



August 16, 2024

Upcoming Events

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AUG 28: AVID Family Night - CMPS MPR - 5:30-6:30 PM



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL - Dress Code Reminder

CMS families, please take some time to talk to your students about the Kyrene School District dress code guidelines. *The guidelines can be found in the Governing Board Policy Manual online, under [Procedure 5-302.A Student Attire - Student Dress](#). The guidelines are also available in the [Kyrene Family Handbook](#).*

Any student whose attire does not meet the requirements of Board Policy may be asked to remedy the matter by putting on their own alternative clothing, if available. If the student's own clothing is not available, the school will provide inconspicuous clothing for the student to wear for the remainder of the day. If necessary, students' parents may be called during the school day to bring alternative clothing for the student to wear.

PARENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORMS

We need your help! Every school-year we have important KSD forms that are required to be reviewed and acknowledged at the beginning of the school year. **If you have not already done so**, please go to [ParentVUE](#) to review and acknowledge all beginning of the year forms (Family Handbook Acknowledgement, Technology Agreement, etc.). If you have any questions, please call and ask. We are here to help.

VERIFY EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION IN PARENT VUE ASAP

Thank you for taking a few moments to review and update, if necessary, your child's emergency and contact information. While this form has been available over the last few weeks, we are re-launching access to this form beginning August 19 through [ParentVUE](#) at login. All next week, families will be required to review the form before accessing additional information in ParentVUE. Please know that for any family who interacted with this form this year, this request may be a duplicate activity. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your support with this launch. With this release, the system has been set to streamline the form selection process so that families are directed to only this form when responding to the link.

REPORTING YOUR STUDENT ABSENCE

Centennial Middle School is equipped with a computerized telephone attendance reporting system. The absence reporting phone number is 480-541-6401 and may be called 24 hours a day.

Parents/guardians are asked to call the attendance office by 9:00 am each day that their child is absent. Please leave a message on the voice mail indicating the student's name, grade, date(s) of the absence and reason for the absence.

If we do not receive a parent phone call, the student's absence will be recorded as a truancy.

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.

CMS SITE COUNCIL - CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR MEMBERS

Centennial is looking for parent and community members to join our Site Council. The purpose of the Site Council is to:

- Serve in advisory role to school administrative staff
- Serve as a representative group that solicits input from parents, community and staff members
- Review literature/ data
- Make recommendations for school improvement
- Monitor implementation structure for new instructional designs
- Provide local leadership & representation in the school decision making structure

- Approve tax credit expenditures

This group will meet quarterly. If you have any interest in joining the CMS Site Council or have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Reynoso at ereyno@kyrene.org.

HEALTH OFFICE SCREENING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hearing and Vision Screening is scheduled for the first weeks of September at Centennial. Our Health Office is asking for parent volunteers to help with this process. If you can volunteer some of your time, please contact email Elizabeth Reynoso at ereyno@kyrene.org. Thank you!

AUGUST POSITIVE PARENTING SERIES



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.

Aug. 28 - A Prevention Approach: Helping Kids Transition to a New School Year

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This session will provide valuable insights into the challenges children may face during transitions and will equip parents with effective strategies to support their children. The training will cover topics such as fostering open communication, setting realistic goals, managing stress, and encouraging positive social relationships. Additionally, we will emphasize the importance of parental involvement in children's academic life and will provide guidance on how to celebrate accomplishments. Direct benefits of these sessions for their children's academic and personal development. By attending parents will play a proactive role in preventing risky behaviors and promoting a successful school year for their children.

Presenter: Joronda Montano

Date and Time:

August 28, 2024

6:00 - 7:00pm

Location: Zoom

[Registration Link](#)



PTO PARENT SURVEY - FEEDBACK REQUEST

As part of the growing and revitalizing our CMS PTO, we would appreciate hearing from you. Thank you for taking the time to provide us with your feedback so we can support our CMS community more effectively. Complete the survey now as it closes on August 19.

<https://forms.office.com/r/utXsZZTG30>

HELP CMS EARN UP TO \$3000

Dear CMS Supporter, You can help our school win a prize of \$400 to \$3,000 from Chandler Fashion Center's School Cents rewards program.

It's Easy! Between July 1 and March 31, shop, dine or watch a movie. Log receipts online 24/7 at shopandlog.com/chandler. If you do not need your receipts returned, you may instead drop them in the collection box located on the Upper Level bridge near Barnes & Noble next to the elevator across from the Children's Play Area.

Visit shopandlog.com/chandler to see how Centennial Middle School is doing in the competition, sign up for email reminders, plus a link to the shopping center store information and shopping hours.

SCHOOL CENTS



Help your school earn up to \$3,000! Submit your Chandler Fashion Center receipts dated between July 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025 to earn at least five points per dollar spent. Submit receipts at shopandlog.com/chandler, scan the QR code, or drop your receipt in the collection box (located on the upper level bridge near Barnes & Noble next to the elevator across from the Children's Play Area).



EARN 5x POINTS!

Receipts dated & submitted August 1 - September 30 from these retailers:

Abercrombie, Artisi, The Children's Place, Cotton:On, Fabletics, Footlocker, H&M, Hollister, Sephora, Shoe Palace, Urban Outfitters

Earn 2,500 Points When You Support Boys & Girls Club of the Valley

Get 2,500 extra points if you donate at least \$20 online that will go towards school supplies for the Boys and Girls Club of the Valley (*limit one bonus per person, offer expires 8/31/24*). Visit ShopChandlerFashionCenter.com/Events to get started, then upload your receipt for credit. This is a great way to get your out-of-state family and friends involved!

ShopChandlerFashionCenter.com

shopandlog.com/chandler

1-800-539-3273

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - FUTURE FAMILY DINEOUTS

Panda Express - Tuesday, August 13, 2024 - All Day 9:30 AM - 10:00 PM

Barros Pizza - Wednesday, September 11, 2024 - All Day

In & Out Burger - Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Chipotle - Tuesday, November 12, 2024 - 4 - 8 PM

Peter Piper Pizza - Wednesday, January 22, 2025 - 5-8 PM

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL MEALS

Reminder that free and reduced meal application eligibility for School Year 2023-2024 is **expiring 09/05/2024**. Please encourage your families to **re-apply** (if they have not already) for School Year 2024-2025 to prevent any lapse in eligibility. School Year 2024-2025 eligibility is not guaranteed from the previous year, as families must meet the eligibility guidelines for continuation of benefits. As a reminder, students who are determined to be reduced price eligible will receive free breakfast and lunch this year through a grant from the Arizona Department of Education.

Exciting News!

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has approved the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) to partner with the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS).

What does this mean for your family?

If your student(s) receives Medicaid or resides in a household with another child who receives Medicaid and has family income as measured by the Medicaid Program, your student(s) **may** be eligible to receive meals for free or at a reduced price.

Important Update for 2024-2025 School Year

Students who have completed a federal meal application and have been designated as reduced-priced eligible will be provided free breakfast and lunch meals through June 30, 2024 through Arizona Department of Education funds, or until the funds are exhausted.

Important take-aways and links:

- A new meal application is required every year to determine eligibility for the current school year.
- To submit your 2023-2024 household meal application, please click [here](#) starting July 1.
- Meal Account payments may be made online by clicking [make a school lunch payment](#) .
- Lunch balances may be viewed by visiting [Linq Connect](#) .
- Household meal applications for the 2024-2025 school year will not be accepted prior to July 1, 2024.

Quicklinks

- [School Website](#)
 - [Breakfast/Lunch Menu](#)
 - [Calendar of Events](#)
 - [ParentVue and StudentVue](#)
 - [Kyrene Transportation](#)
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Contact Us

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Fax: 480-541-6410

Attendance: 480-541-6401

School Hours: 8:20 am – 3:05 pm

Every Wednesday at 1:05 p.m.

Office Hours: 7:30 am – 4:00 pm

Every Wednesday at 2:00 pm