



March 29, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2, 4, & 5: 8th Grade AZ Science Testing

April 3, 9 & 11: AASA Testing (all grades)

April 11: NJHS Meeting

April 12: PBIS Store

April 12: Jeremiah's after School

[View Full Calendar](#)



As we head into testing season, we would like you to be prepared for our upcoming testing dates. Please avoid any absences on these days (other than sick). Please remind your child to take the tests seriously, be confident in all of the things he/she has learned this year, and get a good night's sleep/have a healthy breakfast on testing days. Students will need to bring a snack and corded headphones (no wireless earbuds). If they do not have corded headphones, we can provide them.

8th Grade AZ Science Testing:

Tuesday, April 2

Thursday, April 4

Friday, April 5

AASA Testing (all grade levels):

Wednesday, April 3 - Writing

Tuesday, April 9 - Math

Thursday, April 11 - Reading

If you have any questions, you can contact our Testing Coordinator/Asst. Principal, Amy Violette: aviolette@kyrene.org; 480-541-6251.

8th Grade Dance - Donations Needed!



SAVE THE DATE! FRIDAY MAY 17TH

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!

The 8th Grade Celebration is 100% FUNDED BY DONATIONS

Our volunteer parent committee is hard at work with a goal to raise enough money as quickly as possible to create a themed event with music, dancing, photos, slideshow, decorations, games, snacks & beverages.

We are asking our 8th Grade families to help support the success of this event by considering a donation of \$20, or any amount possible! If you have or know of a business that might like to sponsor this event with an in-kind or cash donation we are happy to provide sponsorship opportunities. ***We looking for the following donations/services:***

**DJ, FOOD/BEVERAGES, PIPE & DRAPE,
VIDEO GAME SERVICES, ACTIVITIES, ETC.**

ANYTHING YOU THINK MIGHT ADD TO THE CELEBRATION!

*please email aviolette@kyrene.org with donation/sponsorship offers

DONATE ONLINE!

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

ALL 8th Graders are invited to the 8th Grade Celebration regardless of ability to donate. Questions: Please email aviolette@kyrene.org

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

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 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](#)

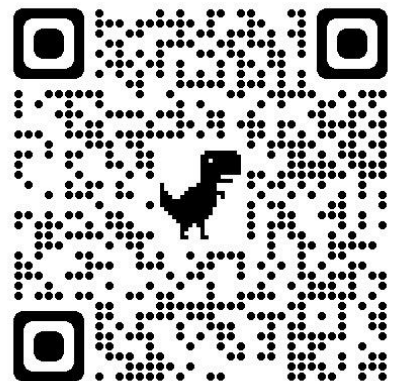


MONDAY, APRIL 15th at 8:30am in the MPR

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



Final yearbook purchases are currently available until the books run out. The QR code will take you to the payment portal where you can purchase the last set of yearbooks. You can also write a check for the exact amount or bring cash into the front office. The cost of purchasing one yearbook is \$35. It's first come first serve and we only have a small quantity left, so make sure to get payments in ASAP. Contact Ms. Dani at dlandis@kyrene.org if you have any questions or need any help.

Jag Players



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NELL BENJAMIN JEFF RICHMOND

PERFORMANCES

@ APRENDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH, 2024 @ 7:00PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2024 @ 2:00PM*

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2024 @ 7:00PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH, 2024 @ 2:00PM**

FRIDAY, MAY 3RD, 2024 @ 7:00PM

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH @ 2:00PM

*UNDERSTUDY SHOW **SENSORY-FRIENDLY SHOW

Buy tickets ONLINE

WWW.JAGUARPLAYERS.ORG OR AT THE DOOR



VIP \$20

RESERVED \$15

GENERAL ADMISSION \$10

STUDENTS / TEACHERS \$5

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ORIGINAL BROADWAY PRODUCTION PRODUCED BY LORNE MICHAELS STUART THOMPSON SONIA FRIEDMAN
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ORGANIZATION THE LOWY SALPETER COMPANY JAMES L. NEDERLANDER CHRISTINE SCHWARZMAN UNIVERSAL
THEATRICAL GROUP EXECUTIVE PRODUCER DAVID TURNER



TASTY FROZEN TREATS ARE HEADED YOUR WAY!

The Jeremiah's Italian Ice® Frog Squad is headed your way soon to scoop up our refreshing Italian Ice!



We wanted to give you a heads up about our upcoming visit!
Check out the tasty details below:

APRENDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

DATE:

FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH

TIME:

AFTER SCHOOL!!!

OUR FLAVORS:

Italian Ice:

Blueberry

Mango

Gelati:

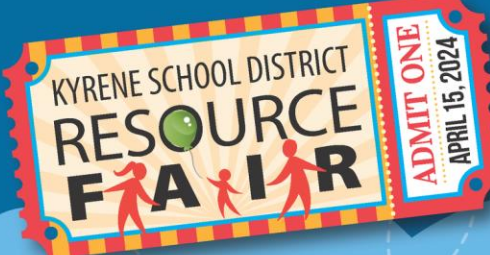
Cookies & Cream

Cotton Candy

Italian Ice | \$5 Gelati | \$5

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**KYRENE SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOURCE
FAIR**

**ADMIT ONE
APRIL 15, 2024**

ATTEND THE KYRENE RESOURCE FAIR

Join us for an enriching experience tailored to families navigating the journey of raising children with disabilities. Kyrene School District's Exceptional Student Services team invites you to our Resource Fair, an opportunity for families to discover local resources and create connections in the community.


- Gain insights, strategies, and valuable information from experts in a variety of fields involved with raising children with special needs.
- Engage in one-on-one conversations with resource providers to address your family's unique needs and concerns.
- Gather informational flyers, brochures and contacts to support your family.

Monday, April 15 🐝 **4:30-6:00 p.m.**
Kyrene Centennial Middle School, 13808 S 36th Street, Phoenix AZ 85044

WHO WILL BE THERE?

Absolute HCBS	KinectAbility	Southwest Network
AHCCCS	Kyrene Community Education Program	Tempe Adaptive Recreation
Arizona Autism United	Kyrene Related Service Providers	Tempe Union High School District
AzEIP	Kyrene Special Olympics	The Arizona Access Technology Program AzTAP
Chandler Public Library	Lions Camp Tatiyee	The Miracle League
Chandler Therapeutic Recreation	MIKID	The Suzy Foundation
Down Syndrome Network	Phoenix Adaptive Recreation	YMCA
Duet (Grandparents Raising Grandchildren)	Phoenix Public Library	
First Things First	Raising Special Kids	
Gompers	Southwest Human Development	

AND MANY MORE!

 **KyreneSchoolDistrict**



NJHS

Click [here](#) for information regarding the NJHS selection process.

Save the Date



ABMF Contest

ABMF Past is Prologue Essay Contest. *Opportunity for Middle School Students* [Here](#) you will find information for the [ABMF Past is Prologue Essay Contest](#), an engaging opportunity for students to delve into history. Organized by the American Battle Monuments Foundation (ABMF), this contest invites students aged 11-18 (Grades 6-8 eligible) to showcase their writing skills and historical knowledge with prizes up to \$10,000. The deadline for submission is April 12, 2024.

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 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](#)

Track & Field Practices are held Monday-Friday 6:25am SHARP -7:55am.

Baseball's First Practice will be on Monday, April 1 from 3:30pm-5:15pm.
Practice days & times will be determined by the Coach

Upcoming Events:

Track & Field's First Track Meet Will Be on Tuesday, April 2 at 4:30pm
at Kyrene Middle School

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.](#)

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

Office hours: 7:30am-4pm

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



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/

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.

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. Enrollment will begin March 4!



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!



Kyrene Positive Parenting

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

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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).

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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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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777 N. Desert Breeze Blvd. E. #2
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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