Kyrene Akimel A-al



September 12,2025

Message from the Principal

Good afternoon Rattler families,

Three days of early release made for a very quick week on campus! It was also a week filled with meaningful connections and conversations with families during our Fall Parent Teacher Conferences. It was wonderful to connect with so many of you and to come together in support of your Rattler students. Thank you to those who joined us!

Please remember that you are always welcome to reach out to any of your child's teachers for ongoing support and communication. While we may hold "formal conferences" twice a year, we are here every day to partner with you in supporting your child's middle school journey.

Thank you for trusting us with your children. It is a responsibility that we do not take lightly, and we are honored to serve this wonderful community.

I hope you have a restful weekend, and we look forward to welcoming your students back on Monday morning!

Warmly,

Shalini McCarthy

Principal

PTSO News

Dear Akimel A-al Families,

As we navigate this challenging time, we want to thank you for your incredible support. Now more than ever, we need your voice to be heard.

All of our information, key updates, and resources are available on the PTSO website. Please connect with us there to stay in the loop.

We have crucial events coming up and we need you there. Your presence and support make all the difference.

Thank you, The Akimel A-al PTSO



PTSO Website



Great news, Rattlers!

Our grade-level spirit shirts have arrived! Most were handed out during lunch on Thursday and Friday. Any shirts not picked up will be delivered to students during Advisory on Monday morning.

We also ordered extras! If you didn't pre-order but would like one, they're available for purchase in Student Services for **$10 each.** Don't miss out!

Upcoming Events

SEPT 16: Governing Board Meeting @ 6pm
SEPT 19: Water Day of Fun!: September 19th
SEPT 22: Site Council Meeting @ 7:30am
SEPT 23: School Picture Retakes
SEPT 24: Red Robin Dinner Night
SEPT 26: Last day of 1st Quarter
SEPT 29 - OCT 10: Fall Break - **NO SCHOOL**
OCT 13: Teacher Work Day - **NO SCHOOL**
OCT 14: First day of 2nd Quarter
OCT 15: PTSO Meeting @ 12:30pm



Quarter 2 Sports & Cheer Info

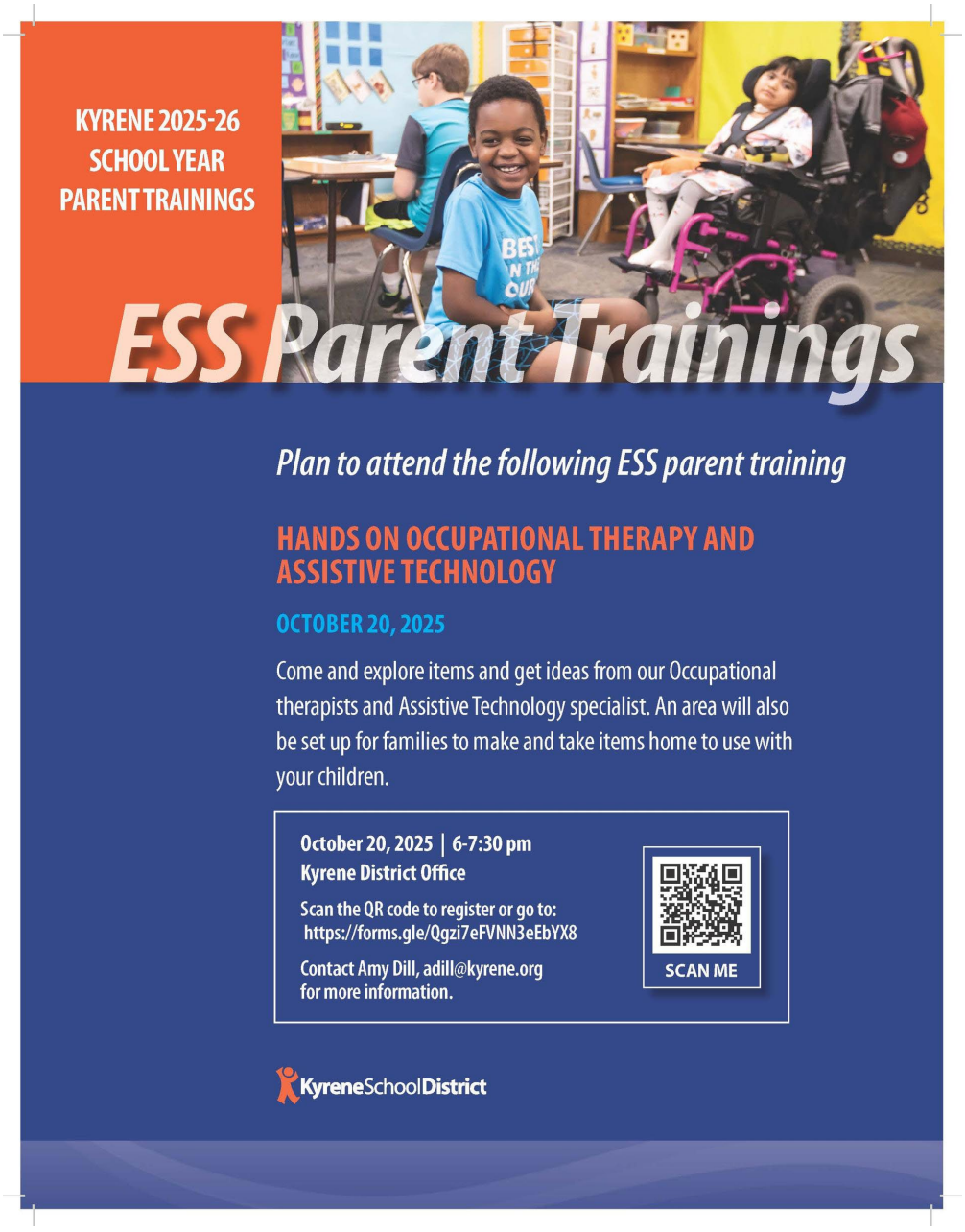
Cheer Tryouts: Monday, September 15
Registration has closed.

Quarter 2 Sports Registration is OPEN!
Sports offered: Boys Soccer, Cross Country, Girls Flag Football, and Boys Basketball.
Registration closes Thursday, September 25
Tryouts: Monday, October 14 (the day we return from Fall Break)

For questions, please contact **Stacy Huerta** at 480-541-5805 or shuerta@kyrene.org.



ESS Parent Training - October 20
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. Register here: Hands on Occupational Therapy and Assistive Technology. Staff are invited and encouraged to attend.



Beginning of the Year 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.

Kyrene is Adding a New Meal Payment Option.

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.

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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