



December 20, 2024

Message from the Principal

Hello KTA Families and Friends!

We are at the mid point of the school year and the end of Quarter 2 and the Semester. WOW!! It's hard to believe! Things are going very well across campus and across our KTA community! **Here are some highlights from the past week!**

THANK YOU to everyone who attended and participated in our FRIENDS and FAMILY DAY this week! What a magnificent event! We had over 400 family members attending and participating in fun activities, our all-school assembly and the festivities of crafts, snacks, school tours and classroom activities. What a fantastic kick off to the holiday break! Thank you to our amazing PTO for providing pictures of all family members attending and for snacks and treats. Thank you to our Building Manager Mr. Aasin for his hard work to set it all up! Thank you to Ms. Scott and the TIGER PRIDE BAND for providing lovely entry music for the guests. Thanks also to Mrs. Bull for her expert direction of our Cool Cats Chorus, who performed two songs at the assembly. Thank you to the many staff members who pitched in for help and support. Huge thanks to Ms. Vester, our Assistant Principal, as she was the lead organizer and planner for the entire event!!

Thanks go out to our families for helping our students to participate in the fun SPIRIT WEEK events this week- Dress Your Best Day on Wednesday, Ugly/Holiday Sweater Day on Thursday and PJ Day on Friday.

Thanks to Mrs. Sweeney, our Dean of Students and Student Council Advisor, for getting this wonderful group of students up and running for activities and community service projects. This week in particular, Student Council conducted a **Candy Gram Sale** where students purchased the candy grams to be delivered to students and friends. So fun!

Thanks go out to our PTO for the delicious lunch they provided for our staff on Wednesday as a holiday treat! We all enjoyed it a great deal!! Delicious! Our PTO takes good care of all of us!

REGISTRATION FOR KTA WINTER SPORTS- The registration window will stay OPEN over the break for 6-7-8 graders wanting to join CHEER, BOYS FLAG FOOTBALL and GIRLS BASKETBALL. It is CRITICAL that registration is COMPLETED before Jan 7 when we return!!!

School resumes for students on Tuesday January 7. Monday Jan 6 is a Teacher Only Work Day. As we kick off the new school year, we begin planning and preparations for the 2025-26 school year! Registration for the new year starts the second week of January and we are holding a **KTA Showcase Event on Wednesday Jan 15** for new, incoming kinder students and for 5th into 6th graders and anyone interested in middle school at KTA. Watch our newsletters for more information! This is always a fun and informative evening. Getting ready for the 25-26 school year means that current 5th graders and current 6th and 7th graders must pay attention to course selection sheets and other preparations for the new school year. We ask parents to pay special attention to this info as it comes out throughout the spring of 2025!

Wishing our families and friends a wonderful, relaxing and restful break!! Thank you all for your continued support and assistance throughout the first half of our school year!! GO TIGERS!!!

Marianne L. Lescher, Ph.D.

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



NO SCHOOL
December 23 - 31
January 1 - 6
School Resumes: January 7

Happy Holidays!!!!



We have many items in the LOST AND FOUND with no names on them. All items not claimed the first week back from Winter Break will be donated to the Kyrene Family Resource Center on Friday, January 10.



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!



ENROLLMENT FOR 2025/26 BEGINS JANUARY 14

It's that time of year. Do you have a kindergarten age student who will be starting school next year. Students must be 5 prior to September 1.

Join us for a tour to learn more about our school.
Scheduled tours:

- Thursday, January 16 @ 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, January 21 @ 1:00 p.m.
- Thursday, February 6 @ 9:00 a.m.
- Thursday, February 20 @ 1:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 3 @ 9:00 a.m.



It's Coming! The 2025 KTA Variety Show!!
Starring....maybe you!

Our annual Variety Show is a fun night of talent, food and fun! This year's date is Wednesday, April 16.

We are looking for student acts for the show: music, magic, gymnastics, cheer, skits, dance—we've even had a yo-yo demonstration! Audition information is coming to you in January! Stay tuned...



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR OUR AFTER SCHOOL YOUTH ENRICHMENT CLASSES!!!!

So many offerings. LEGO classes, Piano, Yoga, Basketball, Cartoon Drawing, Chess, S.L.U.G. Gardening Class, Minecraft, Soccer!!!!

Classes are for ages K - 8.

Registration is through our Community Education Page.
[CLICK HERE!!!](#)



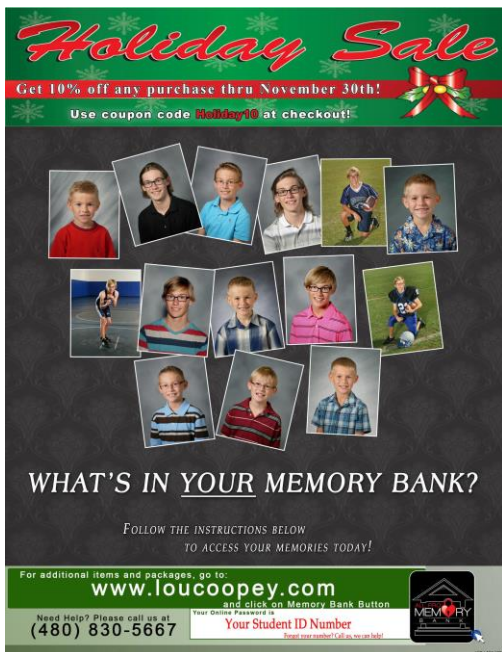
KYRENE KICKBALL - KYRENE INTRAMURALS!!!!

This program is designed to teach and model positive sportsmanship. Our goal is to introduce team play, positive sportsmanship and having fun!

Practices at your school campus begin the week of January 20.
K-2 practice 1X per week - \$75
3 - 5 practice 2X per week - \$100

Season will end on March 1 with a K-2 and 3-5 tournament at Pueblo Middle School.

To register, [CLICK HERE!](#)



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!



FREE HOOP SHOOT

The Chandler Elks #2429 is hosting a free hoop shoot for girls and boys ages 8-13. (Your age group is determined by your age on April 1, 2025.)

Date: January 11

Hoop Shoot Location: Chandler Boys & Girls Club
300 E. Chandler Blvd, Chandler AZ 85224

Time: Age 8-9 @ 9:00 a.m. (Register 45 min prior)

Age 10-11 @ 10:00 a.m. (Register 45 min prior)

Age 12-13 @ 11:00 a.m. (Register 45 min prior)

Contact: Sandy Theobald @ 480-628-5168

stheob@kyrene.org

For more information about the hoop shoot visit:
<https://www.elks.org/hoopshoot/about.cfm>

[View Full Calendar](#)

Upcoming Events

DECEMBER

December 23 - 31

Winter Break - No School

JANUARY EVENTS

January 1 - 6

Winter Break - No School

January 7

School Resumes

January 11

Free Hoop Shoot

January 13

PTO Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.

January 14

Enrollment Begins for 25/26 School Year

January 15

KTA Showcase Event @ 5:30 p.m. (More information coming soon.)

January 16

Tour @ 9:00 a.m.

January 20

No School: Martin Luther King

January 21

Tour @ 1:00 p.m.

January 23

MS - \$1 Free Dress

January 28

Cafe Rio Restaurant Night



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

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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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