



March 7, 2025

Message from the Principal

Hello KTA Families and Friends!!

We are at the end of the **THIRD QUARTER** of this school year....**hard to believe!!** This quarter seems to have really flown by, coming off the holiday break and then parent/teacher conferences shortly after. It's been a fun and productive 9 weeks, with students working hard, showcasing their progress through projects and student-led conferences and now, getting ready to enter the final quarter of the year. That means state and district testing starting in April. As we move into Spring Break 2025, we had some great events this week to celebrate and recognize!

- **Read Across America was fun this week....**with many students and staff coming to school on Tuesday dressed as a favorite book character!!! Mrs. Formisano celebrated with students in the library with stories and highlighting award winning books!
- **K-5 Graders took their Class Pictures....**and each parent/family is able to purchase a class picture as a wonderful memory of this school year. Students took home a form to order a picture for a nominal fee and if you have questions about ordering, please feel free to call our office.
- **8th Graders all participated in a CAREER FAIR on Thursday!** It was fantastic! Every student, in their Advisory Class, chose a career path of interest to them which they researched. They put together a presentation board that included information on the career requirements, salary etc. Students assembled in the gym and presented their work to students across all grades and all staff! Our younger students really enjoyed learning from their older classmates! Great job students and Advisory Teachers to get them so well prepared!
- **Our PTO had their monthly meeting this week and have preparations in place for fourth quarter events such as NEON DANCE, 8th Grade Dance, 5th and 8th Grade Promotions, Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week and so much more!** We love our PTO! Thank you for all you do to support us!

MOSAIC PROJECT: DID YOU KNOW that we are working on a project to add to the lovely mosaic at the front of our school entry. Here are some ways for **YOU** and **YOUR FAMILY** to be involved!

- **Do you have extra tile**, from a bathroom or floor remodeling project? **We would love to receive your donated tiles if you don't need them.** CALL OUR OFFICE 480-541-5400 to arrange a drop off!!!
- **Would you like to purchase a PERSONALIZED TILE with your family or child's name on it?** We will be offering these for a \$25 donation to the project! They will be included in the beautiful time project! A flyer will be coming home right after Spring Break! Watch for it!
- **Would you like to VOLUNTEER for the actual mosaic part of the project?** We will schedule this in late April after testing. We will send out dates later this month and we will need several parents throughout the day during this week long event!
- **DO YOU have a company or connections to a corporation or other group that would like to make a donation to this great project?** EVERY amount is valuable and appreciated. ALL donations over \$25 will be recognized with names on our wonderful project. Email Dr. Lescher directly mlesch@kyrene.org if you would like to discuss corporate donations at any amount.

It's going to be a fun and exciting fourth quarter!! Keep reading these weekly newsletters and you won't miss a thing!

Remember that students return after Spring Break on Tuesday March 25 (Monday 3/24 is a Teacher Work Day).

Marianne L. Lescher, Ph.D.

**DONATIONS
NEEDED**
Can you help??

The Mosaic at the front of the school is going to be getting an uplift.

Items to Donate: “*Tesserae*” are pieces of ceramic, glass, stone, or other materials used to create a mosaic design. We are asking for old or recycled materials (*tesserae*) such as broken ceramic tiles, stained glass, mirrors, beach glass, china, and pottery. The colors we are looking for include the following (though all colors are welcome and may be used for future mosaic projects).

Here is a [link](#) to a sign-up genius for donations.



YEARBOOK ORDERS

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/>



SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL

March 10 - 14

March 17 - 21

March 24

STUDENT COUNCIL



Thank you to everyone who donated to our Student Council Hygiene Drive. It was a big success and supports Kyrene families.



SCHEDULE CHANGE - MARCH 28

FIELD DAY

3-5: 8-10am
K-2: 12-2pm

1. Closed campus this day!
2. Bring a change of clothes!
3. Closed toed shoes with back strap mandatory!
4. No swimsuits, but bring a towel
5. Wear Sunscreen
6. Spirit Day: Active /Sports wear

FIELD DAY

Friday, March 28 (RESCHEDULED)

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 are required. Students may get wet, you may want to send a change of clothes and a towel. Please be sure that names are written on all items.

KICKBALL INTRAMURALS @ KTA!



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 CLOSING
MARCH 27TH AT NOON

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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SCAN ME
scan the QR code
for information and
registration

**KYRENE
ESPORTS**

APRIL 7 - MAY 22
OPEN TO 6TH - 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

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

AKIMEL A-a	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 6th-8th graders)
PUEBLO	TUE/TH 3:15PM-4:15PM

\$50
INCLUDES
TEAM T-SHIRT!

REGISTER ONLINE AT:
kyrene.ce.eleyo.com

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US: (480) 541-1200



Thank you for helping kids with special hearts everywhere!



Dear Families,

Our Kids Heart Challenge was a success! THANK YOU for your incredible generosity and support in making our community heart healthy while helping others. [Click here for a BIG Thank You from a Heart Heroes across the US!](#) YOU made a difference! *38 students joined our team, 19 families learned Hands-Only CPR, 13 students completed Finn's Mission, and we raised \$2,261 for the American Heart Association to help people with special hearts!* THANK YOU! Visit Our School's KHC Website here - <http://www2.heart.org/goto/KTA> - to see the top classrooms and students. We know how important it is to take care of our hearts year-round, so for additional tips and resources, visit the [Parent Corner](#) to keep your family healthy. Thank you again for your support!



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



Summer Movie Fun

Harkins Summer Movie Pass!

For only \$8 per person you can attend a movie each week this summer! See the [flyer](#) for the full list of movies and select your preferred Theater and day of the week to attend. Movies start at 9:45am.

You can send your order to

ktaptotigers@gmail.com or send it in with your student by Friday, March 28th. Payment can be turn in with the form or sent to the PTO Venmo account @KTAPTO

INCOMING 2025 - 2026



DATE: MARCH 27
TIME: 5:30 - 6:30

KINDERGARTEN SHOWCASE NIGHT

3375 W. Galveston St.
Chandler, AZ 85226
480-541-5400



Incoming Kindergarten Students.
Meet with Administration and Teachers!
Visit Classrooms!

Kyrene Traditional Academy is a K-8 traditional model school that uses specialized approaches to teaching and learning and provides highly individual attention to students across grade levels. Take a peek into KTA's tight-knit and diverse campus to see how they are preparing their students for academic success and developing self-disciplined, conscientious members of society.

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

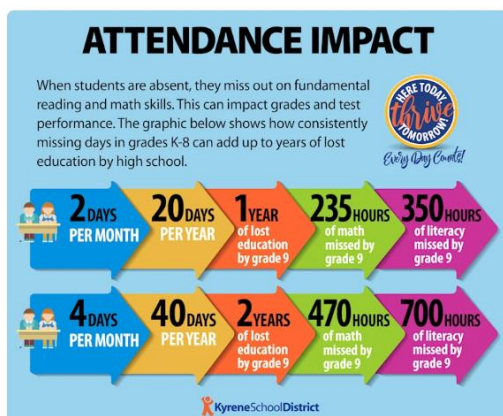
STATE TESTING DATES

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.



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

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

KyreneSchoolDistrict 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.

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

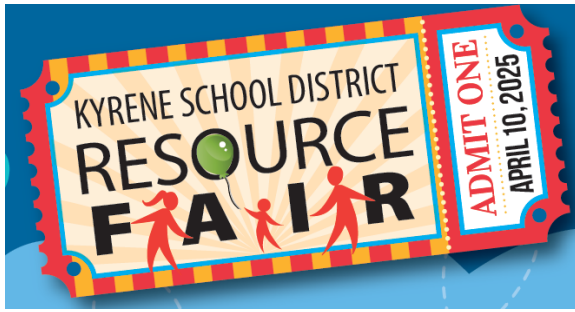
MARCH

March 10 - 14	Spring Break
March 17 - 21	Spring Break
March 24	No School for Students/Teacher work day
March 27	Kindergarten Information Night
March 28	Field Days Re-Scheduled K - 5
March 28	Spirit Day: Sports Day for Field Days
March 31	Capture The Flag Intramurals Begins (3rd - 5th Grade)

APRIL

April 7	E-Sports Begins (5th - 8th Grade)
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Kyrene School District Resource Fair

Thursday, April 10

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Kyrene Centennial Middle School

13808 S 36th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85044

Join us for an enriching experience tailored to families navigating the journey of raising children with disabilities. Kyrene School District's Exceptional Student Services team invites you to our Resource Fair, an opportunity for families to discover local resources and create connections in the community.

Gain insights, strategies, and valuable information from experts in a variety of fields involved with raising children with special needs.

Engage in one-on-one conversations with resource providers to address your family's unique needs and concerns.

Gather informational flyers, brochures and contacts to support your family.



Kyrene School District
Community Education

Saturday Academy

To register, [click here!](#)

Classes will be held here at KTA!

Four Saturdays.

Pick three classes!



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 and 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

www.kyrene.org/nonschooldays

[COMMUNITYEDUCATION@KYRENE.ORG](mailto:communityeducation@kyrene.org)
480-541-1500






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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

A+ School of Excellence™

