



August 15, 2025

Message from the Principal

Hello KTA Families and Friends:

Here's hoping you and your children are enjoying being back in school, and that they are learning and already making progress both academically and in social areas as well.

School is so important! We know that students need to learn reading, writing, math, science, social studies, and they get to learn other electives and specials like art, music, band, library, STEM and others. **They also need to learn how to be positive and productive citizens** and how to learn and grow and collaborate with peers and adults. These skills are just as important for their development and for their future in school, college and career! All of these skills are addressed in school, each and every day. **We appreciate that so many of you are getting your children here to school EACH and EVERY DAY and on time!** We realize getting back 'in the swing' sometimes takes time....but by now...students should be used to their schedules. **STUDENTS need to be in school every day! Chronic absenteeism is a big problem in Arizona, and it takes all of us to address it and ensure students are in school.** Did you know that students with over 10% of days absent are considered 'chronic'. That is just 4.5 days a quarter. We ask that you try to pay close attention to the days your children are absent. Of course, keep them home when they are sick! We would never dispute that. But please think twice before taking a random day here and there. They add up!!! Students missing many days end up falling behind in their studies. We want your children to get the benefits of being here and experiencing a great day at school every day! **THANK YOU for all your efforts and attention to attendance for your children. We are in this together and if you need help or support, just contact the front office.**

DID you know that Monday is Teacher Professional Development Day? There is no school for students on Monday August 18. Please have students return to classes on Tuesday August 19.

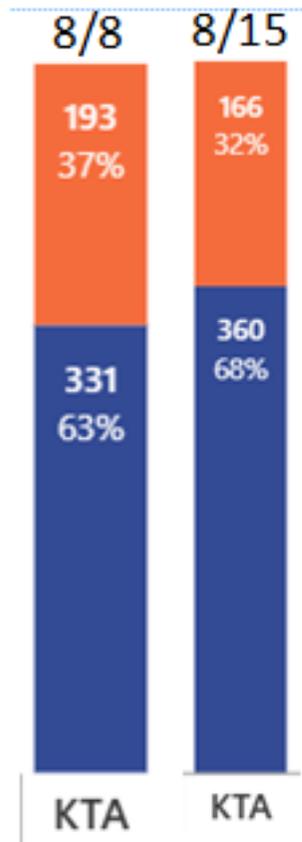
DID you know that Thursday August 21 is PTO Restaurant Night at Peter Piper Pizza? These are SO MUCH FUN! Hope to see you there!

DID YOU KNOW that the presentation that KTA Admin presented last week for Curriculum Night is accessible on our school website? This is a quick 15 min presentation that shares a great deal of important information that is quite helpful for parents at all grade levels. We highly recommend that you access and watch this important presentation.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration!

Marianne L. Lescher, Ph.D.

**PARENT HOMEWORK
IMPORTANT
PLEASE READ!!**



**Parent
Acknowledgements
Due**

**YAY - We have some
improvement!**

Your Parent Acknowledgements are now available in your Parent Vue account. We request that all parents/guardians please sign in and accept the acknowledgements and update your Emergency Card for the new school year.

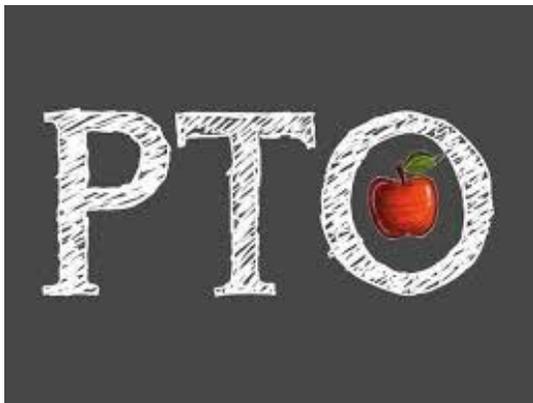
This is now where you will find grades, attendance, report cards, assessments. Everything you need to know about your child will be in ParentVue.



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.



PTO Needs Your Help

Family Bingo Night is coming soon!!!!

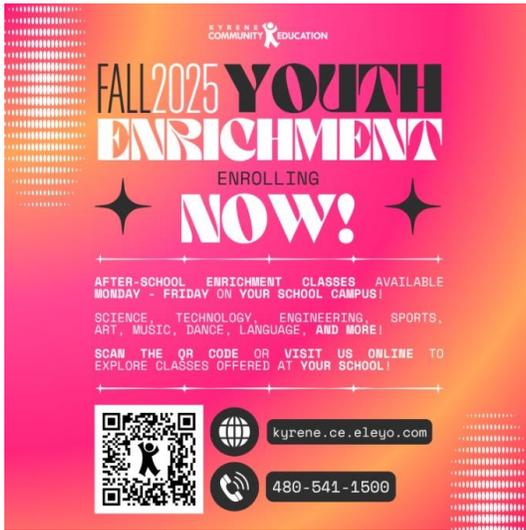
Friday, September 5

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!



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

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](#).



Monday, August 18
No School For Students
Staff Development Day



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](#).



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.

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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

Certified School Counselor/

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[View Full Calendar](#)

Upcoming Events

AUGUST

- August 18** **No School for students - Staff Development Day**
- August 20** **Positive Parenting Series - see below**
- 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](#).



The Kyrene School District is pleased to continue the successful Positive Parenting Series this school year, focusing on issues that affect families both at school and at home. We hope you can join us.

August 20, 2025

Transitioning to a New School Year: Family Support Beyond the Classroom

Families will learn about brain development and how to support their children in developing resiliency.

Presenter: Joronda Montano

Date and Time: August 20, 2025 6:00-7:00pm

Location: Online

[Registration/Zoom Link](#)



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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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