Kyrene Akimel A-al



July 25, 2025

Principal's Message

Good afternoon, Rattler families,

What a wonderful first few days we've had with our Rattler students! It has been a joy to see so many of them reconnect, engage, and begin to settle into the rhythm of the new school year.

We are truly honored to serve this incredible community. This year, our staff focus is *Momentum Matters*—a reminder that the foundation we've co-created together for our students is both meaningful and impactful. Each year, we build upon this foundation with a focus tailored to each grade level to support your child's development during their middle school journey:

6th Grade - Belonging
7th Grade - Well-Being
8th Grade - Engagement and Leadership

Middle school is a time of tremendous transition and growth, and we are grateful that you've entrusted us to be part of your child's journey. We're excited for all that lies ahead, and I look forward to a fantastic school year serving this amazing community.

Warmly,

Shalini McCarthy
Principal, Akimel A-al Middle School



On July 29th & July 31st, your child will take a MAP Growth Reading and Math test on a computer. These two tests provide scores and information to help teachers check student performance by measuring achievement and growth. Teachers use results to inform classroom lessons and set goals for students.

MAP Growth tests are unique as they adapt to each student's responses to measure their skill level. If a student answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. These results will provide a more complete picture of what students know and are ready to learn – whether it is on, above, or below their grade level.

Since these tests provide immediate and accurate information about a student's learning, teachers can identify students with similar scores that are generally ready for instruction in similar skills and topics, and then plan instruction accordingly.

MAP Growth reports also provide data on typical growth for students who are in the same grade and subject and have the same starting performance level. Each school year, students will take these two tests in the Fall, Winter, and Spring. Following each testing period, individual student reports will be uploaded in ParentVUE so you can review these results further with your child or their teacher.

RESTAURANT BJ's BREWHOUSE

JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS WAY TO
RAISE MONEY!

Date: **Aug 06, 2025** Time: **11:00AM to 11:00PM**

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Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family and friends while earning funds in support of:

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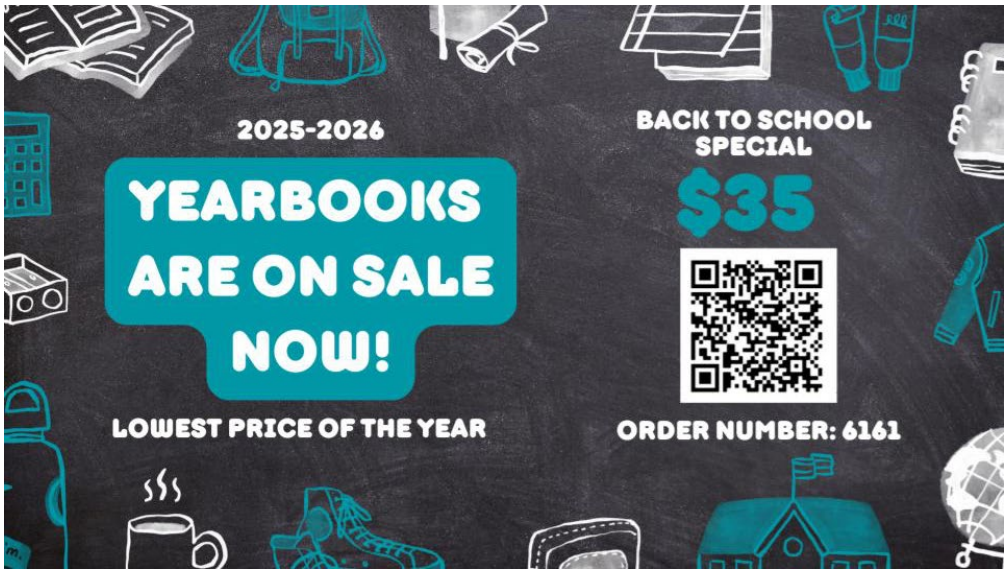
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First quarter sports, Wrestling and Girls Volleyball begin Monday, August 28 after school. Please contact Stacy Huerta our athletic secretary for more information at 480-541-5805 or

shuerta@kyrene.org.

Upcoming Events

JULY 29: NWEA Testing
JULY 30: Early Release @ 1:05 pm
JULY 31: NWEA Testing



7th Grade Families,

Please keep an eye out for an important email from our seventh grade administrator, Diana Cordell regarding the transition back to school following the extended break.

DISTRICT NEWS

Welcome to the 2025-26 School Year!
Each year, families are asked to review and acknowledge important information, including contact/emergency details, district policies, and survey preferences.
This information is now available in ***ParentVUE*** *for your review. Thank you for logging into your account and taking the time to complete this process.*
If you have any questions or need help accessing your account, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Contact Us

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School Hours: 8:20 am - 3:05 pm
Early Dismissal Wed: 1:05 pm

Office Hours: 7:30 am - 4:00 pm
Wednesday: 7:30 am - 2:00 pm

Attendance: 480-541-5801



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