



SABERCAT NEWS

March 28, 2025

Upcoming Events

APRIL

APR 1	AZ Science TEST - 8TH Grade Only
APR 3	AASA Writing TEST - All Grades
APR 4	7th/8th Grade AVID Student Field Trip to EVIT
APR 8	AASA ELA TEST - All Grades
APR 10	AASA Math Test - All Grades
APR 16	Family Dineout @ Canes - Chandler Blvd & I-10
APR 18	Early Release - 1:05 PM - Planning For Students Needs
APR 25	Incoming 5th grader Students from Feeder Schools visit CMS

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

CMS Families,

It's hard to believe that we are entering into the fourth quarter of the school year. As we head into this quarter, we have been celebrating the growth that our students have made and encouraging them to finish strong. A few areas of focus are tardies, technology and testing.

For tardies, we are asking you to remind your student about the importance of being on time to class. At CMS, our standard is "in your seat, ready to learn". Don't forget you can always check attendance and tardies in [ParentVUE](#).

We know that technology can be a huge distraction during the school day. We continue to reinforce the district expectation that cell phones need to be off and put away during the school day. Recently we have seen an increase in students wearing smart watches. While students are allowed to wear smart watches, the watch will be confiscated if it is being used for anything other than checking the time. In addition, students will not be allowed to wear smart watches during state testing.

As we enter into the state testing window, we are excited for our students to demonstrate their progress on the Arizona Academic Standards Assessments. Our testing dates will be as follows:

AZ Science Test - April 1ST - 8th Gr. Only
AASA Writing - April 3RD
AASA Reading - April 8TH
AASA Math - April 10TH

Thanks for partnering with us on your child's education! We appreciate your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Mr. James Martin
Principal

2024-2025 DODGEBALL FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all the parent volunteers and CMS Staff/Teachers who made Dodgeball 2025 a BIG success!! We couldn't do it without everyone's help and enthusiasm.

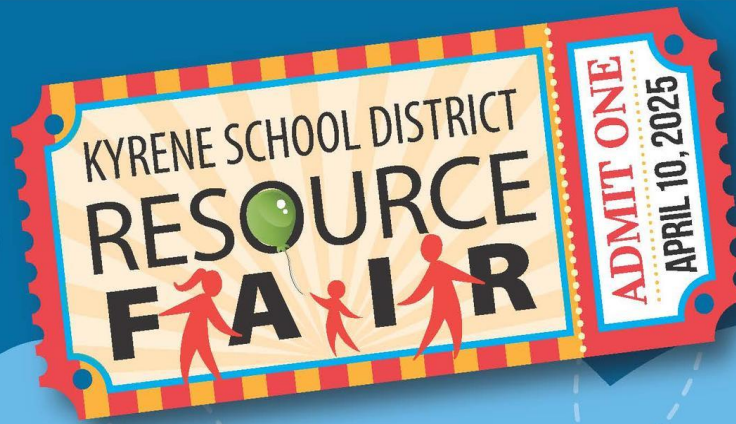
100% of all dodgeball donations comes back to the CMS PTO. BEST fundraiser of the year!!! Thank you for supporting our students and campus.

2025-26 CALENDAR CHANGE

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.

KYRENE SCHOOL DISTRICT ESS RESOURCE FAIR

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. See attached flyer for details.



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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.

Thursday, April 10  4:30-6:00 p.m.

Kyrene Centennial Middle School, 13808 S 36th Street, Phoenix AZ 85044

WHO WILL BE THERE?

Kyrene Related Service Providers
(OT, PT, AT, Speech/AAC)

The Miracle League

DDD

Raising Special Kids

AzEIP

Down Syndrome Network (DS
Network)

Tempe Adaptive Recreation

AzTAP

Duet (Grandparents Raising
Grandchildren)

Chandler Adaptive Recreation

Phoenix Adaptive Rec

Tempe Union High School District

YMCA

Southwest Network

Southwest Human Development/
ADAPT Shop

Phoenix Public Library

The Suzy Foundation

Absolute HCBS

Gompers

AHCCCS

Kyrene Special Olympics

The Hope Group

Mikey's League

Mariposa Therapy

Chicanos Por La Causa

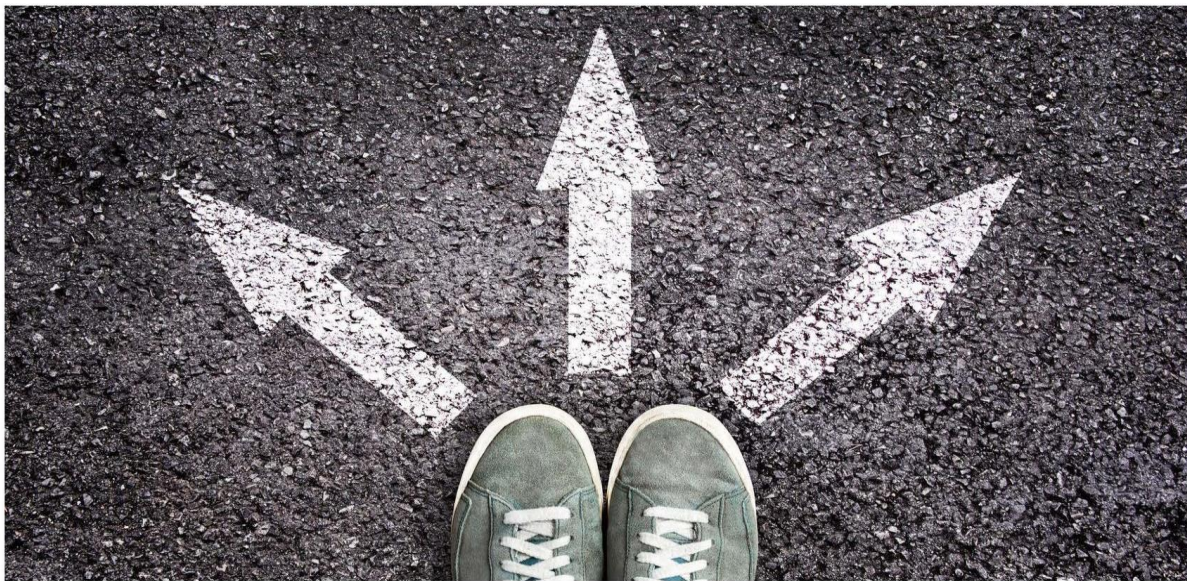
Mountain Park Health Center

KinectAbility

AND MANY MORE!

TEMPE UNION HIGH SCHOOL PARENT EVENT

Tempe Union High School District is hosting Raising Special Kids for an event discussing the legal options available for families of children with disabilities when their child becomes an adult at 18. See flyer below.



TURNING 18 — LEGAL OPTIONS

Learn about the different legal options available for families of children with disabilities when their child becomes an adult at 18 and how parents can stay involved in decision making with schools, doctors and other professionals including supported decision making, power of attorney, and guardianship. Learn about other considerations such as registering for the selective service and social security.

TUESDAY
APRIL 29
6:00-8:00 PM

REGISTER AT <https://raisingspecialkids.org/event/turning-18-2025-0429/>

SCAN TO REGISTER



Tempe★Union
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT



Raising
Special
Kids

602-242-4366 | 800-237-3007 | raisingspecialkids.org



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.

Apr. 16 - Raising Competent Teenagers

Raising Competent Teenagers

Set your teenager up for life with the strategies in this seminar which focuses on helping your child to get the most out of their school years. Find out how to help them communicate well, develop self-discipline, and good routines, follow rules and solve problems.

Presenter:

Lainie Sgouros

Date and Time:

April 16, 2025

6:00-7:00pm

Location:

Online

[Registration/Zoom Link](#)



QUARTER 4 SPORTS REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

All Quarter 4 Schedules are located at: <https://www.kyrene.org/educational-opportunities/athletics/game-schedules>.

Attention Parents/Guardians:

Track and Field will be closing on Thursday, April 10th.

To register for track & field please go to: <https://az-kyrene.intouchrecepting.com/>.

To apply for financial assistance please go to: [Financial Assistance \(if applied previously - no need to reapply\)](#)

If you have any questions, call Sue Spadafore at 480-541-6404 or email her at sspadafore@kyrene.org.



JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER



Wednesday, April 16th | 1:00PM - 10:00PM
Raising Cane's | 7450 W. Chandler Blvd

Mention the fundraiser at the Restaurant or apply code **RCFUND96** to online or app orders at checkout and Cane's will **donate 15% of Net Sales*** to:

Kyrene Centennial Middle School
PTSO



Learn more about how we can support you at CanesAndCommunity.com

Minimum donation amount will be 15% of the Net Sales* donated directly to your organization. Not valid on kiosk orders. **Net Sales* means the purchase price of food and beverages sold during the event to customers who (i) mention your organization when ordering in person or (ii) use the code RCFUND96 when ordering online or in the Raising Cane's app. The purchase price excludes special or limited time offers, discounts, returns, and taxes. *Net Sales* does not include gift cards and retail merchandise purchases.

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CMS PTO INVITES YOU TO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER FOR 8TH GR PROMOTION DANCE



As our **8th graders** prepare to graduate, we would like to host a special **promotional dance party** to commemorate this greater milestone, and we would appreciate your partnership in making this a memorable experience for our graduates on **May 23, 2025**.

Committees needed to help make this a grand occasion for our students include: Set-up, Decor, Food, Entertainment and Clean-Up Committees.

For our CMS families who will not be able to spare the time to volunteer, we would be happy to take any **monetary donations**, to support our students. **Cash/checks** (made out to CMS PTO) will be accepted in the front office during school hours. Thank you for your dedication and support.

We appreciate all your help and support. Don't miss out and sign up below!

[View the Sign Up](#)



BUY YOUR CMS SPIRITWEAR!

CMS Spirit Wear is a fantastic way for students, staff, and supporters of Centennial Middle School to show their school pride and foster a sense of community. Wearing spirit wear not only boosts morale but also promotes unity and school spirit during events like pep rallies, sports games, and school functions. By donning CMS Spirit Wear, everyone can feel a part of the vibrant school culture while

celebrating their shared identity and enthusiasm for their school. Stop by the front office and get your spirit wear!



FRONT

Shirts \$15

Hoodies \$25

NEW UPDATE

CMS SPIRIT WEAR

BACK

Shirts \$15

Hoodies \$25

SPIRIT WEAR IS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT STUDENT SERVICES
EXACT CASH OR CHECKS ONLY
CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO CMS PTO

A stylized illustration of a Sabercat is visible on the right side of the advertisement.

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK - EARLY BIRD SPECIAL THROUGH MARCH 7

If you'd like to order your yearbook, please go to commpe.pictavo.com and use the school code 292264 or search for Kyrene Centennial Middle School in Phoenix Arizona to order your yearbook.

Books are \$40 until March 7 and price will go up to \$45 after March 8 until we sell out! If you have any questions, email Sandra Taylor at staylor@kyrene.org

Centennial Middle School

STAY CONNECTED AND DON'T MISS OUT
ON YOUR **2024-2025 YEARBOOK!**



TO ORDER VISIT:

[Buytheyearbook.com](https://buytheyearbook.com)

Enter School ID # **292264** to find your school faster!

\$40.00

Order by March 3, 2025 for best price!

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SUPPORT CMS & GIVE YOUR TAX CREDIT TODAY

Families, make a tax credit contribution today! Inspiring, educational field trips. Programs that teach good citizenship, manners, and work ethic. Experiences that demonstrate future career possibilities. You can be a champion for education through tax credit contributions. A tax credit contribution will allow you to reduce the amount of taxes you owe the State. Arizona statute allows individuals/couples to claim up to \$200/\$400 for a dollar-to-dollar tax credit. Take charge and have a say in how your tax dollars are put to work. By making a tax credit contribution to Kyrene Schools, you are telling the State of Arizona how you want your money spent. Visit [Kyrene Tax Credit](#) to begin the donation process. If you would like to apply tax credit to your 2024 taxes, the deadline to contribute is April 15, 2025.

- IF YOU COULD DIRECT MORE STATE TAX DOLLARS TO **CENTENNIAL**, WOULD YOU DO IT?
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- WE HAVE GOOD NEWS.



MAKE A TAX CREDIT DONATION!
UP TO \$200 FOR INDIVIDUALS AND
\$400 WHEN FILING JOINTLY.

LEARN MORE @ [KYRENE.ORG/TAXCREDIT](https://kyrene.org/taxcredit)

Contact Us

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Attendance: 480-541-6401

School Hours: 8:20 am – 3:05 pm
Every Wednesday at 1:05 p.m.

Office Hours: 7:30 am – 4:00 pm
Every Wednesday at 2:00 pm