



August 9, 2024

Message from the Principal

Hello KTA Families and Friends:

Our second full week at school has been great! This week, our students across all grades finished up their beginning of the year assessments, where teachers assess students in reading, phonics and math. The data is used to ensure that instruction in classrooms is adjusted and responds to student's needs and levels. We do this school wide formal testing at the **beginning, middle and end of the school year**. When you come in to classrooms for your **Fall Parent Conferences**, teachers will share this data with you and will be able to speak to student progress during the first quarter of the school year.

Thank you to the **MANY** parents of students in grades K-5 for attending in and engaging in our **Curriculum Night** event this week. It is so important for parents and guardians to have this important information on schedules, expectations, grades and much, much more. **The Principal Presentation will be linked to the KTA school website** so if you were not able to attend, please view that important slide deck.

Our PTO had a fantastic first general meeting this past week and it was **VERY** well attended! Thank you to the many parents who attended. We have **SO MUCH** to look forward to with PTO events and activities this year....be sure to look for the PTO calendar that each student took home within the last week. PTO distributes a monthly calendar of events so please look for that and make plans to engage with as many events as possible! Our next PTO meeting is Monday September 9, 5:30 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room on campus. Mark your calendars to be there!

OUR BIG PTO FUNDRAISER KICKS OFF SEPTEMBER 3!! Mark your calendars, and plan to tell you family and friends! **THIS** is THE MAIN fundraiser this year and we really need every family to engage and participate to the extent they are able.....more info to come from our amazing PTO!!

Thank you to our KTA Community for your continued support! It's already a great year at KTA!

Marianne L. Lescher, Ph.D.
Principal

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, they 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!



**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



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 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.
5:30 p.m.

Register for classes [here](#).

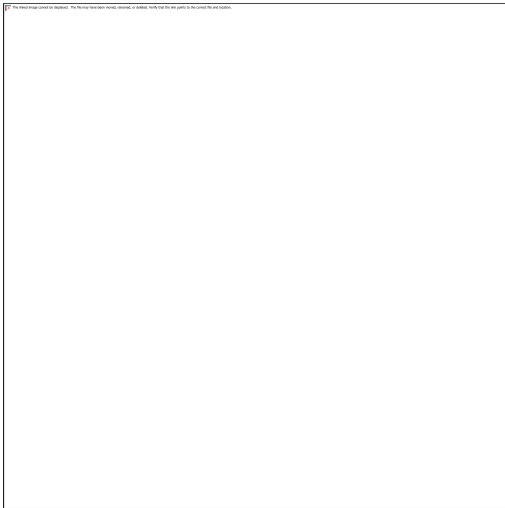


Free To Play!
Fun Prizes!
Food & Drinks For Sale!
Ice Cream

Payments: Cash, Venmo & Credit Card!

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

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



Please for the safety of yourself and your children, always use crosswalks when coming and going to school. Crosswalks are located at Metro Blvd & Galveston as well as near the bike rack/bus lane. Do not cross the middle of the road from the apartments.



TEXT ALERTS

Sometimes we send out important reminder texts. We try to make it only for emergencies and important reminders, so you won't get too many. To sign up:

Text "Y" to 675-87 to receive texts from Kyrene and KTA.

Text "@ktasports" to 81010 to receive texts from KTA Athletics.



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.

Please read the tips in Dr. Lescher's letter.



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.



DO YOU FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!!!

We had an amazing assembly on Friday, July 26. You can check out the pictures and the Facebook live.

And we are also on Instagram at:

ktakyrenetraditionalacademy



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



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



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 \(@ktaptotigers\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)

[View Full Calendar](#)

Upcoming Events

August 15	Volleyball Game @ 4:30 p.m.
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/wwYAxPTE6KpPsS1Q7>

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>

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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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