



January 24, 2025

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## Message from the Principal

Hello KTA Families and Friends:

As we enter the last week of January, we look ahead to a very important event for our families: **Spring Parent Conferences!** They are set for **February 5-6-7**. These are critical for you, as parents and guardians, to get current information on your child's growth and progress thus far this year, and to set goals with your child and their teachers for quarters 3 and 4. You have received emails and information from your child's teachers with links to set up appointments. **If you have not received emails from your child's teachers, please call our main office at 480-541-5400** and let our office staff know, so we can facilitate your getting this critical information from the teachers. Parent conferences are being scheduled a little earlier this year, which is great because it gives you more time to work with the teachers and with your children to set goals and make good progress in the second half of the school year.

We also ask that you be on the look-out for emails from Kyrene District regarding the **SCHOOL QUALITY SURVEY** that we do each year. This gives parents, staff and students the opportunity to give us very important feedback on our school and district. We read and review and act on this information and decisions are made based on the information we receive. Thank you in advance for looking for the survey links and submitting this critical information.

**DID YOU KNOW OUR BOOK FAIR IS COMING!?** Starting **February 3-7!** We are so excited to offer this fun opportunity to our students and staff and families once again! Students get to purchase great books to read and add to their personal libraries. Our staff gets to pick out some very special titles, and **100% of proceeds from all sales are turned back to our library to purchase titles that enhance our own collection for students across all grades!** Our PTO is sponsoring the Book Fair and Mrs. Formisano, our library media specialist is helping to manage the logistics and special events in conjunction with the fair. **MARK your calendars to come and shop - the fair will be open during Parent Conferences for parent and family shopping!**

**Our FLAG FOOTBALL team and our K-2 and 3-5 Kickball Intramurals Teams are in Full Swing!** **Our ESPORTS TEAM has just started as well!** We are excited about the construction of our **ESPORTS ARENA**, underway right now! We will give you more information as the work on this amazing start-of-

the-art venue proceeds....it is located in the 'old' Kids Club room and will have space for audience viewing. It is the first of its kind in the Kyrene District!

Our next PTO Meeting is Monday February 3, 5:30 pm - Hope to see you there!

*Thank you for your continued support and partnership.*

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

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## STUDENT ASSESSMENTS

Beginning of the year district assessment reports have been posted to ParentVUE. Families are able to access the results through ParentVue in the documents section. Need help accessing the reports? ... [CLICK HERE](#) for directions with screenshots.

Need help understanding the reports or how to support your child? ... See the [family guide](#) for each assessment or reach out to your child's teacher.

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

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## SCHOOL QUALITY SURVEY

*It's almost time to share your voice!!! The annual Kyrene School Quality Survey for Families opens on Wednesday, February 5th. Your voice is critical to your children's education, the future of Kyrene School District, and Kyrene Traditional Academy. That's why we need to hear from you!!! Share feedback on academic preparation, student support, safety and behavior, family involvement, and school leadership in Kyrene. The results will inform targeted action plans each school develops annually to make sure our schools are places where every student can thrive. Parents should check their email for an invitation that will be send on February 5, or visit [kyrene.org/parentqs](http://kyrene.org/parentqs) to take the survey. The survey will be offered in English and Spanish. All responses are confidential and shared aggregated.*

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**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/cta>

Parents and Caregivers are invited to shop at the Book Fair while you are in the school for Spring Conferences! It is located in Room 13, you will take the 2nd hallway after entering the A door and go in the first room on the left. Check out the bulletin board outside of the room for teacher and staff wish lists before shopping!

Open during conference times:

February 5 12:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
 February 6 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
 February 7 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

## Scholastic Book Fair - February 3rd-7th

**We need volunteers!** Sign up for time slots to help us make the Book Fair possible using the following link: <https://evite.me/tvAKN5jVgE>

Classes will be shopping during the school day, see what day your class is signed up here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VGxVvdX-hVPq4gAtV08M72lsJJxwigsuCUfYNgH8Gj0/edit?usp=sharing>

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/cta>



What can you do on a sunny Saturday? Come and work in the S.L.U.G. garden!

Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Come and weed, trim, rake, etc. Hours good for parent volunteer time and kids can come and work, too. Please wear closed-toe shoes and clothes to get dirty. See you in the S.L.U.G. garden, east side of school. Enter from Metro Blvd. Contact Ms. Randolph at [gardengal2019@gmail.com](mailto:gardengal2019@gmail.com) with any questions.



## Scents:

- Bubble Gum
- Strawberry Cheesecake
- Jelly Donut
- Blue Slushie
- Jolly Watermelon
- Rainbow Sherbet
- Pineapple Swirl
- Orange Soda
- S'Mores
- Black Cherry

<https://az-kyrene.info/uchrecepting.com/>



Look up "Smencils" in the search bar.

## SMENCIL FUNDRAISER

National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)

Each Smencil you buy helps us make a difference for our Kyrene Family Resource Center and community.

Price: \$1.50

On-Line Orders Only!!!

Smencils will be delivered to classrooms in February.

No scent options!!! Smencils will be distributed randomly.

SPONSORED BY STUDENT COUNCIL TO SUPPORT OUR KYRENE RESOURCE CENTER  
Clean Communities. Donate today.

## Hygiene Drive

February 3rd-February 28th  
Bring the items to your classroom to add to your donation box.



Prizes For Homeroom/Advisory with the most donations  
1st place: Pizza Party  
2nd place: Free Dress Day  
3rd place: Donut Party

DONATIONS ARE TO BE COLLECTED IN THE HOMEROOM/ADVISORY CLASS



Donation by Grade Level Band  
K-1: Bodywash  
2-3: Deodorant  
4-5: Toothpaste  
6-8: Shampoo and Conditioner  
(Doesn't have to be fancy)



## HYGIENE DRIVE

KTA Student Council

Proceeds will be donated to our Kyrene Family Resource Center

Prizes for the Homeroom/Advisory with the most donations!!!!



## Yearbook Cover Contest!!!!

All students at all grade levels are eligible to submit a drawing for the contest. Turn your drawing into your teacher. Hand drawn and digital art will be accepted.

Guidelines: Layout must be portrait (tall and skinny), 8 1/2 x 11 paper, vibrant colors, correct spelling, must include the following:

Kyrene Traditional Academy

2024 - 2025

A+/National Blue Ribbon School

Due: Wednesday, January 29th



**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 can be found by [clicking here](#). Permission slips due on February 13!!



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

So many offerings. LEGO classes, Piano, 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!!!](#)



**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!**

Every 8th grade student needs a display for their Q3 AVID project.

We need donations of 48 x 36 tri fold poster board. Each donated board will support three students' displays.

Thank you for your consideration!!!!



**Tuesday, January 28, 2025**

**4 p.m. - 9 p.m.**

**3305 W. Chandler Blvd., Chandler**

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





**Monday, February 3**

**Time: 5:30 p.m.**

**Location: MPR**

Enter through the garden gates and go directly to the MPR.

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### **AVID SPIRIT DAY**

**Wednesday, February 5**

*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.*

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### DINE FOR KTA NIGHT

Tuesday, February 11 3 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Join KTA at Texas Roadhouse located by IKEA.  
8510 South Emerald Drive, Tempe

KTA PTO will earn 20% proceeds from the event. Dine in or Take-Out - just mention KTA when checking out.

Go Tigers!!!!



### EXTRA EARLY RELEASE DAYS

February 6th & 7th

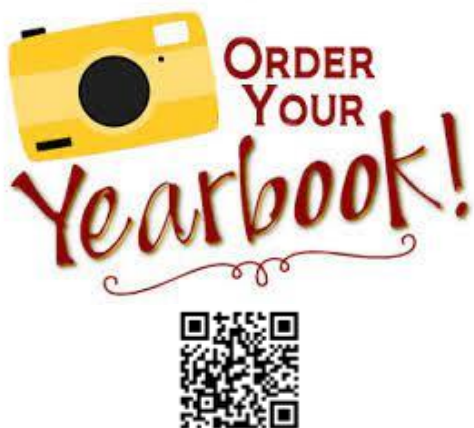
Students will be released at 12:15 (like a Wednesday) for Parent/Teacher conferences.



### SPIRIT DAY

Friday, February 14

Students are encouraged to wear red, pink, friendship day theme clothing. Jeans are permitted (no rips or tears).



### 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.intouchreceipting.com/>

## 8TH GRADE AD



Congratulate & Recognize  
your 8th Grade Student

8th Grade Ads

\$15

1/8" ad

Deadline: February 24

[https://yearbookordercenter.com/product/yearbook\\_ads](https://yearbookordercenter.com/product/yearbook_ads)



## 8th Grade Only Yearbook Ads

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

You design your own ad. Only \$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**





**Quarter 4 Sports Registration open 1/27**  
**Middle school Grades 6-8 only**

Fee to participate- \$150 - Paid after tryouts are completed

- KTA -Boys Volleyball (cut sport) pay after tryouts
- Pueblo Middle School Track and Field (non-cut, payment due at registration)
- Pueblo Middle School Boys Baseball (cut sport) pay after tryouts

[View Full Calendar](#)

## Upcoming Events

### JANUARY

January 28	Cafe Zupas Restaurant Night
January 31	Library - Tissue Box Contest Ends

### FEBRUARY

February 1	S.L.U.G Garden Work Day
February 3	PTO Meeting @ 5:30 in the MPR (enter through the garden gate)
February 5	AVID Spirit Day
February 3 - 7	Book Fair
February 6	Extra Early Release - students dismiss at 12:15 p.m.
February 7	Extra Early Release - students dismiss at 12: 15 p.m.
February 5 - 7	Conferences: See your teacher for more information
February 11	Texas Roadhouse
February 13	Variety Show Permission Slips Due
February 14	SPIRIT DAY: Friendship Day - wear pink/red/friendship theme
February 17	NO SCHOOL: President's Day
February 27	MS \$1 Free Dress Day
February 28	Family Game Night



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**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](#)

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# 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 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)



The Kyrene School District is pleased to continue the successful Positive Parenting Series this school year, focusing on issues that affect families both at school and at home. We hope you can join us.

### Feb. 12 - Be in the Know: Substance Use Prevention

#### Be in the Know: Substance Use Prevention

Participants will learn facts, trends, signs of use, causes of death, and resources for preventing and intervening.

**Presenter:** Stephanie Siete

**Date and Time:** February 12, 2025 @ 6:00-7:00pm

**Location:** Zoom

[Registration & Zoom Link](#)

**KYRENE COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

# SPRING BREAK NON-SCHOOL DAYS

**MARCH 10 - 24**

**KIDS CLUB @ MANITAS AND ESPERANZA**  
7AM - 6PM

**PRESCHOOL @ MANITAS**  
7AM - 6PM



**MARCH 10 - 14**

**KYRENE ADVENTURE TOURS @ MANITAS**  
7am - 4pm

Visit exciting AZ locations each day!

**VOLLEYBALL & BASEBALL/SOFTBALL  
MINI SPORTS CAMPS @ KMS**  
Times vary by age group







[WWW.KYRENE.ORG/NONSCHOOLDAYS](http://WWW.KYRENE.ORG/NONSCHOOLDAYS) [COMMUNITYEDUCATION@KYRENE.ORG](mailto:COMMUNITYEDUCATION@KYRENE.ORG)  
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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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