



August 16, 2024

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## Message from the Principal

Dear KTA Family and Friends:

It's been a great start to the school year and I want to thank all of our families for your help and support in making this **'Back to School 2024'** a **smooth and productive start!**

Students and teachers are **'in the groove'** of their schedules and classes.

We had a fantastic **Elementary Curriculum Night** event where parents learned all about the year ahead and setting the stage for success.

We have launched a new curriculum in middle school called **Character Strong** (across all Kyrene middle schools) where students have opportunities to **connect with each other, build positive relationships and grow as students and leaders.**

We completed our first round of school wide assessments (**BOY or Beginning of Year**) and we have spent time in teams to analyze student results and data so that teachers and teams can plan for instruction and differentiation for student needs in this first semester.

**Spalding Parent Training Events are next week: Tues August 20**, please register using the QR CODE in this newsletter. This is focused on teaching parents the essentials of our SPALDING READING AND PHONICS programs.

Looking ahead, families, we ask that you mark on your calendars the first **Parent/Guardian/Teacher CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITY on September 11-12-13. These are three Early Release Days (dismissing at 12:15 Wed 9/11, Thurs 9/12 and Fri 9/13).** You will receive direct links from your **teachers to choose meeting timeframes** . This is a really important chance for you to meet directly with you child's teachers and learn about their first quarter progress and goals for the school year. Please mark you calendars and make all efforts to be available as we value your partnership and collaboration in this education journey.

**OUR BIG PTO SCHOOL WIDE FUNDRAISER KICKS OFF ON SEPTEMBER 3! THIS IS A CRITICAL FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR ENTIRE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY! WE REALLY NEED ALL FAMILIES TO SUPPORT and PARTICIPATE in any way you can.**

You may not know the extent and breadth of the support KTA receives from our PTO every year. Here are just a few snippets:

- Over the past three years, PTO purchased 200 folding chairs and storage racks so that we have enough seating for events on campus.
- PTO just purchased stools for our library so that seating is more appropriate and efficient for the space.
- The amazing full wall mural in the gym of our KTA TIGER was paid for by the PTO.
- PTO sponsors bus transportation for field trips for all grades every year.
- They have furnished school beautification items such as decorative rugs and landscaping and indoor murals.
- They support Staff Appreciation events each year that recognize the hard work of all KTA staff.
- They provide in classroom support for materials and supplies.
- They support both elementary and middle school store.
- They support the quarterly incentive events for middle school students such as bowling and pizza parties last year.
- They sponsor amazing family events such as the FALL FESTIVAL, BINGO NIGHTS and other fantastic fun events.

When you receive the info on the fundraiser, we ask that you read it carefully and fully so that you can see where your participation fits with your family and your budget. All participation is valued and needed, at all levels.

*Thank you for your amazing support and collaboration.*

Marianne L. Lescher, Ph.D.  
Principal



## EARLY RELEASE FRIDAY, August 16

Students will be released like a Wednesday at 12:15 p.m.

Please be sure to make arrangements for this pick up time

Important information for DISMISSAL and PICK UP at the end of each day:

Each and every day, close to 600 students K-8 are dismissed and exit our school campus at the same time. We have very specific procedures to ensure student safety during this process. Here are important things to remember for the process:

- All K-2 students exit the building from the front (Galveston St) side
- All 3-8 students exit campus from the Metro side
- Students in grades 3-8 exit from the Metro side and IF THEY HAVE YOUNGER SIBLINGS in K-2, the walk around the exterior of the school and go to the front dismissal area. There is a 'Sibling Wall' which is a shaded area where they wait until their car arrives, and they then join their younger siblings for car pick up.
- Walk up pick up for grades K-2 is at the Marquee, front of the school, where parents/guardians must check in with the duty teacher with the yellow vest and she then calls for the students to be dismissed.
- Parents are not allowed to walk up to the K-2 lines for safety and security reasons.
- Drive up pick up for K-2 and siblings is at the front of the school and drive up pick up for grades 3-8 is on the Metro side.
- PLEASE merge cars carefully and drive slowly.
- PLEASE end cell phone calls when you come to pick up so that you are fully aware and engaged with your surroundings.
- THANK YOU for your understanding and patience!



Dr. Karen Knight Book Project

*Please join us as we kick-off an amazing project that celebrates and recognizes the life and contributions of an amazing educator.*

Saturday, August 17, 2024 [RSVP](#)

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Kyrene Traditional Academy Library

*The BOOK PROJECT aims to raise funds to gift a very special book to every first-grade student every year in honor of Karen Knight, who championed early literacy.*

[CLICK HERE](#) FOR FULL FLYER!!!!



# Spalding



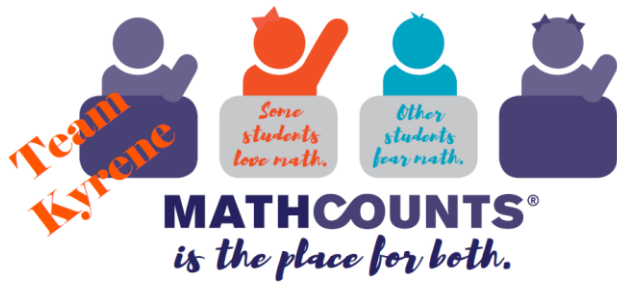
## Spalding Parent Classes

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Come out and learn how you can help your child with their Spalding lessons.

Two 30 minute Sessions (attend only 1):  
2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Register for classes [here](#).



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!!!



Friday, August 30, 2024  
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
In The MPR

Free To Play!  
Fun Prizes!  
Food & Drinks For Sale!  
Ice Cream

Payments: Cash, Venmo & Credit Card!

[CLICK HERE FOR FLYER!!!](#)

ALSO - PTO needs volunteers. Please consider helping out. Sign up through sign-up genius. It takes a village. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up.

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Friday, August 30, 2024  
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
In The MPR

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.



For Full Flyer [CLICK HERE!!!](#)

Cool Cats Chorus (for 2nd - 5th grades) is a choir that meets after school on Mondays from 2:20 to 3:20 in the music room. We will learn music for a concert that we will perform on Monday, December 2 at 6:30 pm.

Marimba Cats (4th and 5th grades) is a percussion ensemble that meets after school on Tuesdays from 2:20 to 3:20 in the music room. We will learn music for a concert that we will perform on Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30 pm. (Limit of 22 students.)

Cool Cats begin rehearsals on Monday, August 12, and Marimba Cats rehearsals begin on Tuesday, August 13. Rehearsals are not held on non-school days. Both groups will wear the same kiwi green T-shirt—with the logo you see above.

To sign up, please complete this form and return to school with cash or check, OR complete this form (we need your signature) and pay online using this link: <https://az-kyrene.intouchrecepting.com/>



## LUNCH VISITS - START AUGUST 20

As we get into the swing with schedules and procedures we will again be inviting parents to have lunch with your child. We will begin this on **TUESDAY AUGUST 20**. Every **TUESDAY** you are invited! No other dates are permitted.

The lunch schedule is as follows:

Kindergarten:	10:30 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.
1st Gr:	10:35 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.
2nd Gr:	10:40 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
4th Gr:	11:10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
3rd Gr:	11:15 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.
5th Gr:	11:15 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.
6th Gr:	11:50 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.
7th/8th Gr:	12:01 p.m. - 12:21 p.m.



## Restaurant Night

Thursday, August 22, 2024

4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

4940 E Ray Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85044



## Middle School Only

Grades 6 - 8

\$1 Free Dress Day

August 22, 2024

Students make a \$1 donation to wear non-uniform clothing. Dress must still be school appropriate as per Kyrene School District policy.



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# THE ARISTOCATS KIDS

Calling all kids and cats who are in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades

KTA Tiger Thespians Fall musical is coming soon, permission slips will be going home this week

**Auditions:** Tuesday August 27th 2:15-3:30pm

No-Cut for ensemble, solo role placement determined by solo audition

**Performance:** Wednesday November 6th at 6:30pm

Tickets- \$10 premium, \$5 adult, \$3 student

**Rehearsals:** Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:15- 3:30pm

School days from August 29th-Nov 5th

**Participation fee:** \$40.00 dollars includes script, spirit t-shirt and ears

# SCHOOL CENTS



**EARN 5x POINTS! Aug. 1 - Sept. 30**

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

[shopandlog.com/chandler](http://shopandlog.com/chandler)



### ELEMENTARY Picture Day

Tuesday, August 27

Elementary - Grades K - 5

**Spirit Day:** Dress Your Best

Students are not required to wear uniforms for pictures. Clothing must still be school appropriate.



### Middle School Picture Day

Wednesday, August 28

Middle School - Grades 6 - 8

**Spirit Day:** Dress Your Best

Students are not required to wear uniforms for pictures. Clothing must still be school appropriate.



### KTA PTO

We have a new Instagram. Please follow us at: [Kyrene KTA PTO \(@ktaptotigers\)](https://www.instagram.com/ktaptotigers) • [Instagram photos and videos](#)

[View Full Calendar](#)

## Upcoming Events

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| August 16 | Extra Early Release Day - students will release at 12:15 (like a Wednesday). |
| August 19 | Volleyball Game @ 4:30 p.m.  |
| August 20 | Lunch with students begins   |
| August 22 | Middle School Only - (Grades 6 - 8) \$1 Free Dress Day                       |
| August 22 | Peter Piper Pizza Night  |



August 22	Volleyball Game @ 4:30 p.m.
August 26	Volleyball Game @ 4:30 p.m.
August 27	KTA Tiger Thespians Auditions for 3rd - 5th Grade - Aristocats Kids
August 27	Picture Day (Grades K - 5) - Dress Your Best Spirit Day
August 28	Picture Day (Middle School Grades 6 - 8) - Dress Your Best Spirit Day
August 29	Volleyball Game @ 4:30 p.m.
August 30	Family Bingo Night @ KTA



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

Thursday, August 15 @ KMS  
Monday, August 19 @ KTA vs. McKemy Academy  
Thursday, August 22 @ Altadena  
Monday, August 26 @ KTA vs. Centennial  
Thursday, August 29 @ KTA vs. Akimel  
Thursday, September 5 @ Aprende  
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/wwYAxPTE6KpPs1QZ>

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

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Refer someone else for Counseling: <https://forms.gle/2n9ff1GWMuTncLCo8>

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



## IEP TRAINING

Learn about the special education process and the Individualized Education Program (IEP). Understand who is required to attend the IEP meeting and the roles of each team member (including parents). Review the required parts of an IEP, learn how parents can prepare for and be more effective during the IEP meeting and how they can track their child’s progress. Discover the options available if the IEP team does not agree.

THURSDAY  
AUG 29, 2024  
6:00-8:00 PM

CI WAGGONER ELEMENTARY  
1050 E CARVER RD  
TEMPE, AZ 85284

TO REGISTER, CLICK <https://bit.ly/IEP-KYRENE-AUG29> OR SCAN ▶



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## Contact Us

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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*

*A+ School of Excellence™*

