



August 1, 2025

Message from the Principal

Hello KTA Tigers!

I hope you had a wonderful FIRST FULL week of school!

I can report that the students are doing a fantastic job getting to know their routines and schedules. We are rolling along with the fun elements of school....and with the academic elements as well! Classrooms are buzzing with hard work and collaboration.

This week coming up brings some important events you want to be aware of!

Monday August 4 is our FIRST PTO Meeting of the Year! 5:30 pm in the MPR!

Please enter through the garden gate side/Metro parking lot. The gate will be open by 5:20 pm.

EVERY PARENT and GUARDIAN is a member of our PTO! No membership fee! We invite everyone to attend our PTO meetings so that you are aware and engaged in the work of our amazing PTO and so that you can be engaged with our school! Hope to see you there!

Thursday August 7 is our ELEMENTARY K - 5 CURRICULUM NIGHT event, 5:00-7:00 pm in the MPR.

Again, please enter through the garden gate/Metro parking lot. The event begins in the MPR with a presentation from our administration and then you will be invited to your child's classroom for a very detailed overview of the books, materials, schedules and logistics for a successful year ahead!

There are two opportunities to attend the administration presentation and a classroom presentation. Both are identical. This is so that families with two children can attend both.

5:00 - 5:15 PM Principal Presentation
5:20 - 5:55 PM Classroom Presentation
5:45 - 6:00 PM Principal Presentation
6:05 - 6:40 PM Classroom Presentation

Yesterday (Thursday evening) an email was sent to ALL KYRENE from our Superintendent Laura Toenjes. It provides a summary of the current status of our Long Range Planning Committee and the steps that are coming in the next few weeks and months. I CAN NOT STRESS ENOUGH TO YOU the importance of your keeping informed and up to date on the work of this committee. Our district is at a critical crossroads with declining enrollment and many other factors. Kyrene is faced with closing multiple schools. This is a very hard scenario to take in, but it is our current reality. Please do your best to watch Governing Board meetings and other critical events. Follow agendas. Attend meetings as you are able. Keep yourself informed. Kyrene is an amazing district and will continue to be, however we are in tough times and we need to be united, informed and proactive. **There is a Kyrene Governing Board STUDY SESSION on Tuesday August 5, 5:00 pm if you are available to attend or livestream.**

THANK YOU all for the kind messages of support as I am getting through this back issue I am experiencing. I am on the right track for treatment and I appreciate everyone's grace, understanding and support!

KTA TIGERS ROCK!!! Thank you for your collaboration and partnership!!

Marianne L. Lescher, Ph.D.



POLO SHIRT ORDERS - \$15

The KTA Office is taking orders for polo shirts with the KTA logo. Orders will only be accepted through Friday, August 1. Orders are only via the order form with cash.

EXTENDED TO AUGUST 4!

[Click here](#) for the order form. Or stop by the school office to pick up an order form.



SCHOOL HOURS & INFORMATION

Kindergarten through 8th grade:

Parent Drop off begins at 7:00 a.m. on either the

Galveston St or Metro Blvd lots.

Monday—Tuesday—Thursday—
Friday

7:25 a.m. —2:15 p.m.

First Bell Rings: 7:25 a.m.

Tardy Bell Rings: 7:30 a.m.

Early Release Every Wednesday

7:25 a.m.—12:15 p.m.

First Bell Rings: 7:25 a.m.

Tardy Bell Rings: 7:30 a.m.

(Students must be signed in by a parent if they arrive after the 7:30 a.m. tardy bell to obtain a pass.)



If you were receiving a free or reduced lunch last year, you will have to reapply. Your free and reduced lunch status will be extended through September 4. After that, if you have not reapplied, it will end.

National School Lunch Program

The National School Lunch Program is a program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Through this program, eligible students may be offered free or reduced-price meals. We also participate in the School Breakfast Program at most schools. Meal payments may be made online, as this program operates in all of the schools in the Kyrene School District.

Meal application information is distributed and made available to every student in the district at the beginning of the school year. Application information will remain confidential and will be used only to determine eligibility for free or reduced-priced meals. Applications are also available at all school offices or by clicking on the meal application links.

Please visit [Linq Connect](#) to submit an online meal application to our district. You may turn in paper meal applications to any school office. We strongly encourage all families to apply. The free, reduced-price, and paid meal information is used to qualify the school district for other student qualifications and funding. You will receive an eligibility letter via email once your application has been processed that includes the status of your student(s) meal eligibility. If you have a concern regarding the decision of your meal application, please email kbs@kyrene.org.



ALL STUDENTS

Your Parent Acknowledgements will be available in your Parent Vue account after the first day of school.

Please sign in and accept the acknowledgements and update your Emergency Card for the new school year.

PARENT HOMEWORK

Please accept all of your parent acknowledgements.

This is now where you will find grades, attendance, report cards, assessments. Everything you need to know about your child will be in ParentVue.



KTA SPIRIT WEAR

The KTA PTO is selling a variety of items with the KTA logo. Car decals, water bottle stickers, key chains, totes, seat cushions, hats, cups, t-shirt, socks.

Items will be available for purchase at Meet The Teacher. You can also order [on line](#). You can also order by dropping off the completed [form](#) at the office.



Jeremiah's Ice

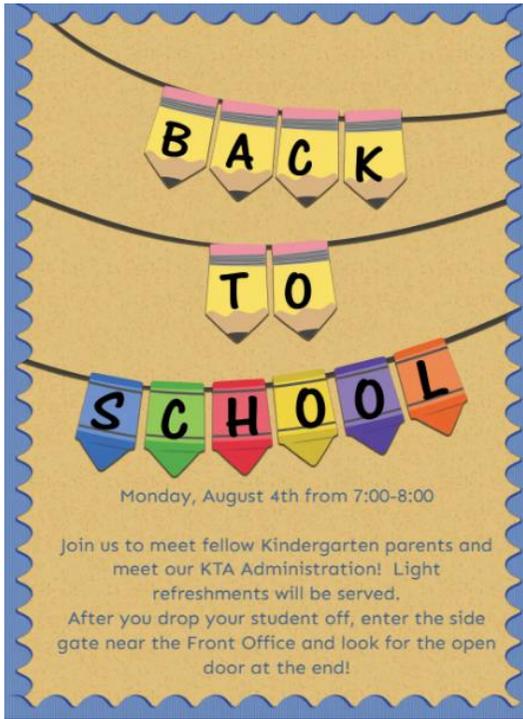
August 1, 2026

3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

4980 W Ray Road

Chandler, AZ 85226

480-702-0400



Kindergarten Parents Meet & Greet

Monday, August 4

7 a.m. - 8 a.m.

Room 9

Enter the kindergarten courtyard by the front office. Walk down to the open door at the end!

Drop your kids at the playground and stop by room 9 to meet other parents.

Please [RSVP!](#)

PTO Meeting

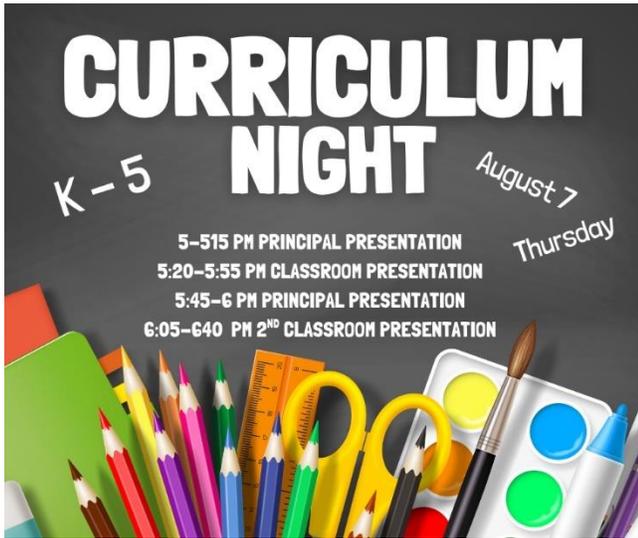
August 4, 2025

First PTO meeting of the year.

All parents are welcome.

5:30 p.m.

In the MPR, enter at the garden gates.



**Curriculum Night
K - 5 Students
Thursday, August 7**

All parents are encouraged to come and learn about the curriculum. Find out what the expectations are for the coming school year.

We hope to see all K - 5 families. Two principal presentations and two classroom presentations. You do not need to come to both, that is for families with multiple students. See you there!!!



**After School Youth Enrichment Fall 2025
@ Kyrene Traditional Academy**

- Reach Basketball
Mondays 8/11-9/12
- Elementary & Cartoon Drawing
Wednesdays 8/20 - 12/3
- Chess
Thursdays 8/21 - 12/4
- Piano
Fridays 8/22 - 10/17
- Soccer Shots
Friday 9/19 - 12/19
- Sign up [here](#).



Friday, August 15

EXTRA EARLY RELEASE DAY

Students will be released at 12:15.

Please plan accordingly and be sure that your pick up procedures are adjusted to accommodate this change.



Monday, August 18

No School For Students

Staff Development Day



PICTURE DAY

K - 5 Tuesday, August 26

6 - 8 Wednesday, August 27

Dress Your Best Days

Please come ready to have your picture taken. All students will be photographed for the school yearbook. Uniforms are not required for students having their pictures taken.



**Thursday, August 21
4 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

**Peter Piper Pizza
Ray Rd & I-10
4940 E Ray Rd, Phoenix
20% of all food, drink, and fun sales will be
donated to KTA PTO to support keeping the
staff supply closet stocked all year!**



**Middle School
Grades 6 - 8
\$1 Free Dress Day**

Throughout the year the PTO promotes a \$1 free dress day. Students make a \$1 donation to the PTO. This donation helps keep down the expense of the end of year middle school dance.

The dates for 25/26 are:

August 28
October 23
December 11
January 22
March 26



All School/All Grades

\$1 Free Dress Day

Throughout the year the PTO promotes a \$1 free dress day. Students make a \$1 donation to the PTO. Funds are used for various events and supplies throughout the year.

The dates for 25/26 are:

September 25

November 20

February 26

May 21



Friday, August 29

SPIRIT DAY: College Colors Day

Across the United States students, parents, family, faculty, fans, and alumni celebrate College Colors Day every year on the Friday before Labor Day. This year, it takes place on August 29. By rocking your college colors and apparel, you show spirit and school pride. Students can wear jeans (with no rips or tears) along with a college theme shirt.



Welcome to the 2025-2026 School Year!! I am Jen Woolf and am so excited to be back as your School Counselor again this year. This year, I am celebrating 10 years with the district and your

kids at KTA!! I wanted to take a minute and give you a quick overview of what we will be doing this year!

First, I am thankful to the PTO for again restocking all our teacher’s Calming Corner boxes and am excited to continue our policy of each K-5 classroom having their own designated area, along with specific designated area in each of the collaboration spaces in middle school for those kids who need to take a break to regulate themselves. Also, have you seen the outdoor sensory walk? It is amazing and getting better with each grant we receive!

I will be continuing with our Mindful Mondays on our weekly announcements along with continuing our K-5 monthly SEL classroom lessons and our middle school quarterly classroom lessons. I will be continuing to use the district approved curriculums of Harmony (K-5); Character Strong (6-8); Zones of Regulation; Think Social; Compass for Courage; Thinking, Feeling, Behaving; Superflex; Stop and Think; Botvin (4-8); and Suite360 (6-8).

Finally, I am super excited to announce that our Peer Mediators from last year WON 1ST PRIZE in the 2nd Annual International Peer Mediation Tournament. We are continuing the Peer Mediation program again this year. We are beginning our year with four trained and certified 8th graders who will be working with me and our teachers to help our students solve problems and mediate their conflicts. We will have another group of 7th graders who are beginning their training and certification. They are available to work with all of our students on campus. Peer Mediation referrals can come from parents, staff members, or the students themselves.

<https://forms.gle/wwYAxPTE6KpPsS1Q7>

Let’s work together to have a fantastic school year! Go Tigers!!!

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[View Full Calendar](#)

Upcoming Events

AUGUST

August 1 Jeremiah's Ice Fundraiser 3 - 10 p.m.

August 4 Kindergarten Meet & Greet sponsored by PTO. Info coming soon!
August 4 First PTO Meeting of the year.
August 7 K - 5 Curriculum Night
August 15 Extra Early Release
August 18 No School for students - Staff Development Day
August 21 Peter Piper Pizza Night
August 28 Middle School Only - \$1 Free Dress Day
August 29 Spirit Day: College Colors Day

For a complete calendar for the Kyrene School District [click here](#)

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Wednesday 7:25 am - 12:15 pm

Office Hours: 7:00 am – 3:30 pm

Wednesday 7:00 am - 1:30 pm