
Kyrene Traditional Academy



October 31, 2025

Message from the Principal

Hello KTA Families and Friends:

Happy Halloween! I think some children enjoy this holiday more than many others! Dressing up and getting candy is very exciting! Here's hoping that everyone enjoys festivities tonight and over the weekend! **PLEASE BE SAFE!** Remind students to only go to houses where they know the residents, and to trick-or-treat with a family member. PLEASE be careful of cars as you are out on the streets!!

NEXT FRIDAY is our ANNUAL KTA FALL FESTIVAL! 5:00-8:00 pm. It is a HIGH POINT of the first semester and a **MUST DO EVENT!** It is a wonderful FREE family event sponsored by our PTO! We will be selling snacks and you will need to purchase a wrist band or tickets to do the bouncies. **ALL STUDENTS are invited to the COSTUME PARADE for candy.** Students are encouraged to wear costumes but **NOTHING SCARY, NO MASKS and NO WEAPONS.** **WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS!** Please sign up on the Sing-Up Genius link sent out by PTO or see additional information in this newsletter!! We need YOU to make this a great event!

Are you ready for the **JUNGLE BOOK???** Our Elementary Tiger Thespians are ready to perform for you next Wednesday November 5, 6:30 pm for a wonderful performance!!! **Hope to see you there!**

NEXT WEEK IS ALSO OUR BOOK FAIR!! You won't want to miss this wonderful opportunity to purchase a few books for your family and maybe get a head start on holiday shopping? See information below.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND ONE OF THE REMAINING GOVERNING BOARD OPEN MEETINGS TO SHARE YOU THOUGHTS AND INPUT ABOUT PROPOSED SCHOOL CLOSURES! As you know KTA is scheduled to close at the end of the 2026-27 school year based on the current proposal before the Governing Board. YOU CAN ADD YOUR VOICE and MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!!

Next meetings are:

- Wed Nov 5, 6 pm at Pueblo Middle School
- Wed Nov 12, 6 pm at Altadena Middle School
- Wed Nov 19, 6 pm at Aprende Middle School

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration. KTA TIGERS RULE!

Marianne L. Lescher, Ph.D.



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.



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. ([en espanol](#))

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
[Orientation/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.

PTO Meeting

Monday, November 3
5:30 p.m.

MPR

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



2 LITER CONTEST

Bring in 2 Liter Bottles of soda | Being used for the 2 Liter Ring Toss at Fall Festival

THE CLASS WITH THE MOST WILL GET A FREE DRESS DAY

Due by:
November 4th

The poster features a central graphic with a sunburst background and three stars above a red-bordered sign that says "2 LITER CONTEST". Below this, two columns of text describe the contest rules. At the bottom, a red banner states the prize, and the due date is listed. Two 2-liter soda bottles are illustrated on either side of the bottom text.

PTO is asking for donations of 2 liter soda for the Ring Toss Game at the Fall Festival. The classroom with the most donations will earn a free Dress Day.

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>

SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR
The time is NOW!
Create your Book Fair eWallet

YEARBOOKS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PREORDER!!!!!!

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

\$25

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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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!!



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.

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



KTA Annual Fall Festival Friday, November 7th

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>



McDonald's McTeacher Night
Monday, November 10
4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
2540 W Chandler Blvd
Chandler, AZ 85224



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

Final championship will be December 13th.



Kyrene Governing Board Meetings

November 18 @ 6 p.m.

Community Engagement Meetings

@ 6 p.m. unless otherwise

November 5: Pueblo - MPR

November 12: Altadena - MPR

November 18: District Office @ 5 p.m.

November 19: Aprende - MPR



Veteran's Day

Tuesday, November 11

NO SCHOOL



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

Wednesday, November 26 - Friday, 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

November 3	PTO Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
November 5	Long Range Planning meeting at Pueblo @ 6:00 p.m.
November 5	Jungle Book - Elementary Theatre Production @ 6:30 p.m.
November 5 - 7	KTA PTO Fall Book Fair
November 7	Fall Festival 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
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

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.

CRITICAL SERVICES

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

ROBUST ELECTIVES

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

EDUCATOR SALARIES

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

LEARN MORE @ KYRENE.ORG/ELECTION

Important Election Information

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 electives such as art, music, and P.E., and provide essential student services, including speech, hearing, and physical/occupational therapies. The deadline to mail ballots is October 28, and ballots can be dropped at a drop box on or before Election Day, November 4. Learn more at kyrene.org/election.



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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