



August 23, 2024

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## Message from the Principal

Hello KTA Families and Friends:

As we enter the last week of August, we want to be sure to share with you the upcoming events and opportunities for families and students! **There's always something happening at KTA!**

**FALL PICTURE DAYS** are coming next week! Be sure you and your children are prepared! On both Tuesday August 27 and Wednesday August 28, it is "DRESS YOUR BEST DAY" where we encourage all students to DRESS UP for pictures! These are the pictures that will be used in the yearbook!

**FRIDAY AUGUST 30** is **COLLEGE COLORS DAY!** We encourage students and staff to proudly wear your **COLLEGE COLORS!** Maybe the alma mater of a family member, or a local connection to ASU or UofA! Wear a T SHIRT or JERSEY ! Students can also wear jeans (NO RIPS or TEARS).

**FRIDAY AUGUST 30** is also our **PTO FAMILY BINGO NIGHT!** What a fun and FREE event! All students and families are invited. You can play for FREE - snacks such as pizza, popcorn, drinks and ice cream will be sold!!

We have a three day weekend, no school on Monday September 2 for Labor Day.

Students return on Wednesday September 3, and we will **KICK OFF OUR BIG PTO FALL FUNDRAISER - STEP IT UP!!!** We will have two school assemblies on the morning of Sept 3, one for K-5 and one for 6-8. We will present information to students and show them prizes and incentives that are available. They will take home packets of info for families. More info coming soon, but please make all efforts to support this **VERY IMPORANT** fundraiser for the many things PTO does to support KTA!

*Thank you for your continued support and partnership.*

Marianne L. Lescher, Ph.D.  
Principal



## 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

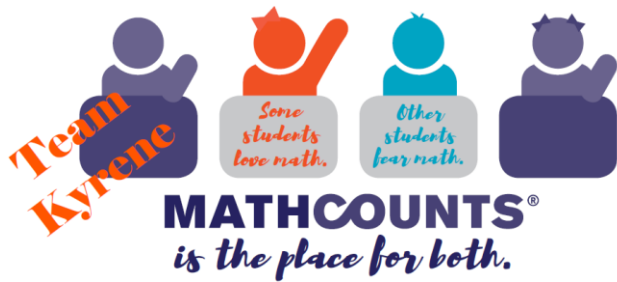
Middle School - Grades 6 - 8

**Spirit Day:** Dress Your Best

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



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.



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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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.



## 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.



## Restaurant Night

Thursday, August 22, 2024

4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

4940 E Ray Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85044



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



## KTA PTO

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



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.

[View Full Calendar](#)

## Upcoming Events

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  
August 30 College Colors Day

### SEPTEMBER

September 2 No School - Labor Day  
September 9 PTO Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.  
September 11-13 Conferences (See your child's teacher for details)  
September 11 Early Release Day  
September 12 Extra Early Release Day  
September 13 Extra Early Release Day



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

Thursday, August 29 @ KTA vs. Akimel  
Thursday, September 5 @ Apende  
Monday, September 16 @ Pueblo



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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>







# 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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**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*

