



March 8, 2024

## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 8: End of 3rd Quarter  
March 11-22: Spring Break  
March 25: No School- Teacher Day  
March 26: 4th Quarter Begins- Students Return to School  
March 28: PTSO Restaurant Night- Chick-Fil-A  
March 29: PBIS Store

[View Full Calendar](#)



## Have a fun & safe Spring Break!

Students will return to campus  
on Tuesday, March 26th.

8th Grade Dance - Donations Needed!



## 8th GRADE CELEBRATION - DONATIONS NEEDED!

Save the Date for FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024 for  
the IN-PERSON 8th Grade Celebration Dance

It's hard to believe that the end of the school year  
is coming! Our students will be completing their  
middle school years.

It's been quite the journey for us all!  
We are excited to celebrate our 8th Graders!

## **This Celebration is 100% FUNDED BY DONATIONS**

We are asking our 8th Grade families to consider donating \$20, or any amount possible, to help support  
the success of this event.

Our goal is to raise enough money to create a themed event with music, dancing, photos,  
slideshow, decorations, games, snacks & beverages.

\*\*\* **DONATE ONLINE!** \*\*\*

[https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=7DY6HGKM4FEV6](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=7DY6HGKM4FEV6)

CASH/CHECK: Return to Aprende office (checks payable to Aprende PTSO; Memo: 8th Grade Dance)

**DONATIONS DUE May 10, 2024**

Questions: Please email [aviolette@kyrene.org](mailto:aviolette@kyrene.org)

*ALL 8th Graders are invited to the 8th Grade Celebration regardless of ability to donate.*

*Thank you for supporting this memorable 8th Grade Annual Tradition!*

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PTSO



#### JOIN THE APRENDE PTSO BOARD!

Get involved! The Aprende PTSO is an amazing network of parents/guardians of Aprende students. Meet and work with some wonderful people, be in the know of school events and on the front line of planning and decisions that enhance Aprende, the teachers and the students!

We are currently seeking candidates for PTSO Board positions for the 2024-2025 school year.

The one year term begins July 1, 2024 and ends June 30, 2025.

Interested candidates should talk with any PTSO Board Member or email [email@aprendeptso.org](mailto:email@aprendeptso.org) by April 12th.

On Monday, April 15th at 8:30am we will hold an open meeting in the MPR including a coffee chat with Principal Kory.

Regardless of if you want to be a board member or not, you are invited to attend!

Learn more about the positions and board here: [Aprende PTSO](#)



**MONDAY, APRIL 15th at 8:30am in the MPR**

Join us for refreshments and GREAT insight and conversation with our principal! The setting is social and a great chance to find out the latest on Aprende, ask questions and get to know other parents.

We will also hold our 2024-25 PTSO Board Elections!

Let us know if you are interested in being a part of the board at [email@aprendeptso.org](mailto:email@aprendeptso.org)

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## Spirit Day

Thursday, March 28th

6:30 AM - 9:30 PM



**Come support the Aprende PTO and a percentage of your school's sales will be donated back to your school. Be sure to tell the cashier that you are here for the Spirit Day BEFORE your order is tendered to have your food total included.**



**Chandler Festival FSU  
2550 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ  
85224 [www.chick-fil-a.com/chandlerfestival](http://www.chick-fil-a.com/chandlerfestival)  
[www.facebook.com/chandlerfestival](https://www.facebook.com/chandlerfestival)**

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**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!



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for information and  
registration



# KYRENE ESPORTS



**APRIL 1 - MAY 14**

**OPEN TO 6TH - 8TH GRADE STUDENTS**

Join us this spring for competitive, organized video gaming!  
Middle school students will participate in **Rocket League**  
with competitions between Kyrene schools. Game schedule  
will be provided once teams have been determined.

AKIMEL A-aI	MON/TUE 3:15PM-4:15PM
APRENDE	MON/TUE 3:15PM-4:15PM
KMS	MON/TUE 3:15PM-4:15PM
KTA	TUE 2:30PM-4:30PM
PUEBLO	MON/TUE 3:15PM-4:15PM

**\$50**  
**INCLUDES**  
**TEAM T-SHIRT!**

**REGISTER ONLINE AT:**  
[kyrene.ce.eleyo.com](http://kyrene.ce.eleyo.com)

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US: (480) 541-1200



# ATHLETICS

Quarter 4 Sports

## **REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR 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](#)

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 Soccer:**

JV soccer has a lot to be proud of. The boys worked incredible hard and won 4-0. All players battled and aided in the win. On Thursday. The team worked so hard in the championship but lost in golden goal penalty kicks. The team stayed positive and work as a team and more than earned 2nd place!

#### **Varsity Soccer:**

The Aprende boys varsity soccer season came to a close on Monday with the semifinal match vs. Altadena. It was a fun, exciting match, but Altadena was the team that advanced to the final. The Aprende boys improved throughout the season, and consistently brought great effort along with an amazing attitude to each training session and match. Many memories and friendships were created from the time spent together. Very proud of the team for their dedication and commitment to an inspired season.

Gratitude and appreciation to Amy Violette, Alissa DeFoe, Loreth Vergara, Melissa Harris and Rachel Polay for all of the support and assistance in providing an incredible experience for the Aprende soccer teams.

And sincere thanks to the families and friends for all of the enthusiasm and positive energy throughout the season.

Enjoy the Spring Break!





## ***GIRLS BASKETBALL***

### **Aprende Varsity Basketball:**

Shout out to our Girls' Varsity Basketball team -- district champions! They had a HUGE win over Altadena.



### Aprende JV Basketball:

The JV girls got off to a slow start vs Pueblo in the semifinals, came on before the half to take a 1 pt lead at the half. In the second half they took control to go on and win 21-15 to get to the finals. Go Jags!

The JV girls fell behind in the 1st half vs Altadena, they came out the 2nd half and got within 3 points only to fall 35-25 in the finals. Great season for JV girls I really enjoyed coaching them this season. Go Jags!





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

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Spring Break Sports Camp

*Spring Break*

# SPORTS CAMP

**MARCH 11TH**

**THRU**

**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)**



*Making A Difference!*



## Kyrene Foundation 13th Annual Golf Classic

On behalf of the Kyrene Foundation, we would like to thank you for your past sponsorship and invite you to sponsor our 13th annual Kyrene Golf Classic. Corporate sponsorships are available at multiple levels. All proceeds go back to the Kyrene community through a variety of programs to support Kyrene children and their families, support teacher and principal mini grants, student leadership awards, and more.

The event this year will take place at the beautiful Whirlwind Golf Course in Chandler on **Friday, May 3rd**. Shotgun start will begin at 7AM with registration opening at 5:30AM. Breakfast burritos will be served in the morning and lunch will be served immediately following the round.

We hope that you will join us for a fun day of golf. Along with a good chance to win great raffle prizes, there will also be prizes for the top three teams, men's/women's long drive contest, and a chance to win a car!

We look forward to seeing you all out at the Whirlwind Golf Course in what is sure to be great Arizona weather.

Please don't hesitate to reach out directly if you have questions. You can e-mail [Jeff Peters](#), or [Tim Nguyen](#).

Ready to Golf or Sponsor? [Register Here!](#)



**13th Annual Kyrene Foundation  
Golf Classic**  
**Friday, May 3, 2024 ~ 7AM - 12PM**



[kyrenefoundation.org/event/golf24/](https://kyrenefoundation.org/event/golf24/)

## Food Services

Kyrene and SFE want to assure you that when your child chooses to enjoy ala carte snacks from their cafeteria, they are selecting options that meet the strict nutritional standards outlined by the USDA's Smart Snack guidelines. These guidelines prioritize offering snacks that are lower in fat, sugar, and sodium, while also providing essential nutrients to support your child's overall health and well-being. The guidelines require that drinks be either unflavored water or 100% juice, and that snacks contain at least 50% whole grain or list the first ingredient as a fruit, vegetable, dairy food, or protein food.

It's also important to note that while some snack packaging may appear similar to those found in stores outside of school, each product has been carefully reformulated to comply with federal Smart Snack guidelines. Our foodservice management company, SFE, works diligently to ensure that all snacks offered to students are both delicious and nutritious, meeting or exceeding federal standards.

We encourage you to discuss with your child the importance of making mindful choices when it comes to snacking. By reinforcing healthy eating habits both at home and at school, we can collectively support our children in making nutritious choices that contribute to their overall growth and development. If you would like more resources and information about Smart Snack requirements, including activities that can be done at home, we recommend checking out the USDA's website [here](#).

Thank you for partnering with us in promoting a culture of health and wellness for our students. If you have any questions or concerns about the smart snack options available in your child's cafeteria, please don't hesitate to reach out to the foodservice office at 480-541-1660.

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## 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.

## 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.

### March 27 - Understanding the Impact of ACES and Trauma

#### Understanding the impact of ACES and Trauma

Childhood trauma is more common than you think. It affects children in a myriad of ways. Come learn about common causes of childhood trauma, how it presents itself, and how to help children.

**Presenter:**

TBD

**Date and Time:**

March 27, 2024  
6:00-7:00pm

**Location:**

Online

[Registration Link](#)

### Mar. 25 - May 13 - Raising a Reader

**Free Early Literacy Workshops for your Family**

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!

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





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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The graphic features the words "CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES" in a large, bold, yellow font with a black outline. The text is set against a white background that is framed by a dark red border. In the background, there is a faint, stylized illustration of a network of gray nodes connected by lines, resembling a molecular structure or a network diagram.

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

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