



May 2, 2025

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## Message from the Principal

Hello KTA Families and Friends:

I must start with a **HUGE THANK YOU** to our entire staff and student body for the amazing **SURPRISE ASSEMBLY** we had yesterday afternoon!!! I was shocked to enter the gym to see our entire school! They know that I love all-school assemblies!!! **They surprised me with a wonderful celebration for National Principal Day!** I did not have a clue! Mrs. Bull led the students in a very special song, Ms. Scott had the unified Tiger Pride Band play a selection of songs that have **SUPER** special meaning to me, and Mrs. Stenberg had prepared with all students an amazing piece of unique artwork that I will proudly display! I am blessed and honored to be KTA's principal. **MANY THANKS** to Mrs. Vester, Mrs. Sweeney and Mrs. Theobald, and all the staff and students of our school. It was a truly amazing day and event and I will always remember such a very sweet assembly to make my day so special.

**HAPPY MAY to all!** This is the start of the last month of the school year. It will be chock full of events, activities, and special programs. **You won't want to miss anything! PLEASE READ THIS NEWSLETTER each week**, and be sure to read the emails that you receive from your child's teachers.

**Tonight is the ANNUAL NEON DANCE!! 5:00-7:00 pm in the MPR....enter through the GARDEN GATE please!!** What a fun event it always is....**for elementary students and families only, please.** K-5 students are welcome to come **WITH A PARENT or OTHER GUARDIAN.** This is **NOT** a **DROP OFF** event, please. It is **FREE**, and PTO will be selling snacks and food items so please bring some cash, or a card, or be prepared for **VENMO.** **Middle school students will have their special dance** in a few weeks to celebrate the end of the school year!!

**Congratulations to Mrs. Sandy Theobald, our front office manager at KTA!** She was recognized today with a **KYRENE VALUES** award, nominated by Mrs. Stenberg, our art teacher. Ms. Sandy was nominated for her **collaboration and support for our entire school and community!** She was presented with the award by District Assistant Superintendent Lisa Gibson and Mrs. Stenberg. Sandy received a certificate and a \$100 Amazon gift card, courtesy of **CORE Construction.** **Way to go Sandy!**

**NEXT WEEK is TEACHER and STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK!** We love our teachers and staff and we hope you join us in celebrating them. PTO is organizing a fun week of treats and special events. **Please check out the list of ‘special days’ and feel free to engage and participate in any or all of the suggested events.** We invite our families to send in a note of thanks to those staff who have made a special impact for your children and families. Thank you for thanking them!

**LAST PTO MEETING of the year- Monday May 5. 5:30 pm in the MPR.** Come on down to meet the new officers and begin planning for the 2025-2026 school year!

**REGISTRATION is OPEN NOW for next school year!** Be sure to let your friends and neighbors know they can register now!!

**Next week is our annual CELEBRATION OF LEARNING!!! Wednesday May 7, 5:00-7:00 pm.** Please refer to the specific layout of the night’s events and presentations. **THIS IS A MUST SEE EVENT!!!** ALL classrooms and grades will have presentations! Musical performances will be in the MPR! Displays will focus on showcasing student learning and projects throughout the year. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase from our PTO! **We hope to see everyone there for this very special event celebrating our student’s hard work!!**

Keep up to date on all the upcoming events by reading this newsletter weekly!! Watch our daily announcements on FB and be sure to take note of emails, Class DOJO and other communication from your teachers.

Thank you for your continued collaboration and partnership!

Marianne L. Lescher, Ph.D.



Join us Sunday, May 4th for KTA's Chalk The Walk for our fabulous Teachers and Staff from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Kyrene Traditional Academy  
Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week  
May 5 - May 9

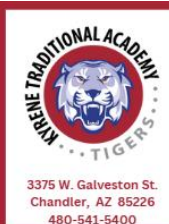
We love our teachers and staff!!!!  
Be sure to show them your appreciation!!!



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.

Enrollment for the 2025/2026  
School Year  
Is Now Open



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](https://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.

Saya J

Caleb M

Ximena

Ashlyn

Dominic G.

Eyeanna T.

Liliana J

### 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 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**

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

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.



# Celebration of Learning

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Enter at the Garden Gate or  
through the A door!

## MPR Stage Band & Music Schedule

5:00 p.m. Band  
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



Band students report to the gym at 4:45 p.m.

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.

## 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.m.

Wax Museum  
Bldg 100: Rooms: 12, 14, 16

### 4th Grade: 5:15 p.m.—6:16 p.m.

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-

### Menu

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.



**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  
Parents & Guests Invited  
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  
Student Only Celebration  
All Day Event!



#### IMPORTANT EVENTS

May 28 - 8th Grade End of Year Celebration  
Main Event

Permission Slips & Money Due

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)



#### May 7 - 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:

May 7, 2025 6:00-7:00pm

Location: Online

[Registration/Zoom Link](#)



#### 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.



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

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**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