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*Kyrene Traditional Academy*



October 17, 2025

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## Message from the Principal

Welcome back KTA Tigers - Families and Friends!

I hope you had a lovely and restful fall break! It was so nice to have the two weeks. We are back and into the second quarter and classrooms are humming with instruction and interesting curriculum and projects. I have been through all classrooms and I can attest that students are already hard at work.

I hope that you are keeping informed of the work of the Kyrene District Long Range Planning group and the discussions and community input meetings. There are many opportunities for parents, guardians and other interested community members to engage in this process. The Kyrene Governing Board is taking input up to their meeting in December, when they make final decisions and recommendations for school closures. Our KTA PTO is highly engaged in the process of giving input, ensuring that they have as much information as possible about the amazing school KTA is for our students and families. The next community meeting is scheduled for October 21 at Akimel Middle School, and then October 29 at Centennial Middle School. Our KTA regional meeting is set for November 19 at Aprende Middle School.

I am excited to share with you that next week I will be in Washington DC at the gala event with the National Association of Elementary School Principals. I am being recognized as the National

**Distinguished Principal representing Arizona for 2025.** I am so very proud, humbled and grateful! I am so honored to be able to represent our state, our district and hard working principals everywhere! I will be sure to share pictures of this wonderful event on our KTA FB page and in our newsletters and communications next week.

**Our ANNUAL KTA FALL FESTIVAL is coming soon! FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7!**

We will have games, bouncies, all types of food, and our candy parade! Students may wear costumes, but nothing scary please. No plastic or fake weapons. No masks that cover the face. **WE NEED YOUR HELP TO VOLUNEER** for a shift that night to make the event a success!!! Please look for the **SIGN UP GENIUS** link from our KTA PTO!

**Lots of fun events are coming soon for our KTA students and families! Here are just a few:**

Tuesday October 21: PTO Restaurant Night at In and Out Burger

Friday October 31: Halloween Spirit Day! Students can wear jeans and Halloween theme shirts, hats, socks. **NO COSTUMES**

Monday November 3: Monthly PTO Meeting at 5:30 pm

Wednesday November 5: KTA Elementary Tiger Thespians : Jungle Book

Friday November 7: ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

Thank you for your continuing support. We love our families and our KTA Community!

**Marianne L. Lescher, Ph.D.**



**DINE NIGHT**  
**Support KTA PTO**

**October 21**  
**4 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

**PICTURE RETAKE DAY - October 21**  
**(SPIRIT DAY: Dress Your Best)**

**All new students to KTA from picture day will be photographed for the yearbook.**



Any students we did not photograph, will also have pictures.

Any student who purchased pictures can have retakes. They just need to bring in their pictures.



Attention 8th Grade Parents/Guardians:

It is time to start the registration process for high school. Your child's registration in a high school is not automatic and is not linked to their registration here at KTA.

Important Dates:

October 31 - Corona del Sol counselors will visit KTA & meet with 8th grade.

November 19 - Corona course selection sheet due back to KTA

Tempe Union High Schools Showcase Nights

- Corona del Sol - November 3
- Desert Vista - November 5
- Marcos de Niza - November 6
- McClintock - November 3
- Mountain Pointe - November 6
- Tempe High - November 13

If your child is attending any other school, please reach out to that school directly for details.



All student report cards for grades 1st - 8th grade will be available for viewing on October 20 after 5 p.m. in your ParentVue Account.

**Field of Flags**  
Support Veterans with Disabilities

➔ Help us reach our **\$250 goal** to support veterans with disabilities.

Organized by NJHS students, flags will arrive for us to plant at the front of the school.

You can donate by going to our team page:

Together, we can make a difference for the brave men and women that have served our country.

### NJHS

Students in our National Junior Honor Society are holding a fundraiser to support veterans with disabilities.

All donations go directly to support Veterans with Disabilities. Donations go directly to the organization.

Please consider making a small donation so that we can reach our goal of \$250.



## It's Book Fair Time!

### Fall Book Fair November 5th-7th

The Book Fair will be open during drop off each day, you may enter the room through the gate next to the Galveston St drop off entrance.

Classrooms will visit during scheduled times and we plan to have the Fair open during Fall Festival!

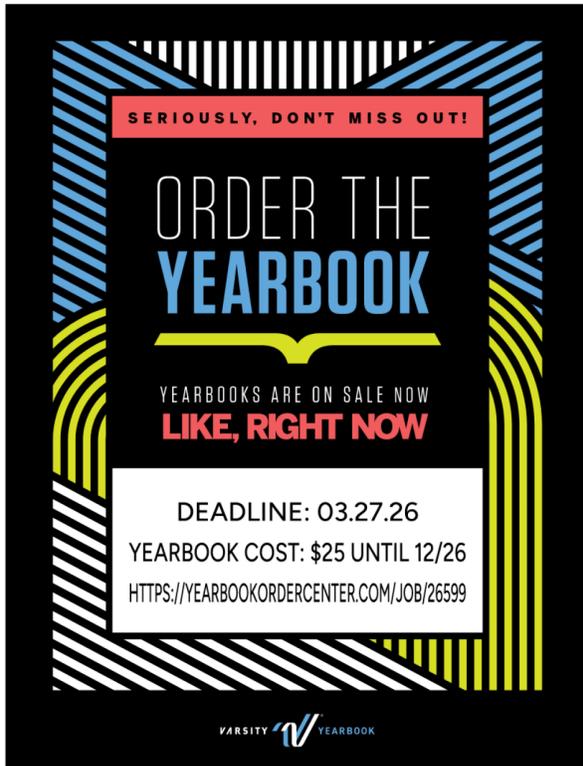
Don't want to send cash in the envelopes that come home? Set up an eWallet for students to shop with! If they do not spend all of their funds it can be moved for the next Book Fair or donated to our fund to purchase books for staff!

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/kyrenetraditionalacademy>



We need volunteers! Sign up today!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AA4AC2DA1F4C25-59628763-fall>



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!!



#### *What's on the Ballot for Kyrene?*

*This November, Kyrene voters will decide whether to continue the Maintenance & Operations (M&O) Override. This critical source of funding is directed to classrooms and helps sustain core parts of the Kyrene experience. Override funds support 200 teaching positions (one in five Kyrene educators), maintain smaller class sizes, preserve*

## What's on the ballot?

### M&O OVERRIDE CONT.

Ballots must be mailed by **Oct. 28** or dropped in a drop box by **Nov. 4.**



#### SMALLER CLASSES

Funds 200 teaching positions, or **1 in 5** Kyrene teachers.

#### ROBUST ELECTIVES

Maintains specials like art, music, culinary, STEM, P.E. and more.

#### CRITICAL SERVICES

Supports services like hearing, OT/PT therapies, speech and more.

#### EDUCATOR SALARIES

Maintains competitive pay to attract and retain high-quality educators.

*electives such as art, music, and P.E., and provide essential student services, including speech, hearing, and physical/occupational therapies. Learn more at [kyrene.org/election](https://kyrene.org/election).*

LEARN MORE @ [KYRENE.ORG/ELECTION](https://kyrene.org/election)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:ktaptotigers@gmail.com)

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

**KTA Fall Festival**

Friday, November 7th  
5:00-8:00PM  
Enter through the Garden Gates

8 pre-order Wristbands \$12 at the door

Food, Games, Inflatables, Character Visits and more!

**KTA Annual Fall Festival**  
Friday, November 7th

Join our community for a night of fun! There will be food for sale, games, inflatables, Character visits and more!

Flyers will be sent home soon to pre-order tickets and wristbands!

We need many volunteers to make this event a success for us to all enjoy! Please consider signing up for a 30 minute time slot (or two)!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AA4AC2DA1F4C25-58169900-fall>

For the safety of the students we ask



that all students cross in a crosswalk.



## KYRENE INTRAMURALS RUNNING CLUB

TO REGISTER: [CLICK HERE](#)

KTA is now registering for our after school Running Club. The club will be lead by our very own Mr. Smith.

KTA Grades K - 2: \$85  
Mon from 2:20 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.  
November 3 - December 8

KTA Grades 3 - 5 : \$100  
Tues & Thurs from 2:20 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.  
October 28 - December 11

Final championship will be December 13th.



### Long Range Planning

[Kyrene Governing Board Meetings](#)

October 28 @ 6 p.m.

[Community Engagement Meetings](#)

@ 6 p.m. unless otherwise

October 21: Akimel-A-al - MPR  
October 29: Centennial - MPR  
November 5: Pueblo - MPR  
November 12: Altadena - MPR  
November 18: District Office @ 5 p.m.



**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](#).*

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**Monday, November 3  
5:30 p.m.**

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Enter through the garden gates. All parents & guardians invited. Please join us to find out what we are up to.

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**Middle School Only (Grades 6 - 8)  
Free Dress Day  
October 23, 2025**

Donate \$1 to participate in a Free Dress Day.

Proceeds of Middle School Free Dress Days benefit the dance at the end of the school year.

Clothing must still be school appropriate!!!

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**Spirit Day**



Friday, October 31, 2020

Students can wear jeans and Halloween theme shirts, hats, socks. NO COSTUMES



### Pumpkin Decorating Contest 2025

Friday, October 31st

Pick your pumpkin (real or not), pick a category and let the creativity flow!

Pumpkins will be dropped off at the A door during drop off on Halloween. Administration will be selecting winners from each category for a special prize and then we will display them during lunch periods for all to enjoy! Students should pick up their pumpkin before leaving school that day.

Flyer coming soon!



### Tuesday, November 18

The KTA Cafeteria will be serving a Thanksgiving Meal. Parents/Guardians are invited to join their students for lunch.

Adult Lunch: \$3.90

*Adult lunches cannot be paid for out of student accounts.*

Please bring close to exact change as possible.

Cafeteria will be unable to break big bills.

Lunch Times as follows:

Kindergarten	10:25-10:45
1st	10:55-11:15
2nd	10:40-11:00
3rd	10:35-10:55
4th	11:05-11:25

5th	11:10-11:30
6th	11:48-12:10
7th/8th	12:01-12:21

[View Full Calendar](#)

## Upcoming Events

### OCTOBER

October 21	Picture Retakes
October 21	Spirit Day: Dress Your Best for pictures
October 21	In & Out Fundraiser 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
October 21	Community Engagement Meeting @ 6 PM Akimel A-al
October 23	Middle School \$1 Free Dress
October 29	Community Engagement Meeting @ 6 PM Centennial Middle School
October 31	Spirit Day: Halloween Theme (no costumes)
October 31	Pumpkin Contest

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.*



**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!](#)

## Contact Us

**Kyrene Traditional Academy**  
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Chandler, AZ 85226

**School Hours:** 7:25 am – 2:15 pm  
*Wednesday 7:25 am - 12:15 pm*

**Office Hours:** 7:00 am – 3:30 pm

**Phone:** 480-541-5400  
**Fax:** 480-541-5410  
**Attendance:** 480-541-5401

Wednesday 7:00 am - 1:30 pm

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