



February 28, 2025

Message from the Principal

Hello KTA Families and Friends!

TONIGHT IS FAMILY BINGO NIGHT 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m! Are you coming out to have fun, play some games and win some prizes?? Hope to see you there!

Next Tuesday March 4 is Read Across America Day and Dress as your Favorite Book Character Spirit Day! Pay \$1 to dress as your Favorite Book Character. All proceeds support the KTA Library.

The weather is beautiful and we are close to **Spring Break!** Hard to believe!! This year surely is flying by. I hope this week's newsletter finds everyone finally getting over the colds and the flu that really have been impacting our students and families. It's been a rough go for the past few weeks. Hope you are all healthy.

A HUGE CELEBRATION for our BANDS PROGRAM at KTA! Ms. Lauren Scott, Director of KTA Tiger Pride Bands, has been with us for over 8 years and in that time...she has built our program to include multiple bands at multiple levels and has developed our elementary band program for 4th and 5th graders as a gold standard of how to support young musicians as they grow and develop. Each year, our Middle School Wind Ensemble participates in an exciting competitive experience with ABODA - Arizona Band and Orchestra Directors Association. Students across our state perform and are judged according to specific rubrics on the many aspects of their performance. We have been developing year over year and this year.....we reached the **HIGHEST PERFORMANCE STANDARD: SUPERIOR!** This is very difficult to achieve and we applaud Ms. Scott and our Middle School Students for their amazing dedication and performance! Congrats to **ALL OF OUR BANDS** as they performed in a tremendous concert this week as well!

Congratulations to our NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY members and new inductees! This is such a wonderful service and scholarship organization and **Ms. Brandy Haas, as our KTA Chapter Director**, proudly inducted new members this week! We are so very proud of their dedication and efforts.

Our STUDENT COUNCIL under the direction of Mrs. Lindsay Sweeney have been hard at work in collecting items for our HYGIENE DRIVE! They collected hundreds of items such as shampoo,

toothpaste, body wash and much more all going to the Kyrene Family Resource Center! WOW! What a fantastic community service project. The students took great pride in collecting, boxing and bringing the items over to the KFRC so that they can help their neighbors and friends.

Next Friday **MARCH 7** is **FIELD DAY** for Elementary Grades- **K-5** students **MUST** wear sneakers (**NO CROCS**) and they must wear comfortable athletic clothing. **NO SWIMSUITS**. Middle schoolers will be helping with all of the stations and students will enjoy many different activities and challenges. We recommend students bring a change of clothing and a towel.

OUR NEXT PTO meeting is Monday March 3 5:30 pm in the MPR. ALL FAMILIES are welcome to attend and participate!

Thank you for your continued collaboration and partnership.
GO TIGERS!

Marianne L. Lescher, Ph.D.



Our wind ensemble attended ABODA (Arizona Band and Orchestra Directors Association) this week.

KTA received the highest performance standard of SUPERIOR.

Great job Ms. Scott & students!!!!



Scents:

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

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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.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT



FREE TO PLAY!

FUN PRIZES! FOOD/DRINKS FOR SALE! FROZEN TREATS!

FEBRUARY 28TH FROM 5:30 - 7:00 PM

MENU:

PIZZA - \$2.25
NACHOS - \$2.25
CHIPS - \$1.25
DRINKS - \$1.25
FROZEN TREATS - \$2.25
25% DISCOUNT PER ITEM APPLIED FOR CASH/VENMO PAYMENTS

IN THE MPR

PAYMENT OPTIONS:
CASH
VENMO
CARD PAYMENTS!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!



Friday, February 28

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Pink Flyer Coming Home Today

FREE TO PLAY

Fun Prizes!

Event is free!

Food, Drinks, & Frozen Treats for sale!

Volunteers Needed

Volunteer link: <https://evite.me/dPRyuBJBpS>



Dress Like Your Favorite Book Character

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

\$1 Free Dress

All School

All proceeds will be given to the library for the purchase of new books.



SOMBURROS NIGHT

Thursday, March 6, 2025

3461 W Frye Rd, Chandler

480-726-8226

Somburros will donate 30% back to KTA PTO for all food sales from any guest that presents this fundraising flyer.

The event runs all day.

Good with Dine-In, Drive Thru, TO-GO and on-line orders



Group Picture Day

Thursday, March 6

The K - 5 classes will have a group picture taken. Picture envelopes are coming home if you would like to purchase one. These pictures are not part of the yearbook.

Students are required to wear their school uniform for these pictures.



PTO Meeting

Monday, March 3

5:30 p.m.

MPR

Please join us. Kids are welcome.



FIELD DAY

Friday, March 7

Grades: K - 5th

Students in grades K - 5 will be participating in a fun field day activity. Please ensure that your students are dressed appropriately. Closed toe shoes (not crocks) are required. Students may get wet, you you may want to send a change of clothes and a towel. Please be sure that names are written on all items.



SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL

March 10 - 14

March 17 - 21

March 24

CAPTURE *The* FLAG



Kyrene Intramurals

PRACTICES AT YOUR SCHOOL CAMPUS BEGIN THE WEEK OF MARCH 31ST

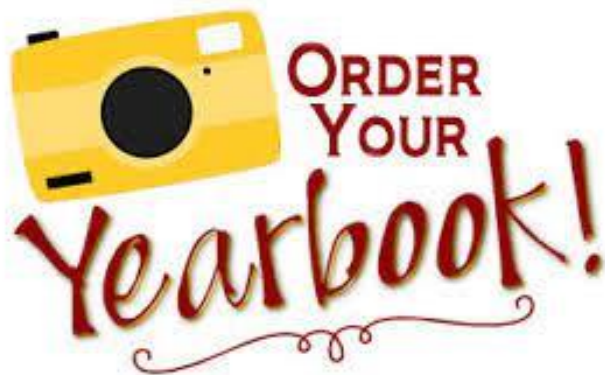
GRADES 3-5 PRACTICES 2X PER WEEK - \$100

SEASON ENDS ON MAY 10TH WITH A DISTRICT WIDE TOURNAMENT AT
AKIMEL A-AL MIDDLE SCHOOL



REGISTER NOW!

REGISTRATION CLOSES
MARCH 27TH AT NOON



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/>



Come join us for Storybook STEM! This is a new after-school club with projects created by the Arizona Science Center. Students in K-5 will be exploring Fairytales and using the engineering design process to problem solve our STEM projects.

We will have meetings after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting April 1 through May 22. The cost of the program is \$20 per child (cash only). Register by 3/27/2025

After School STEM program for grades K - 5.

Form coming home with students this week.

Teacher: Mr. Cisneros

INCOMING 2025 - 2026



Kindergarten

Kindergarten Information Night

Thursday, March 27

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

School Library

Enter through the East (Metro Side) of the building at the I door.

Incoming kindergarten students are encouraged to join us. They will get to participate in an activity in the kindergarten classroom while parents attend the presentation.

MARCH/APRIL 2025

STATE TESTING DATES

3/31 4/1	AZSCI GRADES 5TH & 8TH	4/2 4/4 4/7	ORF 3RD GRADE WRITING 3RD-8TH GRADE
4/8 4/9	READING GRADES 3RD-8TH	4/10 4/11	MATH GRADES 3RD-8TH

PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY TO HAVE YOUR STUDENTS AT SCHOOL, ON TIME, AND READY TO TRY THEIR PERSONAL BEST!!!

STATE TESTING

Your child's attendance at school is important during testing. Please help us by ensuring that your children are well rested, have a healthy breakfast, and are on time to school on testing days.



Quarter 4 Sports Registration open 1/27 (registration ends March 7)
Middle school Grades 6-8 only

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

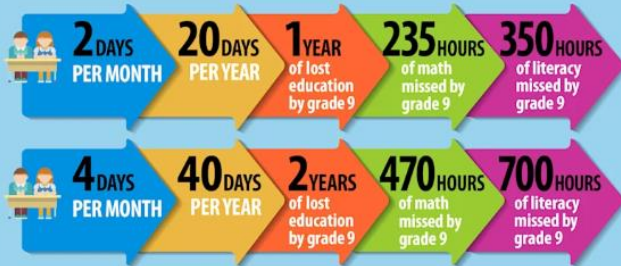
KTA -Boys Volleyball (cut sport) pay after tryouts

Pueblo Middle School Track and Field (non-cut, payment due at registration)

Pueblo Middle School Boys Baseball (cut sport) pay after tryouts I'm a new Text block ready for your content.

ATTENDANCE IMPACT

When students are absent, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills. This can impact grades and test performance. The graphic below shows how consistently missing days in grades K-8 can add up to years of lost education by high school.



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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.

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.

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 28
February 28
February 28

Family Game Night
Hygiene Drives Ends
Pre-Order Smencil Sales End

MARCH

March 3	PTO Meeting @ 5:30 a.m.
March 4	Dress As Your Favorite Book Character
March 6	Somburros Restaurant Night
March 6	K - 5 Class Pictures
March 7	K - 5 Field Days
March 10 - 14	Spring Break
March 17 - 21	Spring Break
March 24	No School for Students/Teacher work day
March 27	Kindergarten Information Night



Kyrene School District
Community Education

Saturday Academy

To register, [click here!](#)

Classes will be held here at KTA!

Four Saturdays.

Pick three classes!

Spring Break Mini-Camps
March 10 - 14

BEGINNERS EDGE SPORTS TRAINING

KYRENE COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Join the fun with Beginners Edge Sports Training's Mini-Sports Camps! Choose **Baseball or Volleyball** for 2 hours of **daily skills, scrimmages, and confidence-building** over 5 action-packed days. Want more? Pick both sports for 4 hours of exciting play each day! Our expert coaches ensure your kids stay active, build skills, and make unforgettable memories. Spots are limited - sign up now and let the fun begin! All equipment is supplied.

VOLLEYBALL CAMP	BASEBALL CAMP
Kyrene Middle School Indoors @ Gym	Kyrene Middle School Outdoors @ Softball Field
\$150 per child	\$150 per child
6th-8th Grade: 9 - 11am K-2nd Grade: 11:30am - 1:30pm 3rd-5th Grade: 2 - 4pm	K-2nd Grade: 8:45-10:45am 3rd-5th Grade: 11:15am - 1:15pm 6th-8th Grade: 1:15-3:45pm
Register Here	Register Here

Kyrene School District
Community Education

Join the fun with Beginners Edge Sports
Training Mini-Sports Camps.

Baseball & Volleyball
5 action packed days

[CLICK HERE](#) FOR REGISTRATION AND MORE
INFORMATION.



Families can register by the week, with full-day options available. For a complete list, including dates and locations, visit www.kyrene.org/summeroptions.

Kyrene School District Community Education

Be an Explorer this Summer
with Kyrene Community Education!

Are you looking for engaging learning opportunities for your student(s) this summer? Kyrene Community Education offers extensive summer programming options that are focused on a variety of popular topics, such as art, cooking, engineering, science, sports, video games, technology and more!

These programs are available for incoming PreK-8 students, and both current and non-Kyrene families.

Kids Club and After Hours
Preschool
Adventure Tours
Summer Academy



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.

Mar. 27 - "Internet Safety: Creating a Tech-Life Balance"

Participant will learn the eye-opening presentation is designed to empower parents to create a healthy and balanced tech-life in their family.

Presenter: Elena Zavalza

Date and Time: March 27, 2025 6:00-7:00pm

Location: On-Line **To Register:** [Click Here](#)

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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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