



September 12, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 19: PTSO Meeting @ 8:30am in the Library

September 19: Jeremiah's

September 29-October 10: Fall Break

October 13: NO SCHOOL - Teacher Plan Day

October 14: Start of Quarter 2

****EVERY WEDNESDAY IS EARLY RELEASE @ 1:05pm****

[View Full Calendar](#)

Ruby Bridges - SAVE THE DATE

Aprende & Brisas Families,

We are honored to host our **4th annual Ruby Bridges Walk to School** event on **Friday, November 14**. Please mark your calendars for this powerful tradition that continues to inspire our schools and our community.

In 1960, at just six years old, Ruby Bridges became the first African American student to integrate an all-white elementary school in the South. With incredible courage, Ruby walked through crowds of angry protestors, guided only by federal marshals, to attend school. She stood for equality, justice, and the right for every child to learn in an environment of dignity and respect. Her bravery ignited a movement that changed our nation's schools forever.

On November 14, our entire Brisas and Aprende community—students, staff, parents, and neighbors—will come together to honor her legacy. We will begin with an all-school assembly on the Aprende field, where our joint choir will perform and student speakers will share how Ruby's story continues to inspire them and the world. Then, as a united community, we will walk back to school together, side by side, celebrating the values of courage, unity, and hope that Ruby Bridges embodied.

This is truly an inspirational, can't-miss event—one that brings our schools and community together in a living lesson of history, unity, and shared purpose. We thank you for saving the date and look forward to standing together on November 14, honoring Ruby's legacy with every step we take.

With appreciation,

Christie Winkelmann, Principal
Kyrene de las Brisas Elementary

Renee Kory, Principal
Aprende Middle School



Commemorative Shirts

Each year, we offer a special way to mark this event with a limited-edition Ruby Bridges Walk to School T-shirt, highlighting Brisas and Aprende as “One Community – One Voice.” These shirts are purple; the color we invite everyone to wear as a symbol of unity on this important day.

Cost: \$20

Color: Purple

Deadline: Tuesday, October 14

Click [HERE](#) to Order

P.S. More details on arrival times, parking, and route will be shared as we get closer to the event.

Stay in the know... follow us on social media for current & upcoming events!

APRENDE MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Instagram
@kyreneaprende

APRENDE PTSO



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AprendePTSO.org



WHERE TO GO FOR ALL THE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW



PTSO is seeking volunteers for various events throughout the year, fill out our volunteer interest form to receive notifications of upcoming volunteer opportunities!

<https://aprendeptso.org/volunteer>

Jeremiah's Friday 9/19: Still looking for volunteers, sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4DA4A72BA4FFC07-57923345-jeremiahs>

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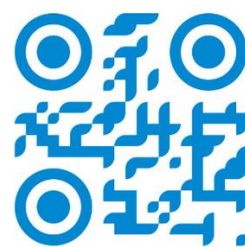
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Business card- \$15



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for students in other grade levels.



JOIN A CLUB!!!

Some clubs have started and more will be starting soon!

Below are a few fun opportunities that are available!

They are all listed on the website <https://apr.kyrene.org/programs/activities>



Registration Deadlines for Quarter 2 Sports:

Cheer closes September 19

Q2 Cut Sports closes September 26

Cross Country closes October 31

Cheer

<https://apr.kyrene.org/programs/athletics/cheer-25-26>

Girls Flag Football

<https://apr.kyrene.org/programs/athletics/girls-flag-football-25-26>

Cross Country

<https://apr.kyrene.org/programs/athletics/cross-country-25-26>

Boys Soccer

<https://apr.kyrene.org/programs/athletics/boys-soccer-25-26>

Boys Basketball

<https://apr.kyrene.org/programs/athletics/boys-basketball-25-26>

APRENDE QUARTER 2 SPORTS REGISTRATION

It's time to get ready for Quarter 2 sports at Aprende Middle School! Don't miss your chance to join a team, make new friends, and show your Jaguar spirit!

QUARTER 2 SPORTS INCLUDE:



Girls Flag Football



Boys Basketball



Boys Soccer



Cheer



Boys & Girls Cross Country



REGISTER NOW!

Online at: az-Kyrene.intouchrecepting.com

✓ All students must be registered to participate.

Cheer

Dates of Tryouts

Monday, September 22	Dance Clinic	3:15-5:00pm	Gym
Tuesday, September 23	Cheer Clinic	3:15-5:00 pm	Gym Foyer
Thursday, September 25	Final Try-Out	3:30- completion	GYM

(Athletes are free to leave after they have completed the tryout process, if you need any special accommodations, please reach out to Coach Shelton @ Cashelton@kyrene.org) Video recording will be allowed at the END of each clinic.)

Quarter 1 Sports

Girls Volleyball

Aprende Girls Volleyball had another mixed week of play. The JV Team came out strong, earning a victory over the Altadena Panthers on Monday. The Varsity Team battled hard but fell in two close sets. Next Monday, September 15, the Jaguars will host their final home game of the season against the Centennial Sabercats. This special night will also be 8th Grade Night, when we recognize and celebrate our eight outstanding athletes as they play their last home game in the Jaguars' gym. The JV game begins at 4:30 p.m., followed by Varsity at 5:30 p.m. We encourage our community to come cheer on both teams and honor our 8th graders! The action continues with the first round of the 2025 Kyrene Volleyball Tournament kicking off on Thursday, September 18. Be sure to follow the Jaguars on Instagram for tournament updates and game info: <https://www.instagram.com/aprvolleyball>.

Upcoming Volleyball Games:

Monday, Sept. 15 @ Home vs Centennial JV @ 4:30pm Varsity @ 5:30pm

<https://apr.kyrene.org/programs/athletics/girls-volleyball-25-26>

Don't miss the highlights, photos, and more! Follow us on Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/aprvolleyball> 📱



JAGUARS
Volleyball

**WEEK OF 9/15:
FINAL HOME GAME
& 8TH GRADE NIGHT**

MON., 9/15 vs CENTENNIAL



JV 4:30 PM / VARSITY 5:30 PM



COME SUPPORT YOUR JAGS!

Wrestling

Jaguar Wrestlers secured a huge win against the toughest in the district on Monday. This is the result of hard work, supporting each other, keeping grades up, and remaining humble. We have one more away meet before Conference Championships, and the work will continue until then. These athletes have not reached a plateau. Well done, Jags.

Upcoming Wrestling Meets:

Monday, Sept. 15 at Centennial @ 4:30pm

<https://apr.kyrene.org/programs/athletics/wrestling-25-26>



Schedules/ Playoff Brackets:

<https://www.kyrene.org/educational-opportunities/athletics/game-schedules>

Athletics Information can be found on our website:

<https://apr.kyrene.org/programs/athletics>

Financial Aid Information and Form for Athletic Fees:

<https://www.kyrene.org/educational-opportunities/community-education-services/forms-registrationfinancial-assistance>

If you have any questions, please contact Athletic Director, Amy Violette,
aviolette@kyrene.org or Loreth Vergara lvergara@kyrene.org 480-541-6203

Office hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 7:30am-4pm Wed 7:30am-2pm

Address: 777 N. Desert Breeze Blvd., East #2, Chandler, AZ 85226

Intramural Sports

KYRENE SCHOOL DISTRICT

GIRLS INTRAMURAL FLAG FOOTBALL

PRACTICE BEGINS WEEK OF OCTOBER 27TH



Register Here

REPRESENT YOUR SCHOOL
COST - \$110

PRACTICE AT YOUR SCHOOL WITH SCRIMMAGES AGAINST
OTHER KYRENE SCHOOLS

TEAM WILL MEET 3 TIMES PER WEEK, TIME AND DATES ARE TBD
REGISTRATION CLOSES 10/24 AT 12:00PM

KYRENE SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOYS INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

PRACTICE BEGINS WEEK OF OCTOBER 27TH



Register Here

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Discover practical tools, expert insights, and supportive solutions from trained professionals.

All sessions are one hour. They are relaxed, informative, and discussion-based.

See reverse for a complete list of topics and session dates.

Register today!



Fall 2025

Triple P - Positive Parenting Program® for parents of youth ages 12-17



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QUESTIONS?

Ann Lynn DiDomenico
ann_didomenico@tempe.gov

tempecommunitycouncil.org/triple-p

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to reduce underage drinking and drug use

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Fall 2025 Online Schedule

Aug 4, 5:00 pm	Getting Teenagers to Cooperate
Aug 11, 5:00 pm	Coping with Teenagers Emotions
Aug 18, 5:00 pm	Building Teenagers Survival Skills
Aug 25, 5:00 pm	Reducing Family Conflict
Sept 8, 5:00 pm	Raising Responsible Teenagers
Sept 15, 5:00 pm	Raising Competent Teenagers
Sept 22, 5:00 pm	Getting Teenagers Connected
Oct 20, 5:00 pm	Smoking and Vaping: What Parents Need to Know
Oct 27, 5:00 pm	Drinking Alcohol: Empowering Parents to Guide Healthy Choices
Nov 3, 5:00 pm	Preventing Teen Drug Use
Dec 1, 5:00 pm	Raising Responsible Teenagers
Dec 8, 5:00 pm	Raising Competent Teenagers
Dec 15, 5:00 pm	Getting Teenagers Connected

Visit tempecommunitycouncil.org/triple-p to review full session descriptions.

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These classes are made possible through funding from the GOYFF Trauma Informed Substance Abuse Prevention (TISAPP) Program grant from AHCCCS, as awarded by SAMHSA.

Community Event



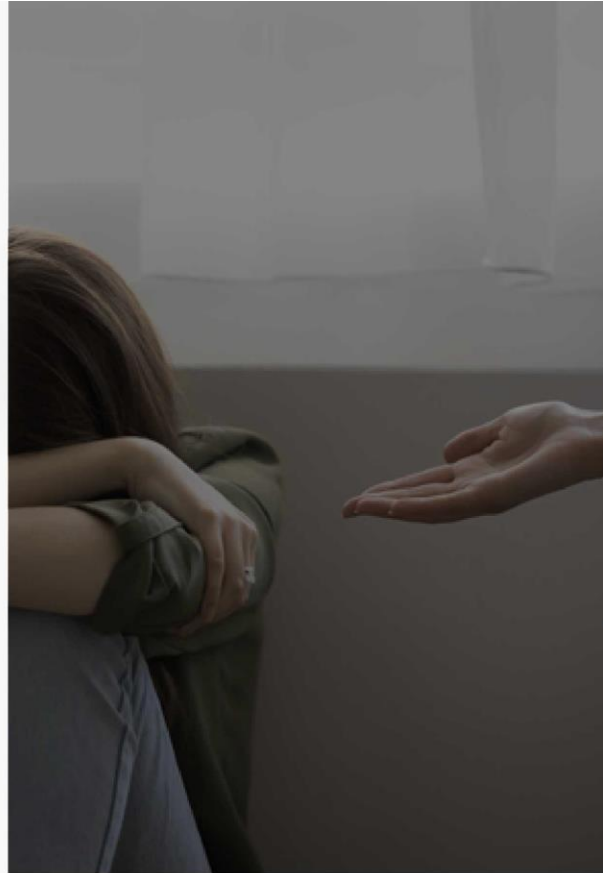
Raising **Awareness,** Protecting **Futures**

A Community Talk on
Teen Marijuana Use

**SATURDAY
SEP 20TH**

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**4820 S MILL AVE
TEMPE, AZ 85282**



MEET & GREET

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HEAR FROM A PARENT

Hear a firsthand story
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faced real-life challenges.



TALK + Q&A WITH DR. JAFFE

Research & insights from Dr.
Jaffe on marijuana's affects
on teens, followed by a Q&A

ABOUT DR. JAFFE



Dr. Steven L. Jaffe, M.D., is a pioneer in adolescent substance abuse treatment, Professor Emeritus at Emory, consultant to the NFL, and recipient of multiple psychiatric awards. He has authored key textbooks and workbooks shaping adolescent addiction care and has lectured internationally.

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Kyrene 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. 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

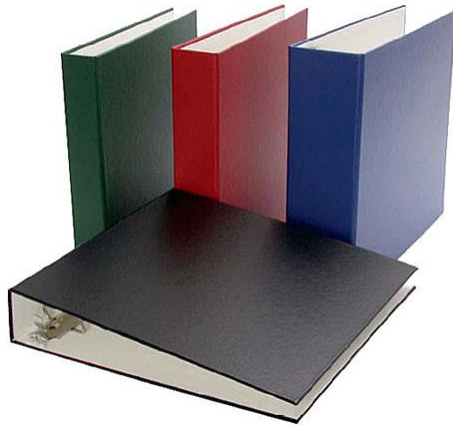
6:00-7:00pm

Location:

Online

[Registration & Zoom Link](#)

Donations are Appreciated!



We are looking for donations of **NEW or GENTLY USED 2 1/2 or 3 inch binders.** Nothing smaller please.

Also, we would appreciate donations of **Jolly Ranchers** for our PBIS system!



Parents/students can drop them off in the front office.

Thank you in advance!



As we continue to partner with you regarding your child's attendance, we need to inform you of an important update regarding how "absences due to appointments" should be reported. In alignment with guidance from the Arizona Department of Education (ADE), please be specific

when reporting the reason for your child's appointment. Only appointments for medical, dental or behavioral health will be marked as excused. All other appointments will be considered unexcused. If you have any questions about this update or your child's attendance, please contact your school's attendance clerk.

Kyrene School District is committed to working with families to improve student attendance and academic success. Our school will send email notices when a student misses four or more days of school, whether excused or unexcused. Additional notices are sent when a student reaches 8 and 13 absences. If a student exceeds 18 absences, a more formal letter will be sent, but it is our goal to partner with families before that happens. Kyrene has a [webpage](#) with resources to maintain good attendance habits, including our "Too Sick for school" guide to help determine when to keep children home.

Parents/guardians are asked to call the 24 hour attendance line 480.541.6201 each day that their child is absent. Please leave a message spelling the student's name, grade, date(s) of the absence and reason for absence. If a phone call is not received, or if the school has not been able to contact the parent/guardian, the student will be given an unexcused absence.

As a reminder, students who are absent from school the day of an activity MAY NOT attend the activity (i.e. classroom party; a middle school dance or sporting event; an after-school enrichment club; or Kids Club care after school).

Student Sign-Out



We understand students will need to be signed out for appointments, etc. Please try to avoid signing out your student after 2:55pm. The last 10 minutes of school tend to be hectic and we appreciate your understanding.

Also, please try to limit the amount of items being dropped off in the front office (water bottles, lunches, sweatshirts). Every time we need to call a classroom, it is disruptive to the class.

Where Ya Wanna Go Wednesdays!

Where ya wanna go Wednesdays!

**Wear your college gear
EVERY Wednesday!**

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**GRAB
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Wag Wednesdays & Furry Friends Fridays!

Bring your pup to Aprende student drop-off on Wednesdays & Fridays from 7:50am to 8:15am for a little treat!

Just roll down your window and Staudohar will pop a Bubba Bite into your pup's mouth!



Tax Credit Donations



Please consider making a tax credit donation to help support some of the following at Aprende: Performing Arts, Athletics, Clubs, AVID, Field Trips, etc.

You can donate online through our [Payment Portal](#).

Click [here](#) for instructions on the payment portal.

Thank you for your continued support!



Quicklinks

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- [ParentVue and StudentVue](#)
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Contact Us

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