



January 17, 2025

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## Message from the Principal

Hello KTA Families and Friends:

It's been a busy two weeks back since winter break!! WOW so much happening at this time of year and so much to get ready for as we begin accepting registrations for the 2025-26 school year here at KTA and across the Kyrene District. **Here are some updates, reminders and points of interest!!**

**ESPORTS IS HERE!!!** We are **SO VERY** excited that KTA will be a **HUB** of **ESPORTS** for our district! As we speak, one of our classrooms at KTA is being redesigned into an **ESPORTS VENUE** that will be used for the classes and for competitions for the district. This will include **STATE OF THE ART COMPUTER STATIONS, HUGE MONITORS** and a **VIEWING AREA** for parents and guests! We are talking about a fantastic venue that will be completed this spring! **WE WANT YOUR STUDENTS** to be a part of this excitement! We have openings in our **ESPORTS TEAM** for students in grades 5-8! At KTA our fifth graders are also invited to get involved as we are a K-8 school, so take advantage of this amazing opportunity! **ALL fifth graders are taking home a flyer today - look for it to register! It's only \$50 for 7 weeks of classes and instruction and an ESPORTS T SHIRT!** Middle school students received flyers as well. All registration takes place on-line, search **ROCKET LEAGUE** or **ESPORTS**. Our classes will meet on Tuesdays from 2:30-4:30. Your children will be happy to be on the front end of this exciting new opportunity at KTA with Rocket League.

**WE ARE STILL REGISTERING for KICKBALL!** Students may join the K-2 or the 3-5 group. Mr. Cisneros is the K2 coach and Mr. Smith is the 3-5 coach. It's a fun team, so register now! Registration closes soon.

**PARENT CONFERENCES** are coming soon! They are scheduled a little earlier this year, so please be on the **LOOK OUT** for emails from your teachers to register online for a time slot. **The dates are WED FEB 5, THURS FEB 6 and FRI FEB 7.** All **THREE** of these dates are **early release dates, with student dismissal at 12:15 pm.** Please mark your calendars for that now! These spring conferences are very important opportunities to hear directly from your child's teachers about their growth and progress. Some grade levels are holding 'student led' conferences in addition to 1-1 parent meetings. These are fun opportunities to learn from your children as they share their work with you. Please look for these emails and communications coming soon.

**REGISTRATION** for the 2025-26 school year has begun! If you are a current student, we simply roll over your enrollment to next year and you don't have to do anything now. IF YOU HAVE friends or family members who are interested in our school, tell them to register early to ensure they have a spot. We generally do close for some grades in open enrollment as the spring months move ahead.

**COMING SOON FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES and EVENTS:**

- February PTO Meeting Feb 3
- Parent Conferences Feb 5-6-7
- Friendship Day Spirit Day Friday Feb 14 - Valentines Shirts ok - jeans ok (no rips or tears)
- NJHS Induction Ceremony - Feb 26
- PTO Family Game Night - Friday Feb 28

*Thank you all for your continued support and partnership.*

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

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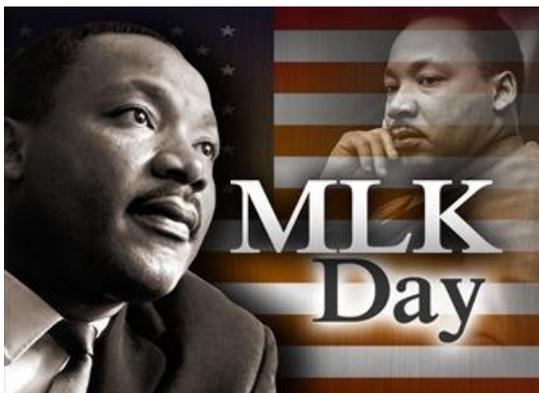
Dear families,

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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NO SCHOOL

January 20, 2025

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a federal holiday in the US observed on the third Monday of January each year. King was the chief spokesperson for nonviolent activism in the Civil Rights Movement, which protested racial discrimination in federal and state law and civil society.

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SCAN ME  
scan the QR code  
for information and  
registration

**KYRENE  
ESPORTS**

**JANUARY 21 - MARCH 6**  
OPEN TO 6TH - 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

Join us this spring for competitive, organized video gaming! Middle school students will participate in **Rocket League** with competitions between Kyrene schools. Game schedule will be provided once teams have been determined.

AKIMEL A-01	MON/TUE 3:15PM-4:15PM
ALTADENA	MON/TUE 3:15PM-4:15PM
APRENDE	TUE/TH 3:15PM-4:15PM
CMS	TUE/TH 3:15PM-4:15PM
KMS	MON/TUE 3:15PM-4:15PM
KTA	TUE 2:30PM-4:30PM (open to 5th-8th graders)
PUEBLO	TUE/TH 3:15PM-4:15PM

**\$50**  
INCLUDES  
TEAM T-SHIRT!

REGISTER ONLINE AT:  
[kyrene.ce.eleyo.com](http://kyrene.ce.eleyo.com)

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US: (480) 541-1200

Registration for KTA ESPORTS is now open for 5th - 8th grade students.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register.

Program begins January 21. KTA will hold practices and competitions on Tuesdays from 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

ESPORTS: Short for electronic sports, is a form of competition using video games. Esports often takes the form of organized, multiplayer video game competitions. KTA will compete against other Kyrene schools during the program.



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, 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!](#)



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

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

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# 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.



## 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.



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

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## 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/kta>

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## 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



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.

\$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 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

### FEBRUARY

February 3 PTO Meeting @ 5:30 in the MPR (enter through the garden gate)  
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 14 SPIRIT DAY: Friendship Day - wear pink/red/friendship theme  
February 17 NO SCHOOL: President's Day  
February 26 MS \$1 Free Dress Day  
February 28 Family Game 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

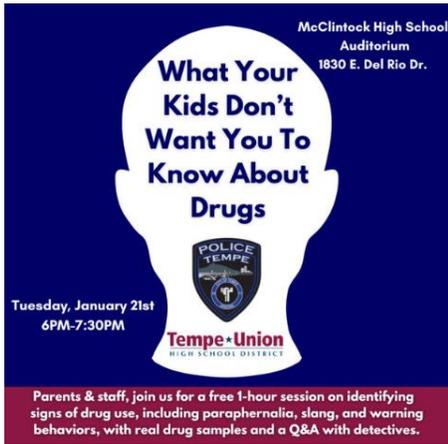


Raising a Reader is a national program designed to educate parents and caregivers about the importance of early literacy skills and how they can help build these skills in their young children to help them enter school ready to learn.

Parents attend eight weekly early literacy workshops with their children 0-5 years old. Families who participate in the program receive 12 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



Our partners at Tempe Police Department are hosting an important event about that may be of interest for middle school families about drug awareness and recognition at McClintock High School next Tuesday, January 21. This free event will include a 1-hour information session identifying signs of drug use, including paraphernalia, slang, social media emojis, and warning behaviors. There will be real drug samples to view and a Q&A with detectives. RSVP by emailing [pdoio@tempe.gov](mailto:pdoio@tempe.gov).

## Contact Us

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**Attendance:** 480-541-5401

**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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