
Kyrene Traditional Academy



November 7, 2025

Message from the Principal

Hello to our Kyrene Families and Friends:

Thank you PTO and to everyone who helped out with the wonderful FALL FESTIVAL on Friday night! What a glorious evening and what a fabulous community celebration of our KTA Community! It was such fun! Thank you to the volunteers, staff and to our amazing PTO Board for their incredible hard work. Thank you to our PTO President, Samantha Smith, for being the glue that holds it all together!

UPDATES ON THE KYRENE SCHOOL CLOSURE PLANS: Did you know that there are just a few opportunities for YOUR VOICE TO BE HEARD AND COUNTED??!! Your voice matters!! Please do not think that all the plans are finalized, as they ARE NOT DONE until the Kyrene Governing Board votes on their final plan in December.

COME AND SPEAK UP! TELL THE BOARD AND OUR COMMUNITY WHY YOU THINK KTA SHOULD BE SAVED!

WED NOV 12, at Altadena Middle School MPR at 6 pm

WED NOV 19, at Aprende Middle School MPR at 6 pm - THIS IS OUR REGIONAL MEETING! If you can only go to one, make it this one for sure! Each person has 2 min to speak - when you arrive, complete a card expressing your interest to speak. STUDENTS are also allowed to speak on behalf of KTA! Make sure our GOVERNING BOARD knows how special KTA is to you and your students.

COME TO KTA's MC TEACHER NIGHT at McDonalds ! TONIGHT MONDAY NOV 10!! Teachers and staff will be there from 4 to 7 pm to serve and greet everyone! It is a fun event for all and a portion of all purchases goes directly back to our PTO!!!

DID YOU KNOW that we are celebrating Ruby Bridges Day on Friday Nov 14? This is a day that remembers and recognizes the contributions of little Ruby Bridges, who was the first grader who helped to racially integrate public schools. Students will celebrate this on Friday morning and ALL STUDENTS will enter campus through the Galveston St bike gate area.

A special THANK YOU TO VETERANS and their families. My father proudly served in World War II and he was forever proud to serve his country. I think of him and all the veterans who sacrifice and contribute so much to our country.

NO SCHOOL TUES NOV 11 to recognize and remember our veterans.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration.

Marianne L. Lescher, Ph.D.



McDonald's McTeacher Night

Monday, November 10

4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

2540 W Chandler Blvd

Chandler, AZ 85224





We are thrilled and proud to announce to our community that KTA has received an “A” GRADE from the Arizona Department of Education!

We are proud of our teachers, staff and students! Everyone works so hard at KTA to create an outstanding academic experience for your children. In looking at the grades, remember that these letter grades do not provide information about your individual child’s performance or classroom experience. Parents/guardians will find more useful information in your individual student’s assessment scores, such as AASA, DIBELS, i-Ready, or NWEA. Your child’s teacher is your best resource. Only a small portion of these grades represent student proficiency levels. Grades are also influenced by measures that are not based on student achievement but how students compare to others across the state, regardless of meeting grade-level expectations.



Veteran's Day

Tuesday, November 11

NO SCHOOL



Dear Families,

Thank you for keeping us informed when your child will be absent. In addition to calling in an absence on the attendance line, you can now report your child’s absence through ParentVue by following these steps:

Log int ParentVUE

Click the Report Absence button

Enter Absence Information

Click Save to submit to the attendance office.

Please refer to the [attachment](#) for additional information.

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.



ROCK YOUR MOCS
Wednesday, November 12

In honor of Native American History month, Wednesday is Rock Your Mocs day.

Rock Your Mocs Day is an annual global event held to celebrate Indigenous pride and culture by wearing moccasins. Founded in 2011 by a student from the Laguna Pueblo.

KTA will honor this event on Wednesday, November 12.

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.

SERIOUSLY, DON'T MISS OUT!

ORDER THE YEARBOOK

YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE NOW
LIKE, RIGHT NOW

DEADLINE: 03.27.26
 YEARBOOK COST: \$25 UNTIL 12/26
[HTTPS://YEARBOOKORDERCENTER.COM/JOB/26599](https://yearbookordercenter.com/job/26599)

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



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.

Ruby Bridges Day
Friday Nov 14
SPIRIT DAY: Wear Purple



This is a day that remembers and recognizes the contributions of little Ruby Bridges, who was the first grader who helped to racially integrate public schools. Students will celebrate this on Friday morning and ALL STUDENTS will enter campus through the Galveston St bike gate area.



Long Range Planning

[Kyrene Governing Board Meetings](#)

November 18 @ 6 p.m.

[Community Engagement Meetings](#)

@ 6 p.m. unless otherwise

November 12: Altadena - MPR

November 18: District Office @ 5 p.m.

November 19: Aprende - MPR

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. You can pre-



purchase your lunch meal through the school office.

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

THANKSGIVING
BREAK



Thanksgiving Break

November 26 - November 28

NO SCHOOL!



With many families impacted by furloughs, loss of federal contract work or job loss, and/or the shutdown-related delay in SNAP benefits we wanted to make sure to remind you of the help that is available to our Kyrene Families. Our very own Kyrene Family Resource Center is available for clothing, food, hygiene items, and many other benefits for all families of Kyrene Kids.

<https://www.kyrene.org/family-student-resources/family-resource-center>. They are open Tuesday and Thursdays and one Saturday a month.

In addition, Kyrene is dedicated to ensuring students receive healthy and nutritious meals. With the current shutdown of the federal government, we have not been made aware of any changes to the School Breakfast Program or the National School Lunch Program that will impact our communities at this time. Kyrene will continue to offer breakfast and lunch meal services to our students through these programs until further notice. Households and families can apply for Free & Reduced Lunch on the Kyrene District Food Services page <https://www.kyrene.org/family-student-resources/food-services>

Our community is also providing many locations for [Food Box Resources](#).

If there is any assistance that your family needs, please reach out to me by phone or email.

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[View Full Calendar](#)

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

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| November 10 | McDonald's Night |
| November 11 | No School: Veteran's Day |
| November 12 | Long Range Planning meeting at Altadena @ 6 p.m. |
| November 14 | Spirit Day: Ruby Bridges - Wear Purple |
| November 18 | Thanksgiving Lunch in the Cafeteria |
| November 18 | Long Range Planning meeting at District Office @ 5 p.m. |
| November 18 | Marimba Cats/Cool Cats Concert @ 6:30 p.m. |
| November 18 | Kyrene Board Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. |
| November 19 | Long Range Planning Meeting at Aprende @ 6 p.m. |
| November 20 | All School \$1 Free Dress |
| November 22 | Craft Fair 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. |
| November 25 | Turkey Trot & Spirit Day |
| November 26 - 28 | No School: Thanksgiving Break |

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



Nov. 19 - Rise in Fentanyl/Narcan Training
Learn about the Rise in Fentanyl and Narcan. Learn how to save a life by administering Narcan.

Presenter: Joronda Montano

Date and Time: November 19, 2025
6:00-7:00pm

Location:
Kyrene School District
8700 South Kyrene Road
Tempe, AZ 85284



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 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.**

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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