the semifinal match. The Aprende team continues to develop and has been working diligently to find their tempo and rhythm. It has been a fun season thus far and many cool friendships have been made along the way. Thank you to all of the families and friends for the continued support and positive energy.

Please come out to a JV and/or varsity soccer match to support the Aprende soccer teams through the district tournament - next matches are on Monday, March 4th.





## ***GIRLS BASKETBALL***

**JV Girls Basketball** had a tough battle versus Altadena. A close first half where Altadena took a five-point lead at the end of the first half. We came back to take a one-point lead in the second half with one minute remaining, only to fall short by three. Great Effort! Go Jags!

With the regular season coming to an end the **Girls Varsity Basketball** get another win over Altadena score 41-63. Way to go girls keep up the good work!

## ***Coming Up:***

### **Girls Basketball:**

Varsity: Tournament (Semi-Finals) 3.4 vs AKI @ PUE

JV: Tournament (Semi-Finals) 3.4 vs PUE @ APR

### **Boys Soccer:**

Varsity: Tournament (Semis-Finals) 3.4 vs ALT @ PUE

JV: Tournament (Semis-Finals) 3.4 vs AKI @ APR

If you have any questions, please contact Athletic Director, Amy Violette, [aviolette@kyrene.org](mailto:aviolette@kyrene.org) or Loreth Vergara [lvergara@kyrene.org](mailto:lvergara@kyrene.org) 480-541-6203

Office hours: 7:30am-4pm

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

## Spring Break Sports Camp



*Spring Break*  
**SPORTS  
CAMP**

**MARCH 11TH**



**MARCH 15TH**

**7AM-4PM**

**@ APRENDE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

*777 North Desert Breeze Blvd E, Chandler, AZ 85226*

**4TH-8TH GRADERS**

*Main Focus:*  
**SOFTBALL AND BASEBALL**

*Register now!*

**[WWW.KYRENE.ORG/REGISTER](http://WWW.KYRENE.ORG/REGISTER)**

## Community Education Summer Programming

### Be an Explorer this Summer with Kyrene Community Education!

Looking for a summer of FUN? Kyrene Community Education provides high-quality opportunities for students to continue learning and exploring after the school year ends. 6-8 grade students can take part in Summer Academy, which includes courses related to STEM, coding, the arts and more. Students can also participate in After Hours, Adventure Tours and Sports Camp! Learn more online at [www.kyrene.org/summeroptions](http://www.kyrene.org/summeroptions). Enrollment will begin March 4!







### 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.

Raising a Reader



# Raising A Reader

## Free Early Literacy Workshops For Your Family

Mondays 4:30-5:30  
March 25 - May 13, 2024

Kyrene de las Brisas/  
Aprende Library  
777 N Desert Breeze Blvd.  
Chandler AZ 85226



Contact Karla to sign up!  
(602) 384-0443  
kcarmona@swhd.org

Raising A Reader is a national program designed to educate parents and caregivers about the importance of early literacy skills and how they can help build these skills in their young children to help them enter school ready to learn.

Parents attend eight weekly early literacy workshops with their children 0-5 years-old. Families who participate in the program receive 12 high-quality children's books to build their home libraries and are connected to local resources!

Southwest Human Development coordinates Raising A Reader through schools, community centers, libraries, apartment communities, and other convenient locations. All interested parents and caregivers are encouraged to learn more and sign up today!



[swhd.org/rar](https://swhd.org/rar)



## Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)

Please click on the links below for more information.

[Eligibility Birth to 3 Years](#)  
[Eligibility Application Process](#)  
[Navigating the System 2024](#)  
[Overview Presentation](#)

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## Enroll in Arizona's Top Elementary District

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

### 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.

Kyrene looks forward to welcoming your students next year!

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## Kyrene Positive Parenting

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.

### Feb. 28 - Fear-Less

#### **Fear-Less**

In this session, participants will learn about children with anxiety disorders.

**Presenter:** Sarah Davis

#### **Date and Time:**

February 28, 2024

6:00-7:30pm

#### **Location:**

Online

[Registration Link](#)

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enter school ready to learn. Parents attend eight weekly early literacy workshops with their children 0-5 years-old. Families who participate in the program receive 12 high-quality children's books to build their home libraries and are connected to local resources! Southwest Human Development Coordinates Raising A Reader through schools, community centers, libraries, apartment communities, and other convenient locations. All interested parents and caregivers are encouraged to learn more and sign up today!

#### **Presenter:**

#### **Date and Time:**

March 25- May 13, 2024

Mondays 4:30 - 5:30pm

#### **Location:**

Kyrene de las Brisas/Aprende Library

777 N. Desert Breeze Blvd.

Chandler, AZ 85226

#### **To Register:**

Contact Karla - P: (602) 384-0443 E: [kcarmona@swhd.org](mailto:kcarmona@swhd.org)

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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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# 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

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Chandler, AZ 85226

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**Fax:** 480-541-6210  
**Attendance:** 480-541-6201

**School Hours:** 8:20am-3:05pm  
**Office Hours:** 7:30am-4:00pm

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