



January 10, 2025

Message from the Principal

Hello KTA Families and Friends:

Welcome back to the second half of the 2024-2025 school year! I hope you and your families had a restful break!

As we kick off 2025, we have a very busy January!

Wednesday January 15 is our **Showcase Night**, where we welcome NEW incoming kindergarten families for the 2025-2026 school year and parents and guardians of incoming Middle School students in grades 6-7-8 for the 2025-2026 school year. The event is 5:30-6:30 pm starting in our MPR. We will have a brief presentation at 5:30 and then invite attendees to kindergarten or middle school classrooms for an “open house” . Participants will have the opportunity to visit and ask questions with staff and teachers. No pre-registration is required. All are welcome!

Today we held our **Back to School Kick Off Assembly** with all students! We always start the new year with celebrations and reminders of our expectations and 4Bs of **BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE, BE KIND**.

Next week is the **Kyrene District Spelling Bee** where our school winners will compete. Thursday Jan 16 at the Kyrene District Office. Good luck to: Robyn Heredia and Jezra Patriarca!!!!!!

We are proud and excited to announce we received another **STEM STEAM GRANT** from the YWCA and City of Chandler! This is our third such grant in four years! We are getting \$2000 to further enhance the STEM and STEAM program at KTA! The formal presentation will be made at the **30th Annual Chandler Multicultural Festival** on Saturday January 18th, AJ Chandler Park. It's a fun, free family event so all are welcome! We are proud of our STEM efforts at KTA!

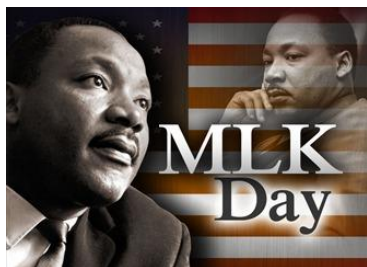
Remember that there is no school on Monday Jan 20 observing MLK DAY!

Thank you for your continued support!

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

January 20, 2025



Monday, January 13

5:30 p.m.

Multi-Purpose Room

Enter through the Garden Gates



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!](#)



3375 W. Galveston St.
Chandler, AZ 85226
480-541-5400

DATE: JANUARY 15
TIME: 5:30 – 6:30

SHOWCASE NIGHT



Incoming 6th grade
students & Kindergarten
Students.
Meet with
Administration and
Teachers!
Visit Classrooms!

Kyrene Traditional Academy is a K-8 traditional model school that uses specialized approaches to teaching and learning and provides highly individual attention to students across grade levels. Take a peek into KTA's tight-knit and diverse campus to see how they are preparing their students for academic success and developing self-disciplined, conscientious members of society.



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>



Middle School Only
\$1 Free Dress Day
Thursday, January 23

Clothing must still be school appropriate as stated in the Kyrene School District handbook.

CAFÉ ZUPAS

Tuesday, January 28, 2025
4 p.m. - 9 p.m.
3305 W. Chandler Blvd.
Chandler, AZ

[CLICK HERE](#) for more details and the complete flyer.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Create a Book Fair eWallet for cash-free shopping.

Convenient and secure, eWallet lets your child choose books they want to read.

Plus, you can share your eWallet link so friends and family can help your child find even more to read. **Unspent funds from a past Fair?** To transfer them to this Fair, log in to your Scholastic account and create a new eWallet—then your previous balance will be available to transfer as an eGift Card.

When you fund an eWallet, you can also contribute to **Share the Fair**, the giving program that **benefits kids in your school** who need help buying new books.



Visit our school's Book Fair homepage to get started:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/hta>

KTA Book Fair: February 3 - 7

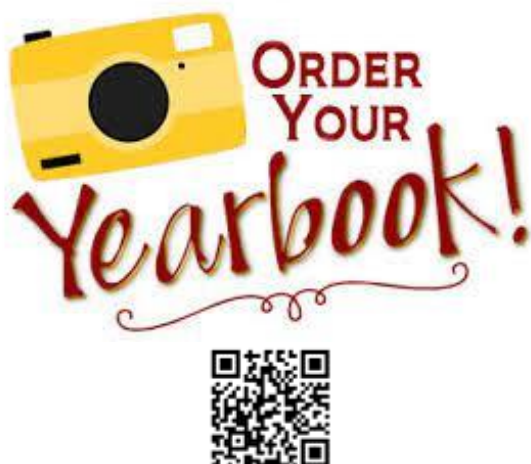
Scholastic Book Fair - February 3rd-7th

Get ready for our Annual Book Fair! Students can pick out some great books and fun items, while also supporting our Library! All proceeds are used to purchase new books and needed items for our School Library.

You can set up your family eWallet today to add funds to your student(s) account and even share our Book Fair with Family and Friends to support as well!

2025 KTA Book Fair

Link: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/hta>



YEARBOOK ORDERS

Order forms coming home soon!


Deadline to order: April 1, 2025 (no exceptions)

Soft Cover: \$25 Hard Cover: \$35


Payment by cash or on-line!!!

<https://az-kyrene.intouchrecepting.com/>

8TH GRADE AD



https://yearbookordercenter.com/product/yearbook_ads




Congratulate & Recognize
your 8th Grade Student

8th Grade Ads

\$15

1/8" ad

Deadline: February 24



8th Grade Only: Yearbook Ads

Parents - This is your opportunity to recognize and congratulate your 8th grade student.

You design your own ad.

\$15

Deadline: February 24th

Don't miss out1!!!

Use QR Code or [CLICK HERE](#)

Bring your completed projects to the KTA Library by 1/31/25

LIBRARY TISSUE BOX COMPETITION



Decorate a NEW unopened tissue box to look like the character of a book!

Make sure that your tissue box is free-standing and that the tissues are easily accessible.

Put your name, grade, and teacher's name under the tissue box. Tissues boxes will be for all students to use in different classes and will not be returned.

2 WINNERS WILL RECEIVE A \$10 VOUCHER FOR THE BOOK FAIR

[View Full Calendar](#)

Upcoming Events

JANUARY

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 Zupas Restaurant Night
January 31	Library - Tissue Box Contest Ends



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

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

A+ School of Excellence™

