



September 6, 2024

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## Message from the Principal

Hello KTA Families and Friends:

**Is it FALL yet?** The calendar is getting close and pumpkin spice drinks are back, but with 100 degree weather, we are not quite there just yet! It's a busy time of year at KTA so please be sure you have all of these great events on your calendars!

**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES** are next week, **September 11-12-13**. PLEASE be sure you have received the email(s) and links from your teachers to make an appointment for your conference. This is such an important opportunity to meet with the teachers and to discuss your child's strengths and areas for growth. Please make every effort to attend and actively participate!

**PLEASE NOTE** that we have three **EARLY RELEASE DAYS** next week. Wed is the usually **12:15** dismissal and for conferences, Kyrene has added **Thus 9/12** and **Fri 9/13**. Please be sure you have made arrangements to pick up your children at 12:15 on Wed, Thurs and Fri. Thank you!

**MONDAY SEPT 16** is our **FIRST SCHOOL WIDE AVID SPIRIT DAY!** This means that students may wear **COLLEGE** t shirts and jerseys with jeans (no rips or tears) **OR THEY MAY WEAR CLOTHING** that is representative of a **CAREER** they are interested in! **IF THEY WANT TO WEAR A CAREER RELATED OUTFIT**, they must **FIRST** complete a form and have it approved by their classroom or advisory teacher. Students are hearing about this and will have the opportunity to get the form next week. **STUDENTS** must have a rationale and brief (few sentences) description of their outfit and reason. This is to keep the integrity and meaning behind the **AVID SPIRIT DAY!** More details are on the form that students can get and share with families. **ALL CAREER OUTFITS must be school appropriate**. An example of an appropriate outfit would be scrubs for something in the medical field, or a variation on a police, fire or EMT uniform. Not school appropriate would be a swimsuit (to be a lifeguard). **THANK YOU FOR YOU SUPPORT FOR YOU CHILD TO HAVE A MEANINGFUL COLLEGE AND CAREER EXPERIENCE.**

**OUR BIG FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR IS IN FULL SWING!** Students had a **BLAST THIS WEEK** with the kick off assembly and fun prizes many students have already earned and received!! We are on our way! **PLEASE ENOURAGE** your family and friends to contribute to our school. We rely on these funds for

experiences for all students and upgrades and enhancements to our school overall. **Please review the packet sent home and contact family and friends to participate.** THANK YOU IN ADVANCE for your help and support. **THIS IS OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER** and our PTO is counting on this to be successful so that events can be planned for this school year!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND PARTNERSHIP!**

Marianne L. Lescher, Ph.D.  
Principal

Crewneck & Hooded Pullover Sweatshirts



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

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\\_ka/](https://stores.inksoft.com/ksdaz_ka/)

**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.



**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](mailto:ktaptotigers@gmail.com)!

Volunteer Sign Up - Coming Soon!



**COOL essay contest!**  
**Aligns with AVID!!!!**

**State Treasurer 5th/6th Grade Essay Contest.**  
**\* 5th and 6th Grade Teachers\*** Arizona State Treasurer Kimberly Yee and the AZ529 Education Savings Plan are hosting an essay contest for kids. The 2024 Essay Writing Contest invites Arizona 5th and 6th graders to submit essays explaining their dream job and the steps they'll take to reach it. Winners will receive \$529 toward an AZ529 Education Savings Plan to fund their future educational aspirations! Entries accepted through **October 6, 2024**. Limit one entry per student. Enter and see full contest rules, visit [AZ529.gov/EssayContest](https://AZ529.gov/EssayContest).



**EXTRA EARLY RELEASE DAYS**  
September 12 & September 13

Students will be released at 12:15 p.m. (just like a Wednesday) for conferences. Please make sure to adjust your pick up arrangements!

September 11 is also still an early release day.



**Quarter 2 Sports**

Registration will open on Sept. 9 and will close on Sept. 27

Girls Flag Football-Boys Basketball- KTA cut sport  
Coed Cross Country - KTA non-cut sport  
Girls Soccer (Cut sport, tryout at Pueblo Middle School)

Please join us as we cheer on our KTA Tiger Volleyball team.  
Next game: September 16 @ Pueblo at 4:30 p.m.

Questions??? Contact Stacy Millyard

Stacy Millyard- Student Services Secretary  
Kyrene Traditional Academy  
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**Tempe Coalition  
Celebrating Champions for Youth**

Middle School Only

The Tempe Coalition is pleased to announce the 8th Annual Celebrating Champions for Youth event on October 24th. Nominations are now open and can be submitted [here](#). This award recognizes a youth (or a group of youth) who has

Deadline: October 4, 2024

continually set and achieved goals to reach their full potential and inspire their peers to do the same OR has overcome adversity and challenges, demonstrating resilience, determination and leadership. Nominees must be between the ages of 12-19. All middle school students in Kyrene between the ages of 12-19 are eligible.



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.





## 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. KTA focuses 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 OR High School 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.



## RED ROBIN RESTAURANT NIGHT Friday, September 20 All Day

3420 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler AZ 85226  
Save the date! Watch for flyer!



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.

# CHANGE OF PLANS

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](mailto: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 Robin Restaurant Night  
September 26 All School \$1 Free Dress Day



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/wwYAxPTE6KpPsS1QZ>

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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## 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*

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