Kyrene Akimel A-al



August 1,2025

Message from the Principal

Good afternoon Rattler families,

What an eventful week it has been! We kicked off our beginning-of-year assessments, navigated multiple heat advisory days, and even managed through a power outage. Despite the challenges, our students showed incredible resilience, focus, and determination—I could not be prouder of their efforts.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we work through the busy start of the school year. It has been a true joy to see our students begin to connect, build friendships, and settle into the rhythm of campus life.

This is only the beginning of what promises to be a wonderful year together. We are grateful to have you as part of our Rattler community.

Warmly,
Shalini McCarthy
Principal, Akimel A-al Middle School



A reminder regarding pick-up procedures: there has been a **change to the traffic flow on Liberty Lane**, but please remember that **parking is not allowed on Liberty Lane** during drop-off and pick-up times. For the safety of all students, use the **front lot** for drop-off and pick-up, and be sure to **pull all the way forward** to help keep traffic moving smoothly.

If you need to park, you may use the **front lot** or the **shared lot with Estrella**. When using the Estrella lot, be mindful buses have priority over all other traffic during dismissal. Cars are not allowed to use the bus staging area to get around traffic. Please follow traffic patterns to ensure safety for all students.

We also kindly ask that you **be courteous and take turns** allowing others to enter the lot. Please be patient—**a little patience goes a long way** in keeping our school community safe and efficient.



RESTAURANT BJ's BREWHOUSE

JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS WAY TO

RAISE MONEY!

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

For Dine In, Takeout or Curbside at this BJ's Location:

7151 W. Ray Rd.
Chandler, AZ 85226
623-320-0300

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

Akimel A-al Middle School PTSO Fundraiser!

WITH EACH FLYER PRESENTED DURING THIS FUNDRAISING EVENT, BJ's WILL DONATE 20% OF FOOD AND SOFT BEVERAGE SALES TO THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION!

VISIT US IN PERSON, ORDER ONLINE OR PLACE A TAKE-OUT ORDER

When dining in: Present this flyer to your server at any time during your meal.

When ordering online: Enter the 6-digit fundraiser code below at the time of checkout.

When placing a take-out order: Present this flyer to a BJ's team member upon your arrival.

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Valid for dine in, takeout or curbside when applicable. Not valid toward alcoholic beverages, Happy Hour specials or for delivery orders. Please do not distribute flyers on site during the event.



PTSO Meeting



Upcoming Events

AUG 6: BJ's Dinner Night, PTSO Meeting 12:30 PM **AUG 13:** Slim Chickens Dinner Night - **Maricopa AUG 15:** Early Release Friday @ 1:05pm
AUG 18: Staff Development Day - No School
AUG 20: Chipotle Fundraiser
AUG 22: School Pictures
SEPT 1: Labor Day — No School
SEPT 10-12: Parent Teacher Conferences -Early Release @ 1:05 pm



Don't forget to order your student a Rattler spirit shirt! The sale ends Thursday, August 7!

Grade Level Spirit Wear

Show off your Rattler spirit with our grade level Akimel A-al t-shirts!

We want every student to not only feel like an Akimel A-al Rattler, but look the part too. Place your order online using our online payment portal, InTouch Receipting, by Thursday, August 7th. The cost is $10 per shirt for S-XL & $12 for XXL or larger.

Shirts will be delivered to your student in their Advisory class. All orders will be placed when the sale ends. Please allow at least 3 weeks for delivery.

Rattler Spirit Days!

Show your spirit by wearing your grade level shirt or Rattler gear every Friday and your favorite college gear every Tuesday.
Let’s show our pride and earn those Snake Bites!





Greetings!

It has been a wonderful start of the school year! My name is Ms. Nelson, and this will be my second year as your children's school counselor. I am honored to continue being part of your children's journey to offer them support and guidance in navigating their academic career, personal development, and social interactions.

My primary role is to foster relationships with your children. Whether your children need help with navigating friendships, seeking academic support, managing stress, or simply needing someone to talk to, I am here to assist.

Parent Consent Form for Optional Support Services

This form is *not* a referral or guarantee for school counseling or group sessions. However, if your child were to need more than three 15-minute check-ins or additional social-emotional support

during the school year, I am required to have parent/guardian consent on file first.

Please complete the Parent Consent Google Form below if you are open to your child receiving this type of support *should the need arise*.
Link: https://forms.gle/H9aeCC37CXnXTLGp9

I am excited for our upcoming school year and our partnership to ensure a positive and successful middle school journey!

Kindly,
Ms. Nelson



Our first quarter sports are underway! Tryouts for Girl's Volleyball began this week and Wrestling practice began as well. Registration for Wrestling is still open and will close August 11. If you have a Rattler student who would like to Wrestle, sign them up! Contact Stacy Huerta our athletic secretary with any questions at 480-541-5805 or shuerta@kyrene.org.



As we continue to partner with you regarding your child's attendance, we need to inform you of an important update regarding how "absences due to appointments" should be reported. In alignment with guidance from the Arizona Department of Education (ADE), please be specific when reporting the reason for your child's appointment. Only appointments for medical, dental or behavioral health will be marked as excused. All other appointments will be considered unexcused. If you have any questions about this update or your child's attendance, please contact your school's attendance clerk.

Quick Links

- School Website
- Online Payment Portal - This can be used for purchasing PE Uniforms, lunch accounts, tax credit donations, paying for athletic fees, field trips etc.
- Breakfast/Lunch Menus - Application for Free/Reduced Meals
- Transportation, Bus Information
- ParentVUE and StudentVUE - Log into your ParentVue to access student schedules. It's a good

idea to write down the class schedule for a quick glance during the first few days of school. This is also where you will see student grades and communications from teachers.

- Kyrene Family Handbook

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



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