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*Kyrene Traditional Academy*



August 29, 2025

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## Message from the Principal

To Our Amazing KTA Families:

**Today has been a difficult day for our KTA community.**

As many of you saw in the district's message, the Kyrene Long Range Planning Committee has recommended that Kyrene Traditional Academy be included in the list of schools proposed for closure and repurposing, as part of the district's efforts to address enrollment trends and to maximize resources.

**This is very difficult to hear and process.**

**It is critical to remember that this is only a RECOMMENDATION.** No decision will be made until DECEMBER when the Kyrene Governing Board votes. Between now and December, several public community hearings will be held (SEE FULL SCHEDULE of these meetings below). We strongly recommend that you attend these meetings to gain an understanding of the process and the decisions, and to voice your concerns and questions. You can also engage by attending Kyrene Governing Board meetings, the next one is September 2, and the long-term planning will present their recommendation at the September 16 meeting. In the meantime, questions and comments can be submitted online at <http://www.kyrene.org/longrangeplan>.

Community Engagement Meetings - all held at 6 p.m.

- October 16: Kyrene Middle School - MPR
- October 21: Akimel-A-al - MPR
- October 29: Centennial - MPR
- November 5: Pueblo - MPR

- November 12: Altadena - MPR
- November 19: Aprende - MPR

I have been the very proud principal of Kyrene Traditional Academy for 14 years, since the very beginning. Several of our current teachers have been with our school even longer, when our campus was Kyrene del Sureño. This is heartbreaking for everyone. **Regardless of the outcome...our school has ACHIEVED AMAZING THINGS! We were Kyrene's FIRST NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL in 2015! We have been an Arizona A+ School of Excellence for over 10 years!** Our students, staff and families are second to none and our diverse and welcoming community has been celebrated and acknowledged with many other achievements and accolades over the years. THESE stay with us and we will ALWAYS BE KTA TIGERS! WE have TIGER PRIDE and are TIGER STRONG. We encourage you to talk with your children about the proposed closure, so that they can hear from you some of this key information. They are welcome to discuss their questions with our staff and teachers.

**We are committed to ensuring that this school year is an OUTSTANDING year for all of our students and families. Our PTO is ready to enhance our experiences and events to make this a YEAR TO REMEMBER!** If, in fact, this is KTA's final year, we will FINISH STRONG with PRIDE and SUPPORT for our entire community.

I will keep you informed as we receive more information along the way.  
Thank you, as always, for your continued support and collaboration.

Marianne L. Lescher, Ph.D.



**NO SCHOOL**  
Monday, September 1

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### **PICTURE DAY - RESCHEDULE**

K - 5 Monday, September 8

Attire: Dress Your Best Day



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](#).



## Sweatshirt Orders: On-Line Only Deadline: September 11 at midnight

[https://stores.inksoft.com/ksdaz\\_kta/shop/home](https://stores.inksoft.com/ksdaz_kta/shop/home)

This is the only order for the year.

- o Crewneck Sweatshirts
- o Hoodies
- o Beanie Hats
- o Polos

**NOTE: Please be sure to read the descriptions. If they are Youth sizes, the description will say 'YOUTH'. If it doesn't say 'YOUTH' then it is adult.**

## PTO Fundraiser Challenge September 2 - 11

Our biggest fundraiser of the year kicks off on Tuesday, September 2nd! Students will be attending a fun assembly that morning to kick



things off and bring home information that day on how to get started! Students that set up their site (only one needed per family) and enter 10 emails/phone numbers will receive a cookie blanket the next day! Earn new levels of prizes as you raise more money! This is how we fund most of our annual budget to provide teachers, staff and students the resources they need to be successful!



### Family Bingo Night

Join us for some family fun and win prizes!

Students must be accompanied by an adult. This event is FREE to attend, one Bingo card per person! PTO will be selling concessions for purchase; cash, venmo and card payments are accepted.

Friday, September 5  
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
MPR  
Enter Thru The Garden  
Gate

We need volunteers!!! Sign up for a short 30 minutes time slot to help make this a great event!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AA4AC2DA1F4C25-57905920-bingo>

### EARLY RELEASE DAYS CONFERENCE WEEK

September 10, 11, 12  
Students Release at 12:15 p.m.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are this week. Please watch for information from your teacher and be sure to schedule a



conference with your teacher.



### Long Term Planning Meetings

#### Kyrene Governing Board Meetings

Tuesday, September 2 @ 6 PM

Tuesday, September 16 @ 6 PM

#### Community Engagement Meetings

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### All School/All Grades

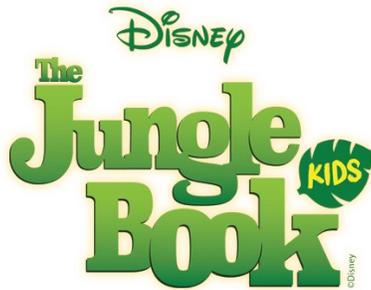
#### \$1 Free Dress Day

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



**Tiger Thesians - AUDITIONS**  
**Grades: 3rd - 5th**

Auditions: September 16th  
2:15-3:30 p.m.

Rehearsals: Tuesdays and Thursdays  
2:15-3:30

Performance: Wednesday  
November 5th at 6:30pm

Permission slips will go home next week  
Questions? Reach out to Mrs Abel  
[mabel@kyrene.org](mailto:mabel@kyrene.org)

COST: \$45 - for Script & Show Shirt

[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 2 - 12 Step It Up Fundraiser  
September 5 Family Game Night  
September 11 Spirit Day: Red, White & Blue/America Theme  
September 11 & 12 Extra Early Release Day - students release at 12:15 p.m.  
Student Conferences  
September 17 Chipotle Night  
September 25 Whole School \$1 Free Dress  
September 29 - 30 Fall Break - No School

OCTOBER

October 1 - 10 Fall Break - No School  
October 13 No School - Teacher Plan Day

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



KYRENE 2025-26  
SCHOOL YEAR  
PARENT TRAININGS

*ESS Parent Trainings*



**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!
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## Contact Us

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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*

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