
Kyrene Traditional Academy



September 19, 2025

Message from the Principal

Hello KTA Friends and Families:

We have had a great week at KTA and I want to share some of the fun and excitement with you!

- On Tuesday, our 6th graders had a wonderful presentation from the City of Chandler, Latino Leaders Week. We had three guest speakers who shared with our students and staff their pathways to their careers and some of their life experiences. Our visitors were Baltazar Hernandez, a local public policy and sustainability expert and ASU graduate, Angela Salazar, Program Director of YWCA of Chandler, and Tim Vasquez, Owner and CEO of Someburros! What a great and fascinating line up. Thank you to the City of Chandler for this great opportunity.
- We held our first Middle School Principal Lunch event, which recognizes and showcases middle school students, identified by their teachers, for outstanding academic work, citizenship, and behavior. They are wonderful role models for others and we appreciate their hard work! These students are: Cameron Moore, Adelina Mendoza, Ka'Maira Stevenson, Jace Felix, Nova Guzman, Prince Spencer, Maria Lopez, Shriya Balaji, Mhai Shontelle Ararro, Elisha Wood, Alex Cortez, Annie Beavers, Rhea Aparisi and Asaphataly Joseph.

Our CHIPOLTE RESTAURANT NIGHT was fun and a success! Thanks to all who participated and had some great food!

Bus Evac drills were held this week....an opportunity for students to learn how to exit a bus in an

emergency. This is a regular event each semester, and something that adds to the safety of our students and staff.

SCHOOL CLOSURE PLAN INFORMATION

On Tuesday night, our Kyrene Governing Board held their regular meeting however this meeting was very significant as it was the first time that public comments were heard on the proposed school closure plan for our district. Over 90 individuals spoke. We had several KTA parents, family and friends speak eloquently to support our school and the Traditional Model. Everyone's voice is important. If you feel that you want to express your opinions or thoughts please feel free to do so through the [links](#) to share a written comment to the board or at the public meetings scheduled for the next two months. Our regional meeting is scheduled for November 19, 6 pm at Aprende but all citizens can attend any of the meetings. See the listing of meeting dates and times below. For more information about the [Long Range Planning Committee](#) visit the Kyrene website.

One more week until FALL BREAK! Hard to believe! That time went by fast, but it sure was chock full of events, activities and challenges. Thank you so much for your continued support and collaboration. Remember that Friday September 26 is the end of the quarter. Fall Break goes from September 29 through October 10, with an additional Teacher Plan Day on Monday October 13. School resumes for students on Tuesday October 14.

Thank you!!

Marianne L. Lescher, Ph.D.



STUDENT ASSESSMENTS

Beginning of the year district assessment reports have been posted to ParentVUE. Families are able to access the results through ParentVue in the documents section. Need help accessing the reports? See the [attachment for directions](#) with screenshots. Need help understanding the reports or how to support your child? See the family guide for each assessment or reach out to your child's teacher.

Sweatshirt Orders: On-Line Only
Deadline: NEW SITE - Order by



September 30 at midnight

https://stores.inksoft.com/ksdaz_ka

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.



On Tuesday, September 16, Kyrene Traditional Academy had a visit from the City of Chandler Latino Leaders Program.

Sixth grade students had the chance to hear from Baltazar Hernández, Angela Salazar and Tim Vasquez, who shared their personal journeys, including the challenges they faced and the opportunities that shaped their careers.

Some of the inspiring takeaways included: -People will look to you to see who you are and who you have been, -Be open minded about everything -Everyone deserves to be treated with respect regardless of what position they hold

KTA Principal Dr. Lescher expressed that they were "SO grateful for this opportunity for our kids. The messages were so powerful."

A heartfelt thank you to our speakers for sharing your stories with KTA students and for being engaging, funny, and authentic.

[City Government of Chandler, Arizona](#)

STEP IT UP - PTO FUNDRAISER



We started our Fundraiser Challenge this week and have been having a great time seeing Cookie Blankets and Kindness spread around the school!

This is our PTO's one big fundraiser of the year to be able to give our school the best support possible! We have been hyping them up at school, so help us have a successful fundraiser by assisting your students in contacting family and friends to support their goals!

Stay up to date on our efforts by visiting the PTO website at <https://sites.google.com/view/ktapto/fundraiser-challenge>



Starting September 15, Kyrene families will have a new way to manage student meal accounts. In addition to InTouch Receipting and cash/check payments, families may now use **LINQ Connect**—a website and mobile app that allows instant deposits, spending limits, alerts, sibling transfers, and more. Learn more at the [Food Services webpage](#).

Call For Vendors

November 22nd
10:00 to 2:00PM
Kyrene Traditional Academy MPR

Are you looking to showcase your product or services to a vibrant and engaged audience

CONTACT US ☎ 602-999-7300 ✉ ktaptotigers@gmail.com

KTA PTO is in the planning stages for a Craft Fair on Saturday, November 22. We are looking for vendors to participate. Please contact the PTO if you are interested. Cost is \$20 per 8' table.

They can be reached at:
602-999-7300
or
by email at: ktaptotigers@gmail.com

Please share with any friends or family who might be interested.

WHAT CAN YOU DO ON A SUNNY SATURDAY!!!!



Saturday, September 20, 2025
9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Come and work in the S.L.U.G Garden!!!

Come and weed, trim, rake, etc. Hours good for parent volunteer time and kids can come and work, too. Please wear closed-toe shoes and clothes to get dirty. See you in the S.L.U.G. garden, east side of school. Enter from Metro Blvd. Contact Ms. Randolph at gardengal2019@gmail.com with any questions.



Long Range Planning Meetings

[Kyrene Governing Board Meetings](#)

Friday, September 19 @ 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

[Community Engagement Meetings](#)

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



NEW INFORMATION ABOUT LIBRARY BOOKS

Kyrene has updated how we share new library book purchases with families. In lieu of a once-a-year 60-day review window, the district and school websites will have lists of new library purchases. The list will be updated up to 3-times a year in order to capture all new titles purchased and available to students for check-out. Families may request that a student be opted out of specific titles, and those who want a broader review can use the District's existing reconsideration process. Details on this process can be viewed on the [Media Center Public Review Webpage](#). Questions can be directed to the [Academic Equity and Excellence Department](#).



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:

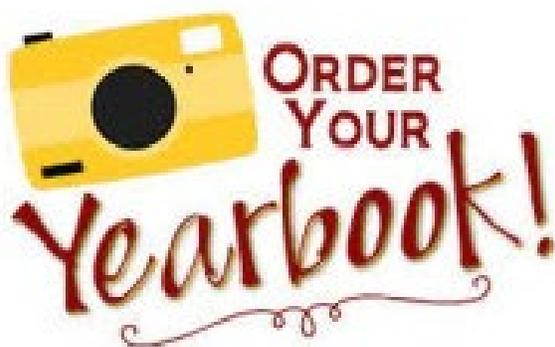
September 25
November 20
February 26
May 21



Fall Break - NO SCHOOL

September 29 - October 3
October 6 - October 10
October 13

School Resumes October 14



YEARBOOKS NOW AVAILABLE FOR
PREORDER!!!!

<https://yearbookordercenter.com/job/26599>

\$25

Orders are being processed directly through the yearbook company this year. Please use the above link or QR code.

Orders accepted through March 27? No



preorders will be accepted after this date. A small qty of extra yearbooks will be ordered and will be sold on a first come/first served basis.

Yearbooks don't come in until the last weeks of school, but don't miss out....Order your yearbook in advance!!

[View Full Calendar](#)

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

September 17	Kyrene Board Meeting RE: Long Range Planning Committee
September 24	Wellness Wednesday - see information below
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
October 14	Students Return
October 21	In & Out Fundraiser 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
October 23	Middle School \$1 Free Dress
October 31	Spirit Day: Halloween Theme (no costumes)

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



Speak Up Kyrene!

Kyrene School District is proud to announce that later this month, we will officially launch Speak Up Kyrene, an anonymous reporting system available 24/7/365.

This tool is a partnership with Sandy Hook Promise and Navigate360, and will provide licensed crisis counselors and a safe way for students, families, and community members to share concerns such as bullying or threats. Be on the lookout for an email from the District with more information once the system goes live.

Wellness Wednesday *with* Native Health



HOSTED BY KYRENE NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAM

Wednesday, September 24, 2025
2:30 pm - 6:00 pm



Kyrene Family Resource Center
(West of Ninos Elementary School)
1330 E. Dava Dr. Tempe, AZ 85283

**Bring your
insurance card.**

Flu vaccine
Fluoride varnish
Sports physicals
(limited spots)



OPEN TO ALL KYRENE FAMILIES & STAFF

For more information, call (480) 541-1133



**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.**

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

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