



February 7, 2025

Message from the Principal

Hello KTA Families and Friends!

Thank you all for your attendance and participation in **Parent/Guardian Conference Week**. I heard such amazing feedback from teachers, families and students as wonderful conversations were held all about student growth and progress. Student led conferences in some grades gave students the chance to gain independence and leadership skills! Parents and teachers shared meaningful information about grades and in planning ahead for next year, particularly for our 5th graders going on to middle school next year. This is such a great event and we appreciate your attendance and participation!

Congratulations to our **Middle School FLAG FOOTBALL TEAM!** They had their first win last week! This is a new sport for Kyrene and we are excited that our team has really come together under the coaching of Mrs. Woolf and her son Jack, assistant coach. **Our next Flag Football games are Tuesday Feb 11 and Friday Feb 14. ALL games are held t Benedict Park in Tempe at 5:00 pm.**

Our BOOK FAIR WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!!! Thank you to all families who stopped by and those who purchased books or other items! Our PTO worked hard to present a wonderful fair along with Scholastic Books. As of mid-week, we had already met our goal for books sold and money raised for our library! SO, we should have some great news for you soon about the totals, with 100% of proceeds going back to our library to expand collections and access.

Monday kicks off our **Kids Heart Challenge with the American Heart Association, in grades K-5**. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn how they can contribute to their greater community and learn skills and lessons in healthy eating and living! Students and families can watch videos and learn skills together and we also work to raise money to support the American Heart Association. Students can earn really fun trinkets and bling!!!! **Watch for emails from your teachers, grades K-5.**

- **Tuesday Feb 11 is PTO Restaurant Night at Texas Roadhouse! Hope to see you there!**
- **Friday Feb 14 is Friendship Day Spirit Day!** Students and staff may wear Valentine theme shirts and sweatshirts, jeans are ok, but NO RIPS or TEARS. Students can wear pink/red colors as well. All items students wear must be school appropriate and not distracting to the school day.

Thank you all for your continued support and participation. We appreciate you!

Marianne L. Lescher, Ph.D.



Kyrene School District
Community Education

Saturday Academy

To register, [click here!](#)

Classes will be held here at KTA!
Four Saturdays.
Pick three classes!



NO SCHOOL

Monday, February 17

Enjoy your three day weekend!!!

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 to take the survey. The survey will be offered in English and Spanish. All responses are confidential and shared aggregated.



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.

DEADLINE EXTENDED: February 28

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!!!!



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!!**



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

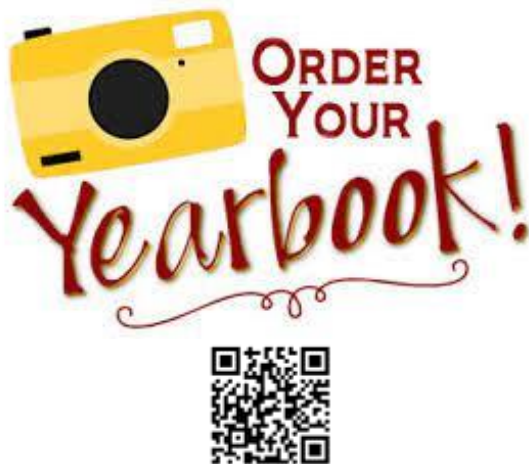
KTA PTO will earn 20% proceeds from the event. Dine in or Take-Out - just mention KTA when checking out. Go Tigers!!!!



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.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

8th Grade Only Yearbook Ads

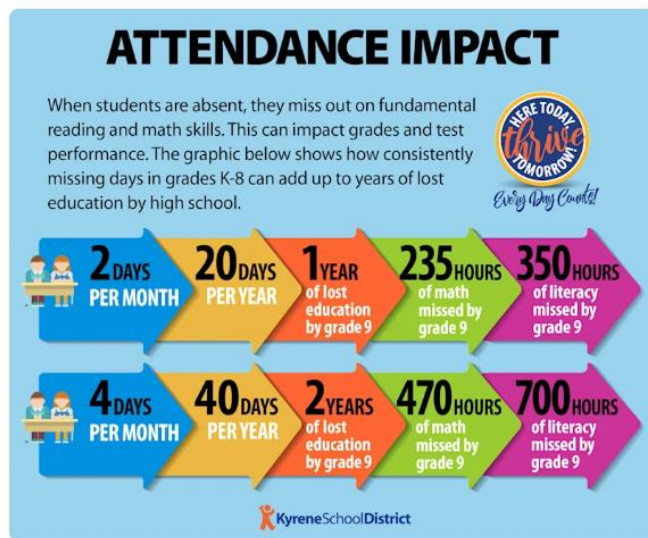
Parents - This is your opportunity to recognize and congratulate your 8th grade student.

You design your own ad.
\$15

Deadline: February 24th

Don't miss out1!!!

Use QR Code or [CLICK HERE](https://yearbookordercenter.com/product/yearbook_ads)



Dear Kyrene Families,

Earlier this school year, Kyrene schools began sending email notices when a student misses four or more days of school, whether excused or unexcused. The purpose of these messages is to extend an offer of support to families before a student's absences become concerning. School districts are required by law to inform parents and guardians of the potential legal consequences of missing school. However, in Kyrene, our primary concerns are the potential *learning* consequences. The first graphic below shows how just a few days per month, over time, can add up to *years* of lost learning.

Too sick for school?

Regular attendance is important for your child's well-being and learning. This guide can help you determine when to keep your child home and when to send them to school.



Send me to school if...

- I have a runny nose or mild cough, but **no** other symptoms.
- I have a mild rash but no other symptoms.
- I have only a mild stomachache.
- I have eye drainage but no fever, eye pain or redness.
- I haven't had a fever or taken any fever-reducing medicine for 24 hours.
- I haven't thrown up or had diarrhea for 24 hours.

Keep me at home if...

- I have a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees.
- I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.
- My eyes are pink and crusty.

Call the doctor if...

- I've had a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees for 2+ days or a fever combined with: **ear pain, sore throat, rash, cough, stomachache or headache.**
- I've been throwing up or have had diarrhea for more than two days.
- I've had the sniffles for more than a week, and they aren't getting better.
- I have any uncommon symptoms such as eye swelling or a rash with blisters

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If you have specific concerns regarding your child's health or are worried your child will spread illness, contact your health care provider. This guide does not take the place of county or school district health guidance regarding respiratory viruses or other contagious illnesses.

To help families track attendance, Kyrene will send notices when a student reaches 4, 8 and 13 absences. If a student exceeds 18 absences, a more formal letter will be sent, but it is our goal to partner with families before that happens. Kyrene has just launched a [new webpage](#) with resources to help ensure students are able to maintain good attendance habits, including a "[Too Sick for School](#)" guide to help determine when to keep students home.

We are committed to working with families to improve student attendance and academic success. We encourage you to monitor your child's attendance regularly and to reach out to your school principal if you need any assistance or support.

Sincerely,
Laura Toenjes, Superintendent

[View Full Calendar](#)

Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY

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



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

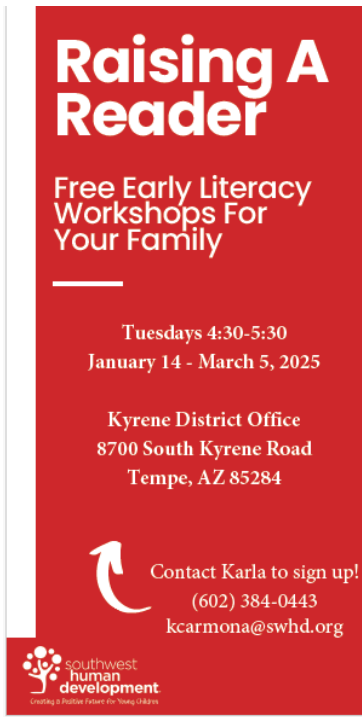
The Kyrene School Board approved a 60-day review of middle school 6-8 grade English language arts (ELA) curriculum resources. As part of the public review process, the curriculum materials and digital resources from the selected vendors will be available at our middle school campuses and the Kyrene District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

A red poster for the 'Raising a Reader' program. The title 'Raising a Reader' is in large white font at the top. Below it, 'Free Early Literacy Workshops For Your Family' is written in white. The schedule 'Tuesdays 4:30-5:30 January 14 - March 5, 2025' is listed. The location 'Kyrene District Office 8700 South Kyrene Road Tempe, AZ 85284' is provided. A white arrow points to the contact information: 'Contact Karla to sign up! (602) 384-0443 kcarmona@swhd.org'. The Southwest Human Development logo is at the bottom left.


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

 southwest human development
Creating a better future for young children

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



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







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Office Hours: 7:00 am – 3:30 pm
Wednesday 7:00 am - 1:30 pm

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