Kyrene Akimel A-al

AKIMEL A-AL NEWS

August 15,2025

Message from the Principal

Good afternoon, Rattler families,

It was another scorching week here in Rattler territory, but our students and staff powered through to make it yet another successful one. We celebrated athletic victories in both wrestling and volleyball and look forward to an exciting remainder of our sports season this quarter.

As we continue building momentum for the year, I am seeking additional parents to join our **AKI Site Council**. Each year, Site Council partners with our school leadership team to create meaningful experiences for students while strengthening our already amazing AKI community. The council helps fund field trips, after-school clubs, community events, and more.

Through **tax credit donations**, we are able to support a wide range of learning opportunities for our students and families. We are looking for parents who can meet quarterly to help plan and connect with the work we are doing here at AKI.

If you are interested in joining our Site Council this year, please see the details in our newsletter below. Thank you, and I hope you enjoy the long weekend. We will see your Rattler student back on campus Tuesday morning!

Warmly,
Shalini McCarthy
Principal



Dismissal time can be hectic due to increased traffic and pedestrian activity. We ask that students not go to neighboring campuses to “hang out,” as this complicates efforts to ensure students’ safety after school. Additionally, it increases the risk of accidents, unauthorized pickups, and difficulty maintaining order. Thank you for your help and support in our dismissal practices.

As many of you are aware, the Liberty Lane redesign has changed the flow of traffic patterns from what we were historically accustomed to. Please be mindful of east- to westbound traffic on Liberty Lane, as it is imperative that vehicles do not cross into oncoming lanes.

If you choose to park to pick up your student, please park in the neighborhood rather than directly on Liberty Lane.

Our top priority is safety for everyone during dismissal, and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping ensure that all staff, students, and families get home safely.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

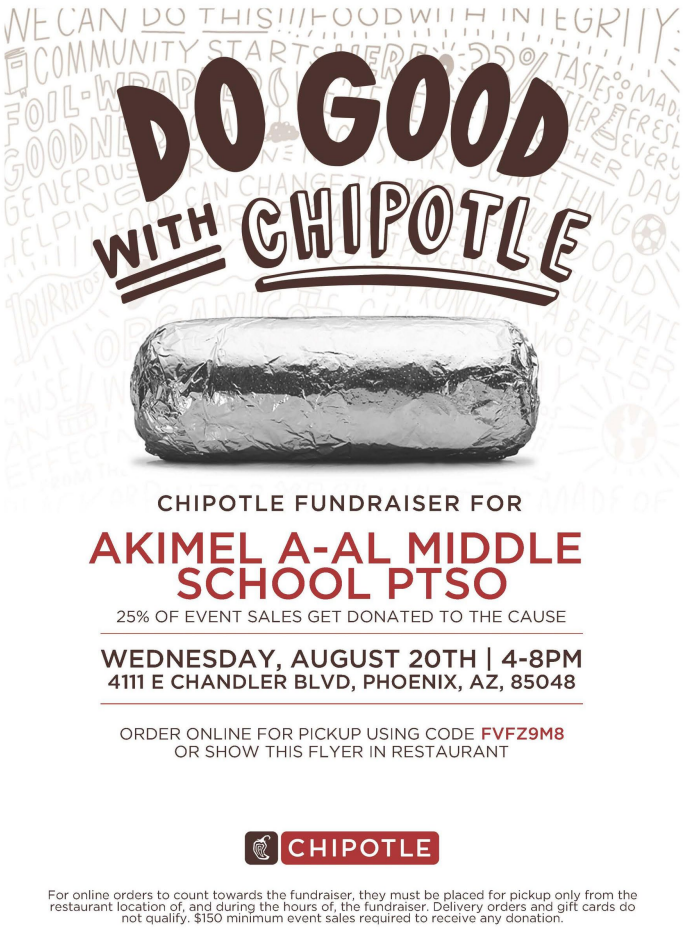
Join the Akimel A-al Site Council!

Would you like to help shape the future of Akimel A-al Middle School? The Site Council partners with students, parents, staff, businesses, and the community to guide the school’s direction and create a positive environment that fosters learning and student growth.

If you are interested in joining, please contact **Judy Cotharin** at jcotharin@kyrene.org

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PTSO News



Upcoming Events

AUG 18: Staff Development Day - **No School**
AUG 20: Chipotle Fundraiser
AUG 22: School Pictures
AUG 25: Step It Up Fundraiser Kickoff
SEPT 1: Labor Day — **No School**

SEPT 10-12: Parent Teacher Conferences –Early Release @ 1:05 pm

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Reminder!

There will be **no school** this Monday, August 18th due to a **staff development day**. Students will return to school on Tuesday, August 19th.



Fun Things Are Happening at AKI!

Some of our 8th graders will have the chance to attend our second Boston trip! This incredible experience will give students the opportunity to explore all things AVID while bringing their learning to life. They'll discover a city rich in history, visit colleges many have never seen before, and create memories that will last a lifetime.

We will be hosting an informational parent meeting in the library on Tuesday, August 19th at 6:00 PM. Your student is welcome to attend with you. Please mark your calendar if you and your child are interested in learning more about this exciting opportunity! This first-of-its-kind trip for our AKI students promises to be an unforgettable experience that will create memories to last a lifetime.



School pictures are right around the corner. Pictures will be taken Friday, August 22nd. You may place your order early by pre paying via order envelope or online at the All Pro website. Envelopes will be distributed to students within the next couple weeks. Click here to see the envelope and different packages you may order.
To prepay click **here.**



Parent Acknowledgements

Annual Parent Acknowledgements – **Due August 28, 2025**
Each year, families must acknowledge important back-to-school documents through our online parent portal, ParentVUE. One parent or guardian should log in to:

Review and acknowledge all forms

Confirm emergency contact information

These forms will appear first when you sign in to your ParentVUE account.

Deadline: August 28, 2025

If you have any questions, please call our office at 480-541-5800.

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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