



August 22, 2025

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### Message from the Principal

Hello KTA Families:

**Even though it is the end of August.....**it still is as hot as can be! We continue to limit student time outside for recess and we highly encourage students to bring water bottles each day to school! We follow the Kyrene District guidelines for recess and we monitor this very closely. Students still have breaks throughout the day, with indoor recess and 'brain breaks' as well.

**DID YOU KNOW that PARENT CONFERENCES are coming up quickly?!!** This is a very important opportunity for you to meet with your child's teachers and get critical information on how the first quarter is going. You will get information on student growth and progress, first quarter assessments, and goals for the year. **The conference dates are: September 10-11-12. These are three consecutive EARLY RELEASE DAYS, with student dismissal at 12:15 each day. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS so you know to pick up your children at 12:15 each of these three days. LOOK FOR AN EMAIL FROM YOUR TEACHERS that will include links to sign up for a date and time for your conference.** We have one late night to 8 pm and another to 6 pm to support your schedule needs. Be sure to schedule your conference as soon as you receive the info from teachers....in the next week or two.

**PICTURE DAYS ARE NEXT WEEK!!!**

**Tuesday August 26 (k-5) and Wednesday August 27 (Middle school).**

It is **DRESS YOUR BEST** for each of these days! Students may also wear regular school uniforms but it is not a free dress day. Dress code for both days (other than uniforms) is **DRESS YOUR BEST.**

**DID YOU KNOW** that next Tuesday August 26 we are starting our **WEEKLY LUNCH VISIT DAY** for parents and guardians to come to have lunch with your child at lunch? We invite you to come for your child's lunch time only – and you may bring outside food for you and your child to enjoy, or you may buy a school lunch also! Please do not bring extra food for other students, as many students have allergies or food constraints. **Every Tuesday is LUNCH VISIT DAY!**

**FRIDAY AUGUST 29 is National College Colors Day to celebrate the beginning of the college football season and to celebrate our college teams!** Students are invited to wear HS or COLLEGE SHIRTS and colors. **IT is NOT a general free dress day...it is a special event day where students may wear these designated items.**

*Thank you all for your continued support and collaboration.*

Marianne L. Lescher, Ph.D.



### **PICTURE DAYS**

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.

Pictures can be pre-ordered [here](#).

Order forms will be sent home soon, but for a preview of the available packages [click here](#).

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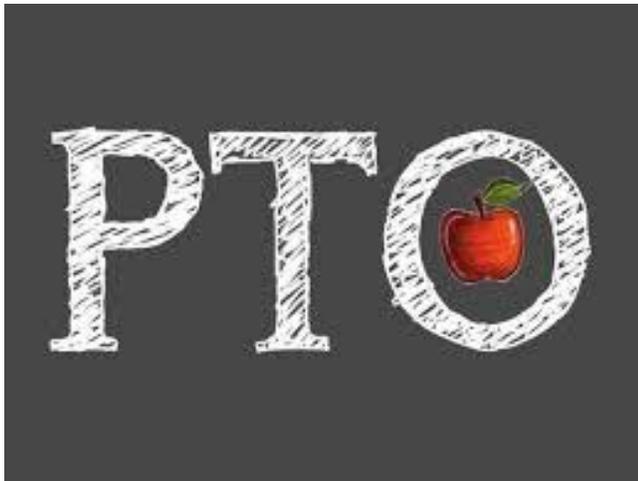


### **KTA SPIRIT WEAR**

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.

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### **PTO Needs Your Help**

Family Bingo Night is coming soon!!!!  
Friday, September 5  
The event is free to attend.  
There will be concessions & other sales.

### **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!!**

Please sign up [here](#).

We need concessions, Bingo card distribution, clean up, prize table helpers, Bingo Verifier!

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### **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



**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.



**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



NO SCHOOL

Monday, September 1

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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.

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

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**Jen Woolf, MAS-MFT, LAMFT**

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[View Full Calendar](#)

**Upcoming Events**

**AUGUST**

- August 26**                    **K-5 Picture Day**
- August 27**                    **6-8 Picture Day**
- August 28**                    **Middle School Only - \$1 Free Dress Day**
- August 29**                    **Spirit Day: College Colors Day**

**SEPTEMBER**

- September 1**                **No School - Labor Day**
- September 11 & 12**        **Extra Early Release Day - students release at 12:15 p.m.**

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



**Kyrene School District offers ESS parent trainings.**

**All trainings will be held at the District Office from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

- September 4, 2025 : IEP Training With Encircle Families (formerly Raising Special Kids)
- October 20, 2025: Hands on Occupational Therapy and Assistive Technology
- November 20, 2025: Calm Bodies, Ready Minds
- January 12, 2026: Overview and Q & A with the Division of Developmental Disabilities and Encircle Families
- February 19, 2026: IEP Training with Encircle Families
- April 1, 2026: Early Childhood Literacy

**And**

April 22, 2026 ESS Family Resource Fair

Kyrene del Pueblo Middle School.

More Information to come!

[CLICK HERE FOR A MORE DETAILED FLYER!](#)

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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*

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