



February 21, 2025

Message from the Principal

Hello Amazing KTA Families and Friends!

Busy times at KTA as we are in the place where we are working hard with students for their growth and progress for this school year and we are also planning ahead for the 2025-2026 school year!! Time is flying! If you weren't sure...all current students at KTA will carry over to stay at our school into the next grade, and parents do not need to do anything right now. When the school year starts, the main thing you will need to do is to review your Emergency Info in Parent Vue so that we are sure we have your current address, phone and emails. It's a good habit to get into to check that periodically as well, so that you are sure all is correct and current. We use that for ALL communication so it is critical that we have accurate and up-to-date information. Thank you in advance for your help with that!

One additional 'tip'...if you are planning to use the Kids Club program for 2025-2026 we highly suggest you register NOW, through Kyrene.org and the Community Education department. We have had a wait list this year due to staffing challenges...so ensure your spot by registering NOW for 2025-2026.

Do you know of any family or friends looking to enroll here at KTA? We would love to welcome them to the KTA TIGER FAMILY! Registration for all grades is now open! We highly encourage early registration so that we can plan for schedules and teacher assignments and all the details and logistics that go into planning for a school year. Registering early also guarantees that people will be on our distribution lists to receive information now and in the spring and summer. We want to be sure that everyone has the information they need!

Did you know that kinder and fifth grade went on their field trips today? WHAT FUN! Kinder went to the zoo and fifth grade went to ASU for amazing experiences in science and stem. Thank you teachers for arranging these opportunities. Thanks to the parents who chaperoned and thanks to

everyone who helped to support these experiences. Note that our PTO helps to pay for the buses for trips and YOUR TAX CREDIT DONATIONS help to support costs and scholarships for field trips.

Speaking of TAX CREDIT DONATIONS.....did you know that you can get a DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR credit on your AZ STATE TAXES as you file this year? It is so simple. You donate any amount (different amts based on filing separately or jointly) and you get a CREDIT on your taxes for the same amount. It literally costs you NOTHING and we get 100% of the donation to KTA. **We purchase things like playground equipment and recess items, we fund fun assemblies and author visits. We purchase the items for both elementary and middle school store incentives!!! EVERY STUDENT HERE benefits from your TAX CREDIT DONATION.** Please consider making a donation online today or call the KTA office for directionsit's really easy! You will get a receipt for your taxes. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

Next week we have our **3rd Quarter Band Concert on Thursday February 27** and we have our **PTO FAMILY GAME NIGHT on Friday February 28**. Mark your calendars for these special, fun events.

Thanks as always for your continued support and collaboration.

Marianne L. Lescher, Ph.D.



American Heart Association
Kids Heart Challenge
February 10 - February 23

We are off to a great start.
We making strides on our goals:

- GOAL: Raise \$6,000 - we are at 30%
- GOAL: 18 Students complete FINN'S MISSION - 9 students so far

Be sure to look in your child's backpack for Kids Heart Challenge information. There is still time to participate.

And just released....a new character Wylie and Bingo. All students who raise \$50 will get a Wylie & Bingo. All Wylie & Bingo prizes will be



handed out at one time at the end of the challenge.



Scents:

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

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

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)

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.



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)



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

HYGIENE DRIVE KTA Student Council

Proceeds will be donated to
our Kyrene Family Resource
Center

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

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
50¢ 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>



Quarter 3 Band Concert

Thursday, February 27

6:30 p.m.

MPR

Enter through the garden gates.



\$1 Free Dress

MS Only

Thursday, February 27



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

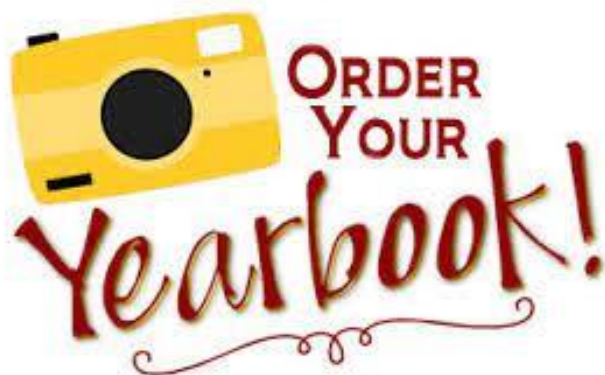


SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL

March 10 - 14

March 17 - 21

March 24



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/>



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

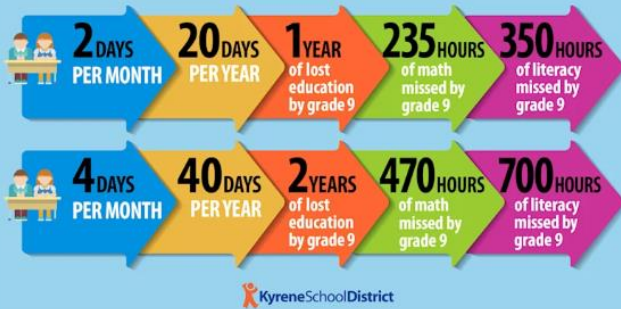
KTA -Boys Volleyball (cut sport) pay after tryouts

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.



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



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 23	Kids Heart Challenge Ends
February 24	Deadline for 8th Grade ads in the yearbook
February 27	MS \$1 Free Dress Day
February 27	Q3 Band Concert
February 28	Family Game Night
February 28	Hygiene Drives Ends
February 28	Pre-Order Smencil Sales End



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



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](#)



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

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