



April 25, 2025

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## Message from the Principal

Hello KTA Families and Friends:

*Here's hoping you are on your way to a lovely weekend!*

We have some wonderful things to share at KTA!! Have you seen the mosaics going in at the front entry of the school!!! WOW!! They are simply beautiful!! Thanks to **Mrs. Stenberg** our amazing art teacher for her design and creative vision and to **Mrs. Formisano** for her work behind the scenes to make this a reality! Every student and staff member had the chance to add tiles, or sparkle accent pieces to the design. It is just amazing! The installation continues and will be completed next week. **WE WILL BE SELLING the personalized tiles to raise money to off set the price of materials for this beautiful installation.** Thanks so much to our PTO for their support thus far!

Did you see pictures of the epic LIP SYNC battle this week? Mrs. Vester and Dr. Lescher had a playful competition and boy, did they rock!!! **SO MUCH FUN! It was to celebrate efforts during COIN WARS!**

**We had a BUSY WEEK!**

- Students across elementary grades were treated to a production of **CHILD's PLAY THEATER!** Many thanks to our **PTO for their generous sponsorship** of this incredible theater production for our students!
- **Our 5th Graders had a MIDDLE SCHOOL Experience** thanks to our Middle School staff and students! There had a 'RALLY' day to introduce them to things like middle school schedules, the differences in lunch, and how a typical middle school day is different.
- **Students in Mrs. Hess's gifted classes had a wonderful demonstration** at Manitas on Wednesday night! What a great exhibit! Thanks Mrs. Hess and students!
- Our amazing PTO treated our entire student body (almost 600 students) and staff to **KONA ICE** as a delicious 'thank you' and recognition of their hard work this year!! **YUMMMM! Thank you PTO!**
- **Student Council and Student Assist students volunteered their time at FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**, assembling food boxes for our community members in need. Thanks to **Mrs. Vester and Mrs. Sweeney** for your leadership of these two fantastic student service groups.

- Third graders went on a fantastic field trip this week to the **Science Center!!** Thank you to our teachers and parent volunteers who made this a special event for all our third grade students.
- Over the last week or so we have had **Elementary and Middle School Principal Lunch, Elementary School Store** and **Middle School Store!** These are wonderful opportunities for students to receive recognition for their hard work and progress and to celebrate with **certificates and fun incentive prizes.** Thanks to **Mrs. Malin and Mrs. Abel,** our **School Store** organizers and to the **PTO** for their support of incentives and rewards.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT THE WEEK OF MAY 5-9 is TEACHER and STAFF APPRECIATION!** Watch for updates and suggestions from our PTO for ways you can help to make that week so special for our wonderful teachers and staff.

**DO YOU HAVE CELEBRATION OF LEARNING on your calendar? WED MAY 7 5:00-7:00 pm.** This is our annual **SCHOOL WIDE EVENT** where every grade and every classroom welcomes you to visit and learn! We have singing presentations from elementary grades, the elementary band, middle school open house classrooms, and so much more! You don't want to miss a thing! **PTO WILL BE SELLING** food and snacks!

**Make a night of it! BE THERE!!!**

**Thank you for your collaboration and partnership!**

**Marianne L. Lescher, Ph.D.**

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## Staff Appreciation Week May 5 - 9, 2025

Student Council and the KTA PTO are working together to recognize our teachers and staff for staff appreciation week.

Student Council is selling Appreciation Grams. See flyer for details.

PTO is hosting a breakfast and would like to request your help. Please visit: <https://evite.me/7jeJ2WCvUR> to sign up to bring something.

We appreciate your help!



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.

 The Art Specialists of  
**Kyrene School District**  
 cordially invite you to attend

# the DISTRICT ART SHOW 2025

**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:

Middle School

Vanshee D.	Dominic G.
Saya J	Eyeanna T.
Caleb M	Liliana J
Ximena	
Ashlyn	

Fifth Grade

Kimiela K  
 Mohammed S.

Fourth Grade

Santiago S.  
 Harlee W.  
 Lydia

Third Grade

Elliot B.  
 Ahmed S.

2nd Grade

Manuia F.  
 Craig J.

First Grade

Sonora L.

Rosie R.

Kindergarten

Remington S.

Violette W.



**Peter Piper Pizza**

**Tuesday, May 20, 2025**

4940 W Ray Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85044

Peter Piper gives 30% of all sales back to the school. Join us for a fun night to end the year. Bring your yearbook for yearbook signings.



Thursday, May 1

AVID Spirit Day

Thursday, May 22

\$1 Free Dress Day - Whole School

Tuesday, May 27

Dress Your Best

Wednesday, May 28

Sports Day

Thursday, May 29

KTA Spirit Wear Day



## FINE ARTS PERFORMANCES

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!!



PTO Meeting

Monday, May 5

5:30 p.m.

MPR

# K-5TH GRADE NEON DANCE

FRIDAY, MAY 2ND • 5:00-7:00PM  
IN THE MPR

FREE TO ATTEND!

CONCESSIONS AND LIGHT UP ITEMS WILL  
BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

\*\*\* NO DROP OFFS \*\*\*

AN ADULT MUST ACCOMPANY ALL CHILDREN

## MENU!

PIZZA	\$2.25
NACHOS	\$2.25
CHIPS	\$1.25
CANDY	\$2.25
DRINKS	\$1.25

CARD, CASH AND  
VENMO ACCEPTED  
\*25¢ DISCOUNT FOR  
USING CASH OR VENMO

HELP US MAKE THIS EVENT  
POSSIBLE!  
SIGN UP FOR A 30 MINUTE SLOT



[HTTPS://EVITE.ME/  
RFKWJ9XVWU](https://evite.me/rfkwj9xvwu)



## FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

QUESTIONS CAN BE EMAILED TO  
KTAPTOTIGERS@GMAIL.COM



K - 5th Grade

This is a family event, students must  
be accompanied by an adult. No drop  
offs!

The event is free but concessions will  
be sold.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PTO is in need of volunteers for the  
Neon Dance. Please consider helping  
out for a 30 minute time slot.

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign up.






### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

PTO is asking for volunteers for the Celebration of Learning. Please consider signing up for a 30 minute time slot. It takes a village!!!!

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign up.




**Celebration of Learning**

Wednesday, May 7, 2025  
5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Enter at the Garden Gate o  
through the A door!

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**MPR Stage Band & Music Schedule**

5:00 p.m.	Band		<p>Band students report to the gym at 4:45 p.m.</p> <p>Music Students should report to the gym 10 minutes before their presentation time to line up. 3rd Gr—go directly to the gym after Wax Museum.</p>
5:20 p.m.	KDG		
5:40 p.m.	1st Gr		
6:00 p.m.	2nd Gr		
6:20 p.m.	3rd Gr		
6:40 p.m.	4th/5th Gr		

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**K-5 Classrooms will be closed during their scheduled music presentation.**

**KDG**  
Earth Day Games  
Bldg 100: Room 8

**First Grade**  
Flat Stanley  
Bldg 100: Room 16, 10, 11

**Second Grade**  
Bodies in Hallways  
Wixie Presentations  
Bldg 100: Rooms 17 & 19

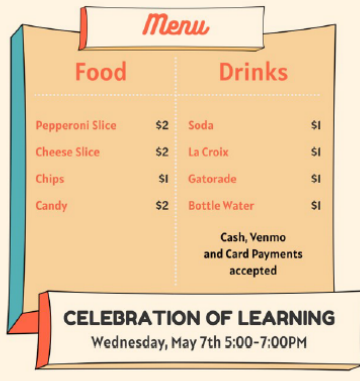
**3rd Grade: 5:15 p.m.—6:00 p**  
Wax Museum  
Bldg 100: Rooms: 12, 14, 16

**4th Grade: 5:15 p.m.—6:16 p**

AZ History Museum  
Bldg 100: Room: 43

**5th Grade**  
Volume Animal Zoo  
Bldg 100: Room: 46


**6th—8th Grade**  
200 Bldg  
All classrooms will be open with displays of student work. There will also be worked posted in the hall-



Food		Drinks	
Pepperoni Slice	\$2	Soda	\$1
Cheese Slice	\$2	La Croix	\$1
Chips	\$1	Gatorade	\$1
Candy	\$2	Bottle Water	\$1


Cash, Venmo and Card Payments accepted

**CELEBRATION OF LEARNING**  
Wednesday, May 7th 5:00-7:00PM



**STEM ROOM**  
Bldg 200 Rm 1-250

K-5 Students can show their guests what activities we do in the STEM Room



**ART**  
Bldg 100: Room 31

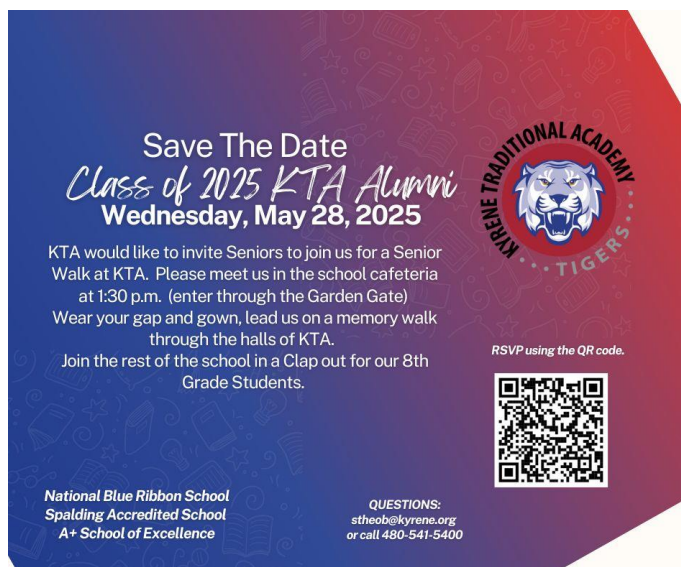
Art displays for all grades will be posted on bulletin boards throughout the school and in the art room.

Open house format with music and band performances throughout the night.



**Middle School Dance: Grades 6 - 8**  
**May 16**  
**6 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

\$10 Admission (meal included.)  
\$5 Admission (meal not included).



## Senior Walk and 8th Grade Clap Out

KTA invites graduating 2025 seniors to our annual Senior Walk. Students will have a brief reception with some beverages. Have the opportunity to take pictures in their caps & gown in front of our logo backgrounds. The event will end with a walk of the building with current KTA students cheering them on. Please be sure to RSVP, so that we know how many to expect.

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.



**Monday, May 26**  
**NO SCHOOL**



## IMPORTANT EVENTS

**May 27 - 5th Grade Promotion**  
**8:00 a.m. \*\***  
**(gates open at 7:45 a.m.)**

**\*\* Followed by a reception and light snacks under the ramada.**

**May 28 - 5th Grade End of Year Celebration**



#### IMPORTANT EVENTS

May 28 - 8th Grade End of Year Celebration

Main Event (details coming soon)

May 28 - 8th Grade Clap Out 1:00 p.m.

May 28 - 8th Grade Last Day of School

May 28 - 8th Grade Promotion

Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.

Prompt Start @ 6:00 p.m. \*\*

**\*\*Followed by a reception & light snacks.**

#### *Grade 8 Promotion and Last Day*

*8th Grade Promotion will be held the evening of Wednesday, May 28. The official last day of school is Thursday, May 29. However, 8th graders will not be required to attend on Thursday. You do not need to call to report your 8th grade student's absence on May 29. 8th graders are still welcome to attend Thursday, and if they do, we will ensure it is an active day of school.*



#### 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

### MAY

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)





## 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.*



### 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](#)

**notMYkid**



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

## Contact Us

**Kyrene Traditional Academy**  
3375 W. Galveston St.  
Chandler, AZ 85226

**Phone:** 480-541-5400

**Fax:** 480-541-5410

**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™*

