



August 29, 2025

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

SEPT 1: NO School & Offices Closed due to Observance of Labor Day

SEPT 2: Yearbook Applications Due

SEPT 3: NJHS Induction Ceremony 5 PM

SEPT 10: Family Dineout at Panda Express - 4025 E. Chandler Blvd. (40th St./Chandler Blvd)

SEPT 10-12: Parent/Teacher Conferences by Appointment Only

SEPT 10-12: Early Release @ 1:05 PM

SEPT 23: Centennial Choir Concert - 7 PM in CMS MPR

SEPT 24: Centennial Band Concert - 6:30 PM in CMS MPR

SEPT 25: Centennial Orchestra Concert - 6:30 PM in CMS MPR

SEPT 26: Student of the Month Recognition, 8:30 AM, Media Center

SEPT 26: End of 1st Quarter

SEPT 29-OCT 10: FALL BREAK - No School and Office Closed

NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

A reminder that there will be no school and the office will be closed on Monday, September 1 in observance of Labor Day.



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL - SEL SURVEY

Dear Families,

We thank you and your family for being our valued partners as we work together to educate our students at Centennial Middle School. As you may already be aware, building social-emotional learning skills is an important goal of ours. At the beginning of the school year, we asked for your permission to have students participate in a social emotional learning survey. If we have consent for a student to participate, they will complete a survey designed to provide school staff data on students' understanding of concepts related to CharacterStrong, which is the social-emotional learning curriculum we are implementing with all students in grades 6-8.

The survey content will ask students to self-reflect on Emotion Regulation, Self-Efficacy, Sense of Belonging, and Teacher-Student Relationships. These topics are related to the content in CharacterStrong and will help guide the implementation of the curriculum and measure its impact over time. The online survey will take place on Thursday, September 4. It will be completed at school during advisory class and should not take more than 20-30 minutes to complete.

Student responses will provide invaluable insights into their experiences and how we can improve and adapt our school to their needs. If a student doesn't feel like they have enough

information to answer a question, they will be able to skip the item altogether. The responses to these surveys will be completely confidential.

If you have any questions about the survey, please don't hesitate to contact us at 480-541-6400.

Sincerely,

James Martin, Principal

kyrene.org/cen

PARENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORMS

We need your help! Every school-year we have important KSD forms that are required to be reviewed and acknowledged at the beginning of the school year. **If you have not already done so**, please go to [ParentVUE](#) to review and acknowledge all beginning of the year forms (Family Handbook Acknowledgement, Technology Agreement, etc.) before August 29. If you have any questions, please call and ask. We are here to help.

VERIFY EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION IN PARENT VUE ASAP

Thank you for taking a few moments to review and update, if necessary, your child's emergency and contact information. While this form has been available over the last few weeks, we are re-launching access to this form beginning August 29 through [ParentVUE](#) at login. All next week, families will be required to review the form before accessing additional information in ParentVUE. Please know that for any family who interacted with this form this year, this request may be a duplicate activity. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your support with this launch. With this release, the system has been set to streamline the form selection process so that families are directed to only this form when responding to the link.

SELECT REGISTRATION
TO BEGIN

Please select the online packet you would like to begin

2023-2024 School Year



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES COMING UP SOON



We will hold fall parent/teacher conferences **(by appointment only)** on September 10-12. *Students will be released at 1:05 PM on Wednesday and Thursday and Friday, September 10-12.*

Families will receive more specific information (from each grade level) soon regarding scheduling conferences.



QUARTER 2, 3 & 4 SPORTS REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Reminder that quarter 2, quarter 3 and quarter 4 sports registration is open. Register now. Don't miss out!

Cheer registration will be closing on 9/15/25. Workshop for cheer will be taking place starting September 15th-19th from 3:30pm - 5:00pm. All students must have a completed registration to participate in the workshop. Tryouts will start Monday, September 22nd. Final cuts will be Tuesday, September 23rd. Results will be announced via cheer google classroom. More information to follow.

Boys basketball, girls flag football, and boys soccer registration will close Friday, September 26, 2025.

To register your student, please go online to <https://az-kyrene.intouchrecepting.com/>

If you have any questions, call Sue Spadafore at 480-541-6404 or email her at sspadafore@kyrene.org.

REPORTING YOUR STUDENT ABSENCE

Centennial Middle School is equipped with a computerized telephone attendance reporting system. The absence reporting phone number is 480-541-6401 and may be called 24 hours a day.

Parents/guardians are asked to call the attendance office by 9:00 am each day that their child is absent. Please leave a message on the voice mail indicating the student's name, grade, date(s) of the absence and reason for the absence.

If we do not receive a parent phone call, the student's absence will be recorded as a truancy.

POSITIVE PARENTING - SEPTEMBER PRESENTATIONS



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.

Sept. 4 – IEP Training with Encircle Families (Formerly Raising Special Kids)

Learn about the special education process and the Individualized Education Program (IEP). Understand who is required to attend the IEP meeting and the roles of each team member (including parents). Review the required parts of an IEP, learn how parents can prepare for and be more effective during the IEP meeting and how they can track their child's progress. Discover the options available if the IEP team does not agree.

Hosted By:

ESS Department

Date and Time:

September 4, 2025

6:00pm - 7:30pm

Location:

Kyrene Del Pueblo Middle School

360 S. Twelve Oaks Boulevard

Chandler, AZ 85226

Sept. 17 – Childhood 2.0 – How to Reach, Teach, and Support iGeneration Students

Children are growing up in a world in which technology is ubiquitous. Join us to gain valuable insight into tips and strategies for raising children for whom technology has always been present.

Presenter:

Katey McPherson

Date and Time:

September 17, 2025

6:00-7:00pm

Location:

Online

[Registration & Zoom Link](#)

**KYRENE 2025-26
SCHOOL YEAR
PARENT TRAININGS**

ESS Parent Trainings

Plan to attend the following ESS parent trainings:

All trainings will be at the District Office from 6-7:30 pm.

SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

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OCTOBER 20, 2025

HANDS ON OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Come and explore items and get ideas from our Occupational therapists and Assistive Technology specialist. An area will also be set up for families to make and take items home to use with your children.

NOVEMBER 20, 2025

CALM BODIES, READY MINDS

Understanding Sensory Processing and the Functions of Behavior to Promote Home and Classroom Readiness. Join Bri Armijo, Lead Behavior Intervention Teacher and Amy Hecker OTR/L, Lead OT to learn different strategies to support self-regulation and sensory processing to improve your child's readiness for home life and in the classroom.



JANUARY 12, 2026

OVERVIEW AND Q&A WITH THE DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND ENCIRCLE FAMILIES

Join us for an information session with representatives from the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) and Encircle Families. They will provide an introduction to the supports and services their organizations provide to children with disabilities and their families and be available for questions after the presentation.

FEBRUARY 19, 2026

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APRIL 1, 2026

EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY

Parents are invited to learn more about the importance of oral language & reading in the home to set up children for school readiness. Each participant will be able to take home an early literacy bag.

APRIL 22, 2026

ESS FAMILY RESOURCE FAIR

Kyrene del Pueblo Middle School. More information to come!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL MEALS

Apply today for Free or Reduced Meals

Dear Kyrene Families,

Kyrene School District is excited and preparing for the 2025-2026 school year. The application portal for free and reduced breakfast and lunch is now available. The online portal is the most convenient method for applying. As a reminder, a new meal application is required every year to determine eligibility for the current school year. This message provides some key dates and important information pertaining to our Food Service program for the upcoming school year.

Key Dates:

- **July 1**- Online Application portal opens! [Apply](#) for free or reduced breakfast and lunch for the 2025- 2026 school
- **July 23**- First day of school
- **September 4**- Eligibility from **2024-2025** school year **EXPIRES!** Please [submit a new application](#) for the new school

Exciting News!

- Students who qualify for reduced-price meal eligibility by submitting a meal will receive free meals, as the State of Arizona is covering all reduced-price meals costs under a recently passed bill!
- Meal prices will remain the same for the fifth year in a row! Please click [meal prices](#) on our website for additional information.

Important take-aways and links:

A new meal application is required every year to determine eligibility for the current school

- To submit your 2025-2026 household meal application, please click [here](#).
- Meal Account payments may be made online by visiting [InTouch Make A School Lunch Payment](#).

- Lunch balances may be viewed by visiting [LINQ Connect](#).

Thank you for being part of the Kyrene community!



PTO NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: KCMSPTOCONNECT@GMAIL.COM

Join us at Centennial's next **Family Dineout at Panda Express** on Wednesday, September 10, 2026 at 4025 E. Chandler Blvd. See you there!



Fundraiser for

Centennial Middle School PTO

20% of event sales will be donated

We are the Parent/Teacher Organization



When

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Time: 9:30 AM to 10:00 PM

Where

Panda Express located at:

4025 E. Chandler Blvd. Phoenix AZ 85048
(480) 706 - 6010

How to Order



Online

PandaExpress.com or the App.
Enter 3843852 in the fundraiser code box

or



In-Person

Bring paper flyer or show it on
your smartphone

Order ahead or on the event day Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Quick Links

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Contact Us

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School Hours: 8:20 am – 3:05 pm

Every Wednesday at 1:05 p.m.

Office Hours: 7:30 am – 4:00 pm

Every Wednesday at 2:00 pm