



December 6, 2024

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## Message from the Principal

Hello KTA Families and Friends:

It's December! So many fun events and celebrations throughout our community! It's hard to believe that we are coming close to the end of the second quarter and semester....and that signals that the school year is almost half over! How is that possible?? Thank you to our amazing community for such great participation and support for our events. **We had a fantastic TURKEY TROT just before Thanksgiving and such a fun Cereal Box STEM domino event.** We collected over 350 boxes of cereal that went directly to the Kyrene Family Resource Center. Thank you to all who donated!

This week we had **fantastic performances of the Cool Cats Chorus and the Tiger Pride Bands!** Ms. Bull and Ms. Scott are so skillful in their work with students to get them prepared for these tremendous performances. **We are also in the final week of the regular season of boys basketball under the coaching talents of Mr. Shepherd, assisted by KTA alumni assistant coach Jack Woolf.** The team has been working hard and even in losses, their improvements are noted! **On to the PLAYOFFS!**

**Thank you to our PTO for their recent fundraisers and events for our school!** The Barnes and Noble event was so much fun! Several staff members read holiday stories to our students while everyone was able to shop to support KTA! At the same time, we held our Buffalo Wild Wings restaurant night, which was a huge success!!! Thanks to everyone who participated in these fun events!

**Did you know that our Student Council is up and running?!** Classes held elections for representatives in grades 4 through 8 and students have already met to plan their first event. They are going to be selling **Candy Cane Grams!** Students can buy them for \$1.00 each, add a message and then they will be delivered to their friends right before winter break! This is our first fundraiser of the year. For your information, funds raised by Student Council over the last year or so purchased school folders for all students this year.

**Next week brings our SPELLING BEE!** We hold two events, one for the class winners in grades 4 and 5 and one for middle school grades 6-7-8. We send two school winners to the Kyrene District Bee in January! Congratulations to all of our class winners and good luck in Monday's competitions.

**A quick reminder to our families:** School staff supervision begins at 7:00 am, on both the Metro and Galveston entries to campus. **WE ASK THAT YOU DO NOT DROP OFF students before 7:00 am for safety's sake.** As it is darker in the mornings now, students dropped off before 7:00 am are waiting in the dark and cold without adult supervision. We realize that parents need to get to work and other responsibilities however we ask that you do all that you can to avoid dropping off before 7:00 am. Many thanks for your assistance and support.

**Have you registered for our FRIENDS and FAMILY DAY on DECEMBER 18?** This is such a fun event, with musical performances, crafts and school tours. We invite special family members and special friends to attend this event with your children for a fun morning at KTA! **Check out the registration link later in this newsletter.** For safety and security we ask that **EVERYONE** registers ahead of time. THANK YOU!

*Thank you for your amazing support and collaboration.*

**Marianne L. Lescher, Ph.D.**

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*Dear families, As we have shared in previous newsletters, we have been sending attendance letters when your child reaches 4, 8, and 13 absences. The purpose of this is to be proactive and keep you informed, so your children stay below 19 absences, which the state identifies as excessive. We understand that children get sick and family circumstances require your children to be absent from school. The portion of the letter that explains Arizona attendance law is required, but please know that our goal is always to support you and partner with you. Please reach out to our office staff if you have any questions.*

**Marianne L. Lescher, Ph.D.**  
**Principal, Kyrene Traditional Academy**

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SAVE THE DATE  
Friends and Family Day

KTA Friends and Family Day is on Wednesday, December 18th from 7:45-9:45am. Please register below so we are able to plan accordingly. All guests will enter through our Garden Gate that morning, and stop at our registration booth.

[RSVP](#)



Quarter 3 Sports Registration open 12/2-12/20

Grades 6-8

Fee to participate- \$150

KTA -Girls Basketball (Cut)

Boys Flag Football (Cut) -

Cheer (Cut)

Tryout at Pueblo Middle School - Girls Softball (Cut) - Boys Soccer (Cut)

Deadline to register is December 20th

All Athlete's must have a sports physical

Apply for Financial Aid with the QR code provided!



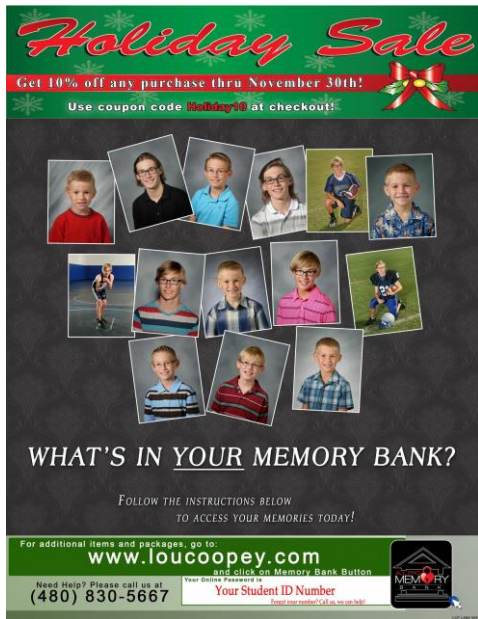
NO SCHOOL

December 23 - 31

January 1 - 6

School Resumes: January 7

Happy Holidays!!!!



## Lou Coopey Pictures

All Pro School Pictures would like to share our **New** convenient service for your families...**The Memory Bank!** Please see the attached flier. We have created Memory Banks for each student based on the student ID number. We are offering a limited time offer of **10% off through next Friday November 30th** so the orders will be completed in time for the Holidays!

[View Full Calendar](#)

## Upcoming Events

### DECEMBER EVENTS

December 10	MS Theatre/Music Explo
December 12	Day of Code
December 12	MS \$1 Free Dress
December 14	Kyrene Play Day @ Aprende
December 18	Spirit Day: Dress Your Best Day
December 18	Friends & Family Day
December 19	Spirit Day: Ugly Sweater Day
December 20	Spirit Day: PJ Day
December 23	Winter Break Begins - No School
	School Resumes January 7





[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!!!](#)



Saturday, December 14, 2024  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
**Kyrene Aprende Middle School**  
777 N. Desert Breeze Blvd., Chandler, AZ 85226

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

#### 6-8 English Language Arts Curriculum Resources Feedback Form



Please scan the QR code to access the feedback form after reviewing the curriculum resources from all vendors.

#### 6-8 English Language Arts Curriculum Adoption Review

The Kyrene School Board approved a 60-day review of middle school 6-8 grade English language arts (ELA) curriculum resources. As part of the public review process, the curriculum materials and digital resources from the selected vendors will be available at our middle school campuses and the Kyrene District Office throughout the review process.

The on-site curriculum materials review will be available from November 20, 2024 - February 24, 2025.

Parents and community members may visit a Kyrene middle school to review materials in person. Please bring a photo ID and sign in at the front office to review on-site materials. School staff will direct you to the location of the onsite materials. Digital curriculum materials are available online using the links and login information in the table below. There are also video vendor presentations available to review.

You may access the [6-8 English Language Arts Curriculum review document](#) to assist you when reviewing each program.

To provide feedback on the MS ELA Curriculum resources, complete the [6-8 ELA 60-day Review Survey](#)

# Raising A Reader

## Free Early Literacy Workshops For Your Family

Tuesdays 4:30-5:30  
January 14 - March 5, 2025

Kyrene District Office  
8700 South Kyrene Road  
Tempe, AZ 85284



Contact Karla to sign up!  
(602) 384-0443  
kcarmona@swhd.org



Raising A Reader is a national program designed to educate parents and caregivers about the importance of early literacy skills and how they can help build these skills in their young children to help them enter school ready to learn.

Parents attend eight weekly early literacy workshops with their children 0-5 years-old. Families who participate in the program receive 12 high-quality children's books to build their home libraries and are connected to local resources!

Southwest Human Development coordinates Raising A Reader through schools, community centers, libraries, apartment communities, and other convenient locations. All interested parents and caregivers are encouraged to learn more and sign up today!

[swhd.org/rar](http://swhd.org/rar)

## 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

