



August 30, 2024

Message from the Principal

Hello KTA Families and Friends:

Happy September! Here's hoping you all had a lovely long weekend! Hard to believe that it's September, and we are certainly hoping for cooler weather...but not this week!

Thank you to our PTO and volunteers for a wonderful FAMILY BINGO NIGHT on Friday! We had great attendance and lot of winners! Thanks to Ms. Bonamo as the fun number caller!! She had some great one-liners! We certainly appreciate the support of families and also the Chandler Public Library. More fun events are coming!

Coming soon are PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES! September 11, 12, 13. This is such an important opportunity for parents, guardians and teachers to come together and review the first part of the school year and set goals! **PLEASE LOOK FOR EMAILS from your teachers to set appointments!** We sincerely hope that EVERY FAMILY takes this opportunity to meet with their teachers. **We can do in-person or zoom conferences. PLEASE log in and make your appointments TODAY!**

****Please also note that we have THREE EARLY RELEASE DAYS IN A ROW for parent conferences: Wed. 9/11, Thurs 9/12 and Friday 9/13. Students will be dismissed at 12:15 each of these days. Please make appropriate arrangements for pick up.**

Thank you in advance for taking to time to make these appointments and arrangements.

Grades K-5 had Principal's Lunch on Friday! This was the first one of this school year and it was fun for the students specifically selected by their teachers for being role models and working hard! Each student received a certificate and had a fun visit with Dr. Lescher.

TUESDAY IS OUR BIG PTO FUNDRAISER KICK OFF! STEP IT UP!!! This is huge for our KTA Community! Our PTO works hard to support our school, students and staff and they need to raise funds each year to make all of this happen! **You will receive a packet of information from your student - PLEASE REVIEW it carefully!** There are prizes for students participating and for increased funds raised. **PLEASE do all that you can to participate, contact family and friends to make this a huge**

success. If we hit our fundraising goals, we will not need to do another fundraiser this school year! **THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!**

CONGRATS to our Girls Volleyball Team! They are playing strong and improving each game! **WAY TO GO!** We are proud of them! Their next game is this Thursday at 4:30 at Aprende Middle School. Hope to see you there! **Congrats** to our KTA Wrestlers participating with the Aprende team! We are proud of our **TIGER ATHLETES!**

Thank you for your continued partnership and support!

Marianne L. Lescher, Ph.D.
Principal



Fall Festival
Friday
Nov 8th
5:00p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Do you have a business you would like to promote? The PTO is now accepting requests to host a table at our Fall Festival! We ask that you either donate an item to our raffle or host an activity. If you are interested please fill out the form below, or share with anyone you know that could be interested!

<https://forms.gle/uot53wJ7n7L4SZVq9>

The PTO is seeking items to be donated for our **Annual Raffle** held during Fall Festival! We are working hard requesting items from businesses, but if you are willing to donate an item or request items from local businesses, please email ktaptotigers@gmail.com!

Volunteer Sign Up - Coming Soon!



IT'S NOT TO LATE TO ORDER PICTURES!!!!

Three ways to order:

- 1) Drop payments off at the front office through Friday, September 6.
- 2) Order pictures [on-line](#).
- 3) Wait until the picture envelopes come home in late September and order then.

Pictures are also available in the vault at Lou Coopey for several years after they are taken.

PTO Meeting

Monday, September 9, 2024

5:30 p.m.

School Library

Enter through the 'i' door directly to the library on the East (Metro) side.

Crewneck & Hooded Pullover Sweatshirts



**ON-LINE SPIRIT STORE
ORDER BY SEPTEMBER 28, 2024**

I am happy to announce that the on-line SPIRIT STORE is now open. Don't miss out. This is the only opportunity you will have to order sweatshirts. Please be sure to order the correct sizes. Youth sizes say "YOUTH". Adult sizes do not say anything. Orders due by September 28!!! No exceptions!!!!

https://stores.inksoft.com/ksdaz_ksa/



**Step It Up! Fundraiser
September 3rd-17th**

Support PTO's one big fundraiser of the year, this is how we provide the much needed supplies and equipment our school needs, show appreciation to our teachers and staff and support resource requests for students! Family's setup one website, add all students to the same page and enter emails and/or phone numbers to ask for support. Any family who enters 10 contacts will get all of their setup students entered into 4 chances for a mini fridge full of cash and those who enter 15 contacts are entered into a raffle for an iPad! Winners will be chosen the first five days of the fundraiser, so set up your site right away!

Get more information on our website:

<https://sites.google.com/view/ktapto/step-it-up>



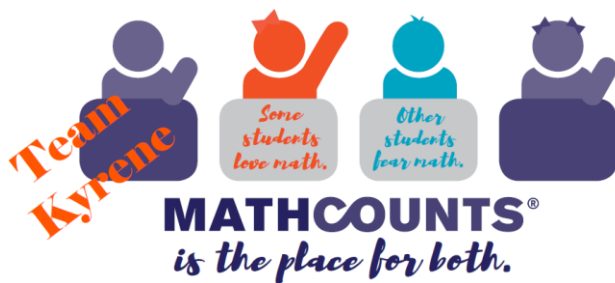
Reminder that free and reduced meal application eligibility for School Year 2023-2024 is **expiring 09/05/2024**. Please encourage your families to **re-apply** (if they have not already) for School Year 2024-2025 to prevent any lapse in eligibility. School Year 2024-2025 eligibility is not guaranteed 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.



Wednesday, September 11

Spirit Day: Wear Red, White & Blue

The day is also known as a National Day of Service and Remembrance. The purpose of the day is to transform the anniversary from a day of tragedy into a day of service and unity, in honor of the spirit of sacrifice and service that arose in the aftermath of the attacks. People across the country participate in acts of service in communities and public lands.



Grades 6 - 8 Grade

After School Math Club \$60

Class Runs: August 23 - January 31

Math Counts!!!! A place for students who love math, and for others have the opportunity to fall in love with it.

Classes will be held on Fridays from 2:20 p.m. - 3:20 p.m. (No class on Aug 30, Sept 13 & 27, Oct 4, 11 & 25, Nov 8, 29, Dec 20, 27, and Jan 3 & 17)

[CLICK HERE](#) for the full flyer!!!



Families are required to verify emergency contact information every year. This is critical for your school to be able to reach you in the event of an emergency.

On **Monday, August 19**, all parents will be asked to log in to your ParentVUE account to verify emergency and contact information. Please know that families will not be able to access other information in ParentVUE until this emergency and contact information is verified.

We appreciate family support in completing this request by **August 31**.



AVID Spirit Day

Monday, September 16, 2024

KTA is an AVID School. AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. It's an international program that focuses on building student's skills and characteristics for school, college and career success. We focus on academic skills such as organization and note taking and also support students in developing skills in collaboration and teamwork. Every classroom uses AVID strategies for student success. To encourage even more attention on AVID, we have designated four quarterly AVID SPIRIT DAYS. On AVID Spirit Days students and staff may wear College, HS and Career Oriented shirts along with jean bottoms (no rips or tears). If students want to dress up in a career oriented outfit to promote AVID skills, they **MUST** fill out the form in the front office, and turn it in to their homeroom and/or advisory teacher 1 day prior to the AVID Spirit Day.



All medication must be brought to the Health Office and picked up from the Health Office by an adult. Students should not carry medications to and from school.



If your child's after school plans change please call the office by 2 p.m. (12:00 p.m. on Early Release Days) so that we can notify the appropriate staff. 480-541-5400.



What Does Patriotism Mean To Me!!!!

The Chandler Elks would like to invite 5th - 8th grade students to participate in this essay contest. Each grade competes only within their own grade. Essays will be submitted to the Chandler Elks for consideration. The local Chandler Elks provides awards for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place in each grade category and they are awarded at their annual Youth Awards Dinner. Winners at the Chandler level will be forwarded on to state and national levels. For an application, please email Sandy @ stheob@kyrene.org OR stop by the office. Essays are due by December 15 and must follow all contest rules.

[View Full Calendar](#)

Upcoming Events

September 3 - 17 Step It Up Fundraiser - Main Fundraising Event by the PTO
September 9 PTO Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
September 11-13 Conferences (See your child's teacher for details)
September 11 Early Release Day
Spirit Day: Wear Red, White & Blue
September 12 Extra Early Release Day - students release at 12:15 p.m.
September 13 Extra Early Release Day - students release at 12:15 p.m.
September 16 AVID Spirit Day
September 20 Red Robbin Restaurant Night



Please join us as we cheer on our KTA Tigers.
All games are at 4:30. Game Schedule is as follows:

Thursday, September 5 @ Apende
Monday, September 16 @ Pueblo



Welcome to the 2024-2025 School Year!! I am Jen Woolf and am so excited to be back as your School Counselor again this year. I wanted to take a minute and give you a quick overview about what we will be doing this year!

First, I am thankful to the PTO for restocking all our teacher's Calming Corner boxes and am excited to continue our policy of each K-5 classroom having their own designated area, along with specific

designated area in each of the collaboration spaces in middle school for those kids who need to take a break to regulate themselves.

I will be continuing with our Mindful Mondays on our weekly announcements along with continuing our K-5 monthly SEL classroom lessons and our middle school quarterly classroom lessons. I will be continuing to use the district approved curriculums of Harmony (PreK-5); Character Strong (6-8); Zones of Regulation; Think Social; Compass for Courage; Thinking, Feeling, Behaving; Superflex; Stop and Think; Botvin (4-8); and Suite360 (6-8).

Finally, I am super excited to announce that last year we piloted and began implementing a new Peer Mediation program. We currently have five trained and certified 8th graders who will be working with me and our teachers to help our student's problem solve and mediate their conflicts. We will have another group of 7th and 8th graders who will begin their training and certification. They are available to work with all of our students on campus. Peer Mediation referrals can come from parents, staff members, or the student themselves. <https://forms.gle/wwYAxPTE6KpPsS1Q7>

Let's work together to have a fantastic school year!

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Jen Woolf, LAMFT

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Refer someone else for Counseling: <https://forms.gle/2n9ff1GWMuTnCLCo8>

Refer yourself for Counseling: <https://forms.gle/ydwLL9YqLb72hCoQ6>

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School Hours: 7:25 am – 2:15 pm
Wednesday 7:25 am - 12:15 pm

Office Hours: 7:00 am – 3:30 pm
Wednesday 7:00 am - 1:30 pm

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