



April 19, 2024

## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 22-28: PTSO - Culver's Week  
April 26: Rally Day for Incoming 6th Graders  
April 26-28: Jag Players Musical  
April 29: NJHS Meeting  
April 30: NJHS Induction Ceremony

[View Full Calendar](#)

## End of Year Fieldtrips



Grade level field trips are approaching so I wanted to give instructions for payments.

Click on this link for our InTouch payment portal <https://az-kyrene.intouchrecepting.com/>

Please sign in with your ParentVue information.

Click on your student's name.

Then Click on the following:

"Pay for Athletics/Meal Accounts/PE Uniforms/Activities and more"

"Student Activities"

Lastly click on your grade level fieldtrip, add it to the cart & checkout.

If you have questions about eligibility, please contact your grade level admin/team leads:

8th Grade Sunsplash 5/16/24 Amy Violette, [aviolette@kyrene.org](mailto:aviolette@kyrene.org)

7th Grade Main Event 5/21/24 Amber Pauga, [apauga@kyrene.org](mailto:apauga@kyrene.org)

6th Grade AMF Bowling 5/22/24

Team A: Ceci Shelton, [cashelton@kyrene.org](mailto:cashelton@kyrene.org) Team B: Lindsey Strength, [lstrength@kyrene.org](mailto:lstrength@kyrene.org)

## 8th Grade Promotion & Last Day

*8th Grade Promotion will be held the evening of Wednesday, May 22. The official last day of school is Thursday, May 23. However, 8th graders will not be required to attend on Thursday. You do not need to call to report your 8th grade student's absence on May 23. 8th graders are still welcome to attend Thursday, and if they do, we will ensure it is an active day of school.*

*A stand-alone e-mail will be sent to all 8th grade families on Monday that will contain all necessary information for the 8th grade end of year events.*

# HAPPY 8TH GRADE PROMOTION!



## Class of 2024

When: May 22, 2024 from approximately 6:30-8 p.m.

Where: Outside on Aprende's baseball fields

Details: Students and teachers will be seated in chairs facing the stage. Families/guests will need to bring their own seating (chairs/blankets). Seating will open at 6:00. Students are not limited to a specific number of guests. All students will be recognized in one ceremony. Picture stations available afterwards in the MPR. See Jagwire for more details as the event gets closer.



**Aprende PTSO Fundraiser  
April 22nd-28th ALL WEEK!!**

**MAKE YOUR**  
*Meal Matter*

**Culver's ~ 3155 W Ray Rd  
Show this flyer ANYTIME 4/22-4/28!**

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](mailto:aviolette@kyrene.org) with donation/sponsorship offers

**DONATE ONLINE!**

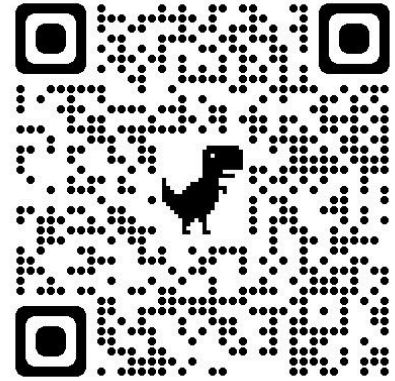
[https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=7DY6HGKM4FEV6](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=7DY6HGKM4FEV6)

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

**DONATIONS DUE May 10, 2024**

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

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



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](mailto:dlandis@kyrene.org) if you have any questions or need any help.

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Jag Players



# MeaN GiRLS JR

BOOK BY tiNa Fey

✦ LYRICS BY ✦ MUSIC BY  
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

BASED ON THE PARAMOUNT PICTURES FILM MEAN GIRLS

ORIGINAL BROADWAY PRODUCTION PRODUCED BY LORNE MICHAELS STUART THOMPSON SONIA FRIEDMAN  
PARAMOUNT PICTURES MARISA SECHREST ARS NOVA ENTERTAINMENT BERLIND PRODUCTIONS STEVE BURKE  
SCOTT M. DELMAN ROY FURMAN ROBERT GREENBLATT RUTH HENDEL JAM THEATRICALS THE JOHN GORE  
ORGANIZATION THE LOWY SALPETER COMPANY JAMES L. NEDERLANDER CHRISTINE SCHWARZMAN UNIVERSAL  
THEATRICAL GROUP EXECUTIVE PRODUCER DAVID TURNER





Attention 6th and 7th grade students -

Students who meet the GPA requirement to be considered a candidate in the Jaguar Chapter of National Junior Honor Society received a Google Classroom invitation to join the NJHS Candidate Classroom. NJHS is the service and leadership honorary on Aprende's campus. If you join the Candidate Classroom, please read the material posted for information about NJHS, as well as the requirements and expectations of the members. If you are interested in being considered for membership, complete the Candidate Information Form and turn it in by Monday, April 22 for review by the Faculty Council.

Please see Mrs. Deer in room 101 or Mrs. Furman in room 203 if you have any questions. Thank you!

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Save the Date



CLASS OF  
**2024**



MONDAY, MAY 20TH  
STARTS AT 2PM  
FOLLOWING BRI/CIE CLAP OUT

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Corona HS Information for Incoming 8th Graders

# Corona del Sol Counseling Department

Meet the counselors....



Who is my counselor?!  
If your last name begins with.....

**A-Cam:** Lauren Conner-Miller [lconner@tempeunion.org](mailto:lconner@tempeunion.org)

**Can-Fin:** Michelle Kozimor [mkozimor@tempeunion.org](mailto:mkozimor@tempeunion.org)

**Fir-Ja:** Nikki Gamboa [ngamboa@tempeunion.org](mailto:ngamboa@tempeunion.org)

**Je-Ma:** Michelle Deignan [mdeignan@tempeunion.org](mailto:mdeignan@tempeunion.org)

**Mc-Pi:** Kathy Baumann [kbaumann@tempeunion.org](mailto:kbaumann@tempeunion.org)

**Pl-Ste:** Dawn Milovich [dmilovich@tempeunion.org](mailto:dmilovich@tempeunion.org)

**Sti-Z:** Rosemary Cortez [rcortez@tempeunion.org](mailto:rcortez@tempeunion.org)

**April 26th is the last day for class requests for the 24-25 school year!**

Students may still change next year's schedule between now and **April 26th**. Students may email their counselor. When the fall semester begins, we will only make schedule changes for the following reasons:

1. **Missing a class period**
2. **Missing a lunch period**
3. **Course was already completed**
4. **Level change Honors to on-level (if space is available)**

Lunch changes, teacher requests, class changes to be with friends, and class period changes will **NOT** be honored. The computer assigns the lunch period based on the schedule. We are not able to change student lunch hours. Students may take care of individual dietary needs with liberal snacks and fluids through the day without changing the lunch hour. Additionally, social and emotional concerns may be supported during the lunch hour with our Care 7 Youth Specialist's education support and lunchtime activities.

# 2024 COLOR GUARD AUDITIONS

## When?

April 30: 6:00pm–9:00pm

May 2: 6:00pm–9:00pm

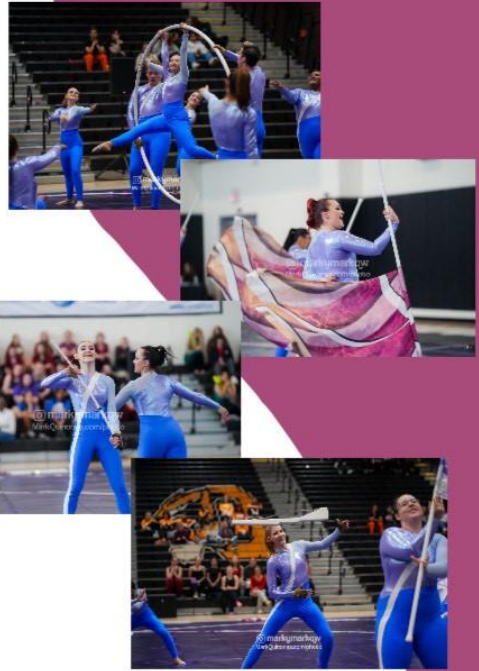
May 7: 6:00pm–9:00pm

May 9: 6:00pm–9:00pm

## Where?

Corona del Sol Small Gym

**No prior experience needed!**  
**Come in comfortable clothes to**  
**dance and move in, bring**  
**water, and a good attitude!**



SCAN THE QR CODE TO FILL  
OUT THE AUDITION FORM!



Photo Credits: Mark Quinones



Quarter 4 Sports



## ***Baseball***

### **Varsity Baseball:**

Another great afternoon of baseball for the Aprende Varsity team. The Jags won 13-0 against Akimel. LJ Thompson lead the way on the mound with 4 shutout innings pitched. LJ gave up no runs scored, with only two hits allowed and striking out 6.

The offense was on the attack again, with 13 runs in only 3 innings of at bats. Catcher Jones hit a 3 run homer in the first inning. Jack Berriochoa and Hugh Hurkmans also had a great day at the plate, both had a double and scored twice. The whole team had a great day, great job Jags!!

### **JV Baseball:**

The Aprende JV Baseball team has started out the season strong, beating KMS 10-0, Pueblo 12-1 and Akimel 10-0. The team has had 29 hits in the three games with nine players hitting over .500. **Angelo Lebron** and **Johnny Avila** lead the team with .714 averages. **Kingston Ward** has hammered two triples and **Casden Matsler** leads the team with five RBI. The pitching has been outstanding. The team has struck out 48% of the opposing batters and has had strong pitching performances from **Dean Mantini**, **Angelo Lebron** and **Johnny Avila**. The team's next opponent is undefeated Altadena. We hope to see you at the games!

### ***Upcoming Baseball Dates:***

April 22 - Away Game @ Altadena  
April 25 - Home Game vs. Centennial  
April 29 - Away Game @ Kyrene  
May 2 - Away Game @ Pueblo  
May 6 - Away Game @ Akimel A-al

## ***Track & Field***

The Jaguar Track & Field team is well under way with 3 undefeated meets for the girls and boys. Both teams are well rounded with strong sprinters/hurdles, distance runners, throwers, jumpers and relays. Girl Sprinter is led by Natalia Alvarez, Hurdler Amayla Burnett, Distance Marina Jovanovic, Jumper Evangeline Pedersoli and Multi athlete who can Run, Hurdle and leading the throws Jaiyana Bogan. The fastest sprint relay 4x100 (undefeated relay thus far) with a host of girls 6th graders Jaida Williams, Paige Boyce joining in with Jaiyana Bogan, Natalia Alvarez and Amayla Burnett. The 4x400 relay has many strong runners changing out every meet (undefeated with every change), front runners like Evangeline Pedersoli, Aaliyah Anderson, Aliya Drake, Kourtney Mascarenas, Marina Jovanovic and Aliyah Carden.

The boys team is led by Sprinter Landon Washington, Sprinter/ Hurdler Ari'eon Stevenson, Distance duo Landon Wallace and Jonah Westemeier, Jumper Royale Mandley, Throwers Victor Sayles and Cittadini Anspach. A host of Relay runners always changing out positions.

Come on out to our last home meet Tuesday April 23 at 4:30PM to support your Jaguar Family!

### ***Upcoming Track & Field Dates:***

April 23 - Home meet vs. Centennial  
April 30 - Away meet @ Altadena  
May 3 - Track Jamboree @ Home  
May 8 - Conference Track Meet @ Desert Vista High School

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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## 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.

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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Open Positions for 24/25 District Substitutes



Join Our Team!  
Open Positions:  
**24/25**  
District Substitute

**Certified Substitute Teachers**

**Hourly Support Substitutes:**

Instructional Assistant Substitutes

Registrar Substitutes

Health Assistant Substitutes



Scan the QR code for details!



*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!](#)

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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!





## 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

**Apr. 25 - Raising Competent Teenagers**

#### Raising Competent Teenagers

Set your teenager up for life with the strategies in this seminar which focuses on helping your child to get the most out of their school years. Find out how to help them communicate well, develop self-discipline, and good routines, follow rules and solve problems.



**Presenter:**

Lainie Sgouros

**Date and Time:**

April 25, 2024

6:00-7:00pm

**Location:**

Online

**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)



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

**Kyrene Aprende Middle School**  
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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

A+ School of Excellence™

