



April 4, 2025

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## Message from the Principal

**Hello KTA Families and Friends:**

I am so very honored to share with our KTA Community that I was just recently given an amazing honor, as a **National Distinguished Principal from Arizona, from the National Elementary School Principal Association and the Arizona School Administrators Association**. I am honored to represent Arizona to these two great organizations. Thank you for the many good wishes I have received! I share this honor with our entire staff, our students and KTA community! I am so very honored to be your principal for 13 years at KTA and a principal in the Kyrene District for 25 years! Thank you for your continued support!

Thank you **Landings Credit Union** for providing breakfast for our entire staff this morning!!! We so appreciate their partnership and collaboration over the years! What a tremendous organization! Special thanks to **Matt Tieken, manager of the Chandler Branch** and to **Harvey Gibson, at the Landings Mill Ave location**.

Today we enjoyed **Elementary Principal Lunch** and **Middle School Store!** Such fun to celebrate our students across all grade levels with these recognition events.

**THANK YOU families for making the extra efforts to get your children to school each day, and on time for testing.** This is essential for helping them to do their best work. We continue with testing next week....thanks for your continued efforts all next week.

**Next Week: PTO Meeting Monday April 7, 5:30 pm.** Remember that all KTA parents are automatically members! Come on down to the meeting and learn more about our fantastic team.

**Mark your calendars for Alice in Wonderland!!** Our Middle School Drama Club presents this classis musical on **Friday April 11 and Saturday April 12**. You won't want to miss this! Thanks to Mrs. Abel and Ms. Haas for their dedication to make this event a reality for students!

**Friendly Reminder to all parents: Morning drop-off begins at 7:00 am.** There is **NO STAFF** supervision until 7:00 am on both the Metro and the Galveston sides. We have noticed an increase on

some days in the number of students being dropped off early. In the interest of student safety, we ask that you do not drop off until 7:00 am. Many thanks for your extra efforts here.

*Thank you for your continued partnership and collaboration.*

Marianne L. Lescher, Ph.D.

### **Arizona Academic Standards Assessment - Continues Next Week!**

Students in grades 3-8 will begin their AASA state testing - please make all efforts to have students arrive on time, with a good breakfast and a good night of sleep!!! Thank you for all your help with this!



On Thursday, April 3, Dr Lescher was surprised to receive the honor of 2025 NAESP's National Distinguished Principal® (NDP). This program honors outstanding elementary and middle-level principals who ensure that America's children acquire a sound foundation for lifelong learning and achievement. Each year, NAESP congratulates principals from across the nation, in both public and U.S. overseas schools, for their exemplary achievements. The principal honorees are selected by NAESP state affiliates and by committees representing private and overseas schools.



**DINE FOR KTA!!**

April 21st - 25<sup>th</sup>: All day, every day!!!!

On Tuesday, April 22, they will provide a prize wheel to spin to add to the fun!

20% of all receipts will be given back to KTA. Make sure that you put your receipt in the bucket.

3155 W Ray Rd, Chandler AZ 85226



**APRIL 7-11, 2025**

The funds raised for this event will be used for Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week!

### HOW IT WORKS

Each **GRADE** has their own piggy bank for collecting money  
**GAIN POINTS** by adding **PENNIES & BILLS** to your grade's pig  
**BUT...** Grades can **DEDUCT POINTS** from each other by adding  
**SILVER COINS** to their pig

**THE GRADE WITH THE MOST POINTS WINS A FROZEN TREAT PART**  
**ONE WINNER FROM K-2ND; ONE WINNER FROM 3RD-5TH;**  
**ONE WINNER FROM 6TH-8TH**

**OUR GOAL IS TO RAISE \$2,000 AS A SCHOOL!**  
**IF WE REACH OUR GOAL, DR. LESCHER AND MRS. VESTER WILL**  
**HAVE A LIP SYNC BATTLE FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL TO SEE!**

POSITIVE POINTS	NEGATIVE POINTS
EACH PENNY = +1 POINT	NICKEL = -5 POINTS
\$1 BILL = +100 POINTS	DIME = -10 POINTS
\$2 BILL = +200 POINTS	QUARTER = -25 POINTS
\$5 BILL = +500 POINTS	HALF DOLLAR = -50 POINTS
\$10 BILL = +1,000 POINTS	DOLLAR COIN = -100 POINTS
\$20 BILL = +2,000 POINTS	
PENNY ROLL = +250 POINTS	

**PIGGY BANKS WILL BE BY THE WATER FOUNTAINS FOR K-5TH AND BY THE STAIRS FOR 6TH-8TH BEFORE SCHOOL EACH DAY!**  
**ALL MONEY MUST BE TURNED IN BY 8:00AM ON FRIDAY TO BE COUNTED!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL [KTAPTOTIGERS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KTAPTOTIGERS@GMAIL.COM)



Enrollment for the 2025/2026  
School Year  
Is Now Open

We are now accepting registration for the upcoming school year. If you have any incoming kindergarten students, please take a moment to get your registration started. If you have any friends with students that would like to come to KTA, please let them know.

KTA is currently offering tours of the school. Please RSVP if you would like to attend.

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

## TOURS

Monday, April 14 @ 1:00 p.m.

Monday, April 21 @ 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 6 @ 10:30 a.m.

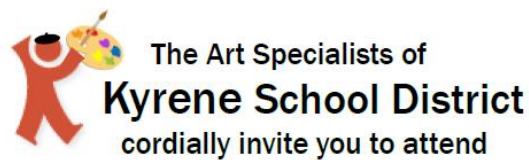
Thursday, May 8 @ 1:00 p.m.

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.



## CALENDAR CHANGE FOR 2025/2026

*Kyrene has made a small adjustment to the 2025-26 school year calendar, based on feedback from families regarding the length of fall break. Previously, fall break was two weeks, followed by two additional days off for teacher planning and staff development. The revised calendar moves one of those staff days to August, shortening the break by one day. The [updated calendar](#) is now available online. It also includes all early release dates for next year. Thank you again for your feedback and continued support.*



**Art Show Opening**  
Monday, April 22nd, 2025

Virtual art show link:

[www.kyrene.org/artshow2025](http://www.kyrene.org/artshow2025)

The Virtual District Art show is scheduled for April 22, 2025.

You can access the show at:

<https://www.kyrene.org/about-kyrene/district-art-show-2025>

Congratulations to the following KTA students who will be featured:







### Variety Show

Wednesday, April 16

Show starts at 5:30 p.m.

Please join us for a fun night of entertainment. We have student and classroom presentations.

NOTE: The event is held outside, so please dress appropriately. There will be some chairs, but feel free to bring your own.

PTO will have concessions!!



### EARLY RELEASE DAY

Friday, April 18

Students will release at 12:15 p.m.

Please plan accordingly for after school plans.



### Middle School Musical

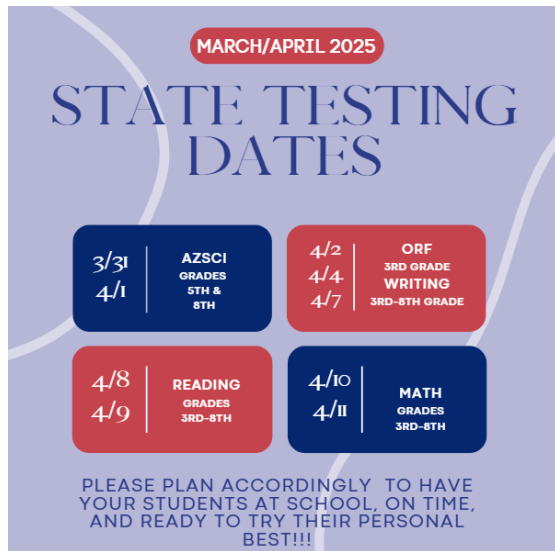
Friday, April 11 @ 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 12 @ 2:00 p.m.

Tickets - \$10 premium

\$5 adult \$3 student

Please join us for an amazing production by our middle school students.



## STATE TESTING

April 4 & 7

3rd grade only

April 8 - 11

3rd - 8th grade



## \$1 Free Dress Day

MS Only - Thursday, April 24

Students can make a \$1 donation to have a free dress day. Clothing must still be school appropriate according to the Kyrene School District standards.



## FINE ARTS PERFORMANCES

Tuesday, April 22

Marimba Cats Concert - 6:30 p.m.

Monday, April 28

Cool Cats Concert - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 13

Middle School Theatre/Music Showcase  
6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 22



Q4 Band Concert - 6:30 p.m.

Concerts are held in the MPR. Enter through the garden gates and go directly to the MPR!!



KTA Cheer Camp - \$170

Saturdays  
April 12 - May 17  
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Grades 3rd - 5th

(that's less than \$10 an hour)

Join us for an exciting Cheer Camp designed for grades 3rd-5th! This camp will introduce young athletes to the fundamentals of cheer, including motions, jumps, basic stunts, tumbling, and cheers. It's a great opportunity for kids to build confidence, teamwork skills, and school spirit in a fun and encouraging environment. Don't miss out on this energetic and engaging experience!

To Register [click here!](#)



**Celebration of Learning**  
**Wednesday, May 7**  
**5 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

Open house format with music and band performances throughout the night. PTO will have concessions available for purchase.

More information to follow. Save the date!!!!



**RSVP using the QR code.**



**QUESTIONS:**  
stheob@kyrene.org  
or call 480-541-5400

KTA 8th Grade Students will join the walk, so that current KTA students can cheer them on and wish them luck as they continue on to high school.



## IMPORTANT EVENTS





## END OF YEAR IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- It is not necessary for you to register your child for the next school year. All students at KTA will automatically roll over to the next school year unless we have received information otherwise.
- 8th grade students do not automatically roll to any school. You must contact your high school of choice and go through the process of registration.
- Students cannot be absent more than 10 days at the end of the school year. If you are going out of the country or out of town and your child will be absent more than 10 days you will be required to withdrawal and re-enroll when you return. So please keep this in mind when you are planning your trips.

[View Full Calendar](#)

## Upcoming Events

### APRIL

April 7	PTO MEETING - ALL INVITED
April 7 - 11	COIN WARS
April 11	ALICE IN WONDERLAND @ 6:30 p.m.
April 12	ALICE IN WONDERLAND @ 2 p.m.
April 15	Texas Roadhouse PTO Restaurant Night
April 16	VARIETY SHOW
April 21 - 25	Culver's Restaurant Week

### SAVE THE DATE - IMPORTANT MAY EVENTS

May 2	K - 5 Neon Dance @ 5:00 p.m.
May 5	Last PTO Meeting at 5:30 in the MPR
May 7	Celebration of Learning Open House 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
May 13	MS Theatre/Music Showcase - 6:30 p.m.

May 16	MS Dance @ 6:00 p.m.
May 17	Yearbook Signing Parties - all grades - Don't Forget Your Yearbook!
May 20	Peter Piper Pizza Night
May 21	PTO Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
May 22	All School \$1 Free Dress
May 22	Q4 Band Concert - 6:30 p.m.
May 26	No School - Memorial Day
May 27	5th Grade Promotion - 8 a.m.
	Spirit Day: Dress Your Best
May 28	5th Grade Student Celebration
May 28	8th Grade Promotion - 6:00 p.m. (gates open at 5:30 p.m.)
May 28	Last Day for 8th Grade students only
May 28	8th Grade Student Celebration/Main Event Field Trip
May 28	Senior Walk & 8th Grade Clap Out
May 28	Spirit Day: Sports Day
May 28	This is Wednesday, but is <u>NOT</u> an early release day
May 29	Last Day of school for K - 7th grade
	Early Release: Students will be released at 12:15 p.m.
	Spirit Day: KTA Spirit Day (wear any KTA shirt)



**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 Positive Parenting – May Presentations

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.



#### May 14 – Teen Mental Health – Building Resiliency

##### Teen Mental Health – Building Resiliency

This strength-based presentation provides techniques for adults to build resiliency skills in youth.

**Presenter** TBA

**Date and Time**

May 14, 2025

6:00 - 7:00pm

**Location:** Online

[Registration/ Zoom Link](#)

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

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## Contact Us

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Chandler, AZ 85226

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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*

*A+ School of Excellence™*

