



May 10, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 13: Band Concert
May 13, 14 & 16: Volleyball Skills Camp
May 14: Jeremiah's
May 16: 8th Grade Fieldtrip to Sunsplash
May 16: PTSO Fundraiser- Anaya's Mexican Restaurant
May 17: PBIS Store
May 17: 8th Grade Dance/Celebration

[View Full Calendar](#)

Spirit Week Sponsored by Student Council



APRENDE **PLUS!**



SPIRIT WEEK



MAY 13

J JAMMY DAY - WEAR YOUR PAJAMAS TO SCHOOL

MAY 14

A ADMIN / STAFF - DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE APRENDE STAFF MEMBER

MAY 15

G GROUP DAY - DRESS AS TWINS, TRIPLETS, ETC.

MAY 16

U UMPIRE / SPORTS DAY - WEAR SPORTS GEAR

MAY 17

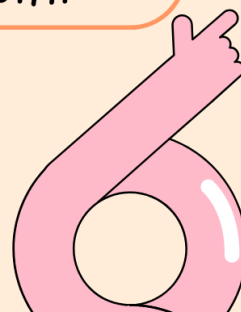
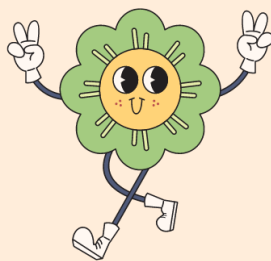
A AMAZING OUTFIT DAY - DRESS TO IMPRESS IN YOUR FAVORITE OUTFIT

MAY 20

R REWIND TO THE 80S - WEAR AN 80S INSPIRED OUTFIT

MAY 21

S SUMMER BREAK - CELEBRATE BY WEARING A COOL SUMMER OUTFIT





Dear Families,

The last day to order late package prints from the 2023-2024 school year is Saturday, **May 18, 2024**. The prints will be mailed to your home for a \$7.00 shipping fee. Digital download orders can be ordered through June 30, 2024. PLEASE NOTE: If you ordered a digital download already, please check your spam and promotional folders for the download link. These tend to go directly to the spam folders. To search for the digital downloads in your inbox , enter orders@schoolpicsaz.com in your search button.

All images will be purged on July 1, 2024, and will no longer be available for purchase. Don't miss out- Order Today.

Please refer to your second chance proof that came home with your student for ordering instructions.

If you have any challenges accessing your child's shoot key, please email customerservice@schoolpicsaz.com. Include your child's school, name, and teacher, and we will reply back with the key.
Thank you,

School Pics Team

Jag Spotlight Students Quarter 3 & 4

Congratulations to our Quarter 3 & 4 Jag Spotlight students!

6th Grade

Elias Cote
Dillon Deason
Bella Delci
Seed Flood
Mia Higgs
Sofia Kirch
Sage Lamy
Zachary Lawson
Valeria Pacheco
Maya Updike

7th Grade

Ashton Anaya
Drake De Gennaro-White
Sydney Dresang
Brianne Hodgins
Isabell Slette

8th Grade

Calvin Elthon
Gabi Griffey Castillo
Antonio Guerrero
Rhiannon Jim
Kade Johnson
Ellison Locke
Jaxson Miles
Brandon Pate
Berkeley Spencer-Neelsen
Aiden Valentino

4th Quarter**6th Grade**

AJ Avila
Kayli Barnes
Adelle Bradley
Necia Covich
Natalie Escobedo
Ivy Gibson
Dylan Mendez
Jason Qui
Dulce Sampayo Aguilar
Addie Wedding

7th Grade

Jeremiah Acedo
Serenity Acosta
Connor Gattie
Gianna Gonzales
London Haag
Ayvah John
Alec Klimut
Charlie Morrow
Lacey Noppenberg
Ellie Slaughter
Tegan Stantus
Reagen Taylor
Jaymasen Todd

8th Grade

Aliagha Brummond
Ellie D'Aquila
London Davis
Ashley Florentino-Rodriguez
Dublin Gammage
Erik Grant
Mia Hall
Hannah Hammer

Matilda Hinder
Kali Kennedy
Ever McMahon
Xander Powell
Iyreni Ramjattan
Charlotte Stiefer
Eleanor Stiefer
Isabella Thiboutot
Sofia Villone
Angela Yu





Year-End Medication Pick up



If your student has over the counter and/or prescription medication in the Aprende Health Office, please make time to pick it up during the last week of school. Medicine can only be signed out to adults. All medication not picked up by May 23rd will be properly disposed of. Health Office Hours are:
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. - 7:40 am - 3:30 pm
Wednesday - 7:40 am - 1:30 pm
To schedule an alternative pick-up time, contact Health Assistants, Anita Weidner or Christine Jacobs at 480-541-6220.



MEET THE TEACHER

Monday, July 22

1-4 p.m.

Middle Schools &

6-8 grade students from
Kyrene Traditional Academy

5-6:30 p.m.

Elementary Schools &

K-5 students from Kyrene Traditional Academy,
and **all grades** at Kyrene de las Manitas



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.

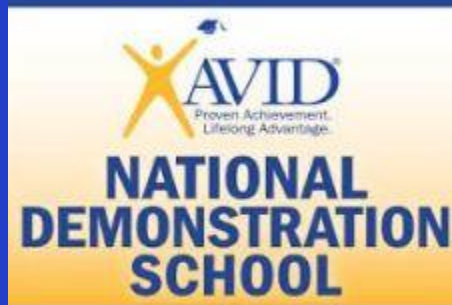
If you have questions about eligibility, please contact your grade level admin/team leads:

8th Grade Sunsplash 5/16/24 Amy Violette, aviolette@kyrene.org

7th Grade Main Event 5/21/24 Amber Pauga, apauga@kyrene.org

6th Grade AMF Bowling 5/22/24

Team A: Ceci Shelton, cashelton@kyrene.org Team B: Lindsey Strength, lstrength@kyrene.org



Please use this form to apply for the AVID Elective class. This application does NOT guarantee that you will be automatically enrolled in the AVID elective class. Once all applications are submitted, the AVID team will make the decision on who will be admitted to the AVID Elective classes. Should you have questions, contact Mrs. Williams, AVID Coordinator at jwilliams@kyrene.org
<https://forms.gle/eNwimopHyTUxVG5H9>

Jeremiah's Italian Ice



PTSO Fundraiser



Aprende PTSO Fundraiser

**Thursday, May 16th
10am-9pm**

**30% OF ALL SALES
DONATED ALL DAY!!!!**

**Dine-in ~ Carry out ~ Delivery
7520 S Rural Rd., Tempe**



Volleyball Camp



Aprende Volleyball Skills Camp!!!

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

This is a 3-day camp to get you ready to play "Competitive Team Volleyball." Perfect for girls that want to try out next school year for the Aprende Volleyball Team.

WHO: Incoming 6-8th Graders (2024-2025 school year)

When: May 13th, 14th, & 16th Mon./Tues & Thurs

TIME: 3:30 – 5:30 PM

Where: Aprende Middle School Gym

Cost: \$85 (register early to get a spot, space is limited!)

Passing /Setting, Hitting/ Blocking

Serving / Serve Receive

HOW TO REGISTER:

Scan QR Code:



Or visit us at: <https://az-kyrene.intouchrecepting.com/>

VolleyballQuestions: cbwilson@tempeunion.org or TEXT 760-404-6997

What you will need:



- Knee pads
- Court shoes, or athletic shoes.
- Full Water bottle (*NO SHARING*)
- Proper athletic dress to play volleyball.

****Please note - Transportation is not provided for this camp.****



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.

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.



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!

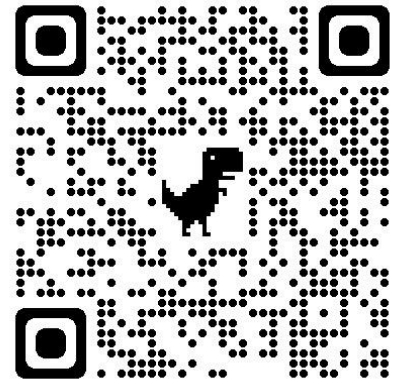
https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=7DY6HGKM4FEV6

***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!



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.

Save the Date

CLASS OF
2024



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

Kyrene Athletic Program Changes 2024-25

****Next year, Kyrene Athletics' is introducing Girls and Boys Flag Football to our programming. Girls will be held in Q2 and Boys in Q3. I am seeking a Varsity and JV Girls Flag coach and a JV Boys Flag coach.**

Please message me if you are interested!
Amy Violette, Athletic Director aviolette@kyrene.org

24-25 School Year Important Sport Dates:

July 15- Registration Opens for Wrestling and Girls Volleyball

July 29- Tryouts/ Practice begin for Q1 Sports

The Kyrene Athletic Program is excited to share upcoming changes for the 2024-25 school year with the goal to increase opportunities for all students to participate. We will be adding new sports as well as overflow teams for some of our more popular sports so students who do not make a Varsity or Junior Varsity roster will still be able to play on a school team.

New Sports Added:

Girls & Boys Flag Football

Boys Volleyball

COED Spirit Line/Step Team

Expanded Opportunities (Overflow Teams):

Girls & Boys Basketball

Girls & Boys Volleyball

Girls & Boys Flag Football

2024/25 Season

Quarter 1:

Girls Volleyball (Cut)

COED Wrestling (Non-cut)

Quarter 2:

Boys Basketball (Cut)

Girls Flag Football (Cut)

Girls Soccer (Cut)

Boys & Girls Cross Country (Non-cut)

COED Cheer/Spirit/Step (Cut/Non-cut)

Quarter 3:

Girls Basketball (Cut)

Girls Softball (Cut)

Boys Flag Football (Cut)

Boys Soccer (Cut)

COED Cheer/Spirit/Step (Cut/Non-cut)

Quarter 4:

Boys Baseball (Cut)

Boys Volleyball (Cut)

Boys & Girls Track & Field (Non-cut)

For more information, including Athletic fees, please visit <https://www.kyrene.org/athletics>.

Thank you,

Kyrene Athletic Program



Quarter 4 Sports

Baseball

Varsity Baseball:

With a 12-2 win against Akimel on Monday. The **Aprende Varsity Baseball** team finished the regular season with an 8-0 record.

Brandon Pate took the mound and threw two innings, striking out 4. **Jack Berriochoa** also threw two great innings, giving up no runs and striking out 6. The offense was led by **Chase Bickler**. **Chase** was 2-2, with 3 RBI's and a walk. **Brandon Pate** and **Jack Berriochoa** also had 2 RBI's each. First playoff game starts 4:30 on Monday at Aprende.

JV Baseball:

The regular season for the **JV Baseball team** concluded this week. The team finished the season 7 - 1, with a season ending 6 - 2 win against Akimel. The team enters the playoffs as the #2 seed and will play its first game on Monday, May 13 at Aprende at 4:30pm.

Angelo Labron led the team this season with a .733 batting average. **Seed Flood** hit for the "cycle" with 5 singles, a double, a triple and a homerun during the season. **Casden Matsler** lead the team with 11 RBI. **Aaron Leung** had 5 RBI for the season, including a 3 RBI double to help the team win the last game against Akimel. **Kingston Ward** hammered 2 triples and 8 RBI during the season while anchoring the catcher position.

Cody Campbell led the team's pitching staff, striking out 19 of the 30 batters he faced and only allowing 3 hits. **Johnny Avila** struck out 11 of the 24 batters he faced and he had a season ending WHIP of 1.000. **Connor Gamboa** struck out 7 of the 10 batters he faced in 3 innings of work during the season.

Dean Mantini, Jonathan Henderson, Joseph Levine, Spenser Korner, Sean Richardson and Cash Hartman all made contributions to the team's success this season and we hope to bring a title back to Aprende during the playoffs.

Upcoming Baseball Dates:

May 13 - Tournament @ Aprende @ 4:30pm

May 16 - Finals @ Akimel A-al @ 4:30pm

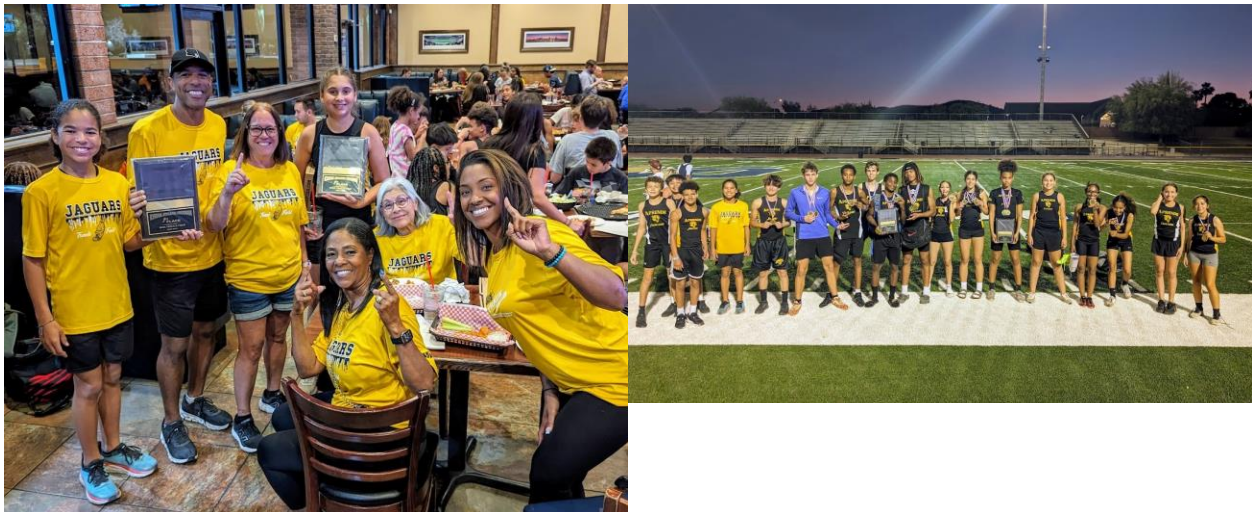
Track & Field

JAGUAR TRACK & FIELD UNDEFEATED 2024! This year's team was AMAZING, they worked hard with only 6 weeks of training verses the 10.5 weeks in the past. This new year round school system shorten our season. Our student athletes knew the assignment Work Work Work!. It all paid off. We started off the Kyrene Conference Championship meet with a bang in 75 meter Hurdles, Girls and Boys went 1-2-3 taking the Gold, Silver and Bronze medal. Leading the way **Amayla Burnett** setting the conference meet record getting the 1st place medal, 6th grader **Jaida Williams** 2nd place and **Jaiyana Bogan** 3rd place. The boys were led by **Ari'eon Stevenson** 1st place, **Royale Mandley** 2nd place, **Kamarii Oakry** 3rd and **Jordin Duff** on the podium for 6th place medal. The medals and points continued with 1st place medalist in 100 meters and 200 meters **Landon Washington** scoring BIG, **Kamarii Oakry** Long Jump, **Victor Sayles** Discus, **Jaiyana Bogan "JJ"** (all-around athlete) Shot Put, girls 4x100 Relay **Jaida Williams**, **Amayla Burnett**, **Jaiyana Bogan** and **Zoe Ontiveros**, 4x400 Relay **Aaliyah Anderson**, 6th grader **Aliyah Drake**, **Aliyah Carden** and **Evie Pedersoli**. Sprint medley Relay **Madelynn Mascarenas**, **Peyton Roberson**, **Paige Boyce** and **Kourtney Mascarenas**

The 2nd place medalist **Amayla Burnett** 100 meters and 200 meters, **Marina Jovanovic** 1600 meters, **Evie Pedersoli** 400 meters, **Jaiyana Bogan** Discus, boys 4x100 Relay **Royale Mandley**, **Ari'eon Stevenson**, **Jeremy Larson**, **Landon Washington** and the boys Sprint Medley Relay **Jordin Duff**, **Grey Dwyer**, **Greyson Gloria** and **Brayden Baldry**.

The 3rd place medalist **Evie Pedersoli** Long Jump, **Marina Jovanovic** 800 meters, **Nicholas Jacoby** Discus, **Victor Sayles** Shot Put. The 4th place medalist **Alaiyah Anderson** 400 meters, **Marina Jovanovic** Discus, **Aliyah Carden** 800 meters, **Kamarii Oakry** 400 meters, **Royale Mandley** High Jump, **Cittadini Anspach** Discus, **Grey Dwyer** Shot Put. Medals and points coming from 5th place medalist **Robyn Whitty** High Jump, **Jaida Williams** 200 meters, **Jonah Westemeier** 800 meters and 1600 meters, **Ahmani Smith** High Jump. The 6th place medalist **Aliyah Drake** 400 meters, **Alicia Faccio** 100 meters, **Mateo Villagomez** 400 meters, **Brendan Tye** Long Jump.

CONGRATULATIONS 2024 KYRENE CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM! WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!!!!





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

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!

MAKE A TAX CREDIT DONATION TODAY!



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!](#)

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

May 15 - Be in the Know: Chemicals of Concern

Be in the Know: Chemicals of Concern

Drugs have evolved over the decades. Youth use starts earlier with more potent chemicals like nicotine, THC, and opioids. Vaping is prevalent and fentanyl is killing people. Kids have access to it all. Anyone can fall into the use and life of addiction. In 2020, there were over 250 drug overdoses daily in the U.S. Let's work together to be knowledgeable or "in the know" and save lives. In this class you will learn about the facts, trends, signs of use, causes of death and resources for preventing and intervening.

Presenter:

Stephanie Siete

Date and Time:

May 15, 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



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.

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

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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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