
Kyrene Traditional Academy



December 1, 2025

Message from the Principal

Hello KTA TIGERS!!

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday weekend, spending time with family and friends.

As a KTA community, we are so very fortunate to have each other, and to be so supportive of our students, staff, families and our community! I am so grateful for our entire KTA TIGER COMMUNITY, as you continually show all of us how much you value our unique school and our amazing students and families. As we enter the busy holiday season, let's all be sure to take the time to express our gratitude and appreciation for each other and for everyone who makes our community special.

Last week was our ANNUAL TURKEY TROT which was such fun! Students in the elementary grades ran the course (approx. one mile) with Mr. Turkey (also known as Mr. Shepherd)! Many middle schoolers also ran with their siblings, or as helpers for the race course or for individual students. **THANK YOU** to Mr. Shepherd for his organizational skills and many thanks to our wonderful PTO for their help with water and bananas for everyone after the run!

We are in the 'home stretch' of the Long Term Planning work, where the Kyrene Governing Board will be voting soon on the plans for school closures. There are two more public meetings where you are able to attend and add your input and your voice. The Governing Board meeting on Tuesday December 2 or the Governing Board meeting on Tuesday December 16. The December 16 is where they will be actually making the decision....so time is running short if you still want to give

your input. We encourage you to share your input with the Governing Board.

Monday Dec 1 is our next monthly KTA PTO Meeting! ALL parents and guardians and community members are invited to attend and participate - Monday Dec 1 at 5:30 in the KTA MPR.

THE PTO HOLIDAY SHOPPE IS HERE -- ALL THIS WEEK!! Students are invited to bring some money to purchase small holiday gifts for friends and family members. Please see the details included in this newsletter and check the KTA PTO website for details as well! Items are very reasonably priced and at many price points.

Thursday Dec 4 is our First Semester Band Concert. This is always a wonderful event, and everyone is invited to see all bands share their songs and how far they have come in just a few short months! Thanks to our Director of Bands, Ms. Lauren Scott, for her amazing dedication to our bands programs.

Thank you all for your continued support and collaboration!

Marianne L. Lescher, Ph.D.



SCHOOL CLOSURES
Long Range Planning

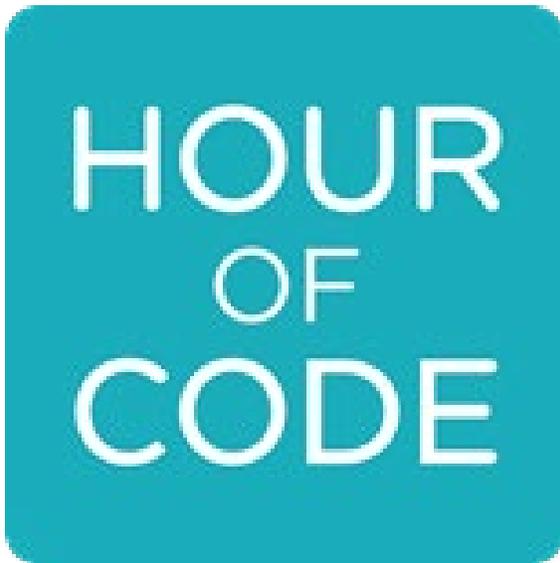
KYRENE BOARD MEETINGS
8700 S. Kyrene Road, Tempe

December 2, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.
December 16, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.

2025 KTA 11th ANNUAL DAY OF CODE!!!

The Hour of Code is a global movement reaching tens of millions of students in 180+ countries.

Computer science opens more doors for students than any other discipline in today's world. Learning even the basics will help students in virtually any career—from architecture to zoology. Just as we teach students how to dissect a frog or how electricity works, it is important



for every 21st century student to have a chance to “dissect an app” or learn how the Internet works.

We can all help prepare our children for the 21st century by growing participation in computer science. We have decided that the best way to do this is to have the **entire school** participate in the International Hour of Code campaign on **December 9, 2025**.



Friends and Family Day
Wednesday, December 17, 2025
7:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

PRE-REGISTRATION
STRONGLY SUGGESTED
(formerly known as grandparents day)

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfLuhE_H2tvdyAw9rw2EjWLRtbP1-Wa0pWdqQjeBfPVCEDw3w/viewform



YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST
Due: Friday, January 23

All grades can participate.
Must follow theme and have all the required components.

[See flyer for details!!!](#)

Quarter 1 Band Concert



Tuesday, December 4th

Grades 4th - 8th will perform
6:30 p .m.

Enter Thru The Garden Gates
Report Directly to the Cafeteria



Holiday Spirit Days

December 17: Dress Your Best

December 18: Ugly Sweater

December 19: Pajama Day



Holiday Shop: December 1st - 5th

Students can come shop for their loved ones during the school day! Items range from 25 cents to \$20, with many low price options. We are using a different company than we did last year.

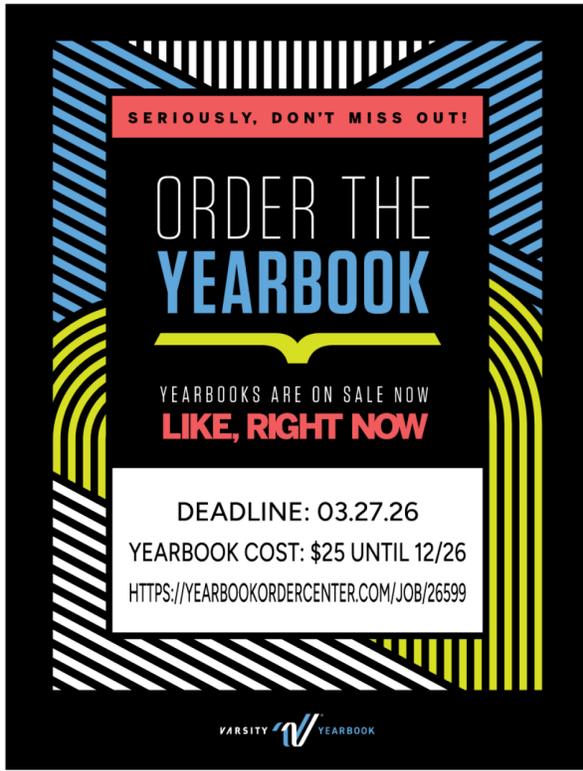
Students will be able to checkout with cash, e-gift card, or both.

Purchased your gift card yet? We want to have enough inventory in our shop and pre-purchased gift cards directly help us forecast. So, please pre-purchase your e-gift cards now to help forecast and make shopping EASY and SAFE by eliminating carrying cash. Our Holiday Shoppe will have gift items ranging from under \$1 to \$20.

We look forward to watching the students light up as they get to experience picking gifts for their loved ones.

Buy your e-gift card at:

www.schoolshoppes.com/buy/polar-pals/HBX1292



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!!



WINTER BREAK

December 22 - December 31

January 1 - January 5

January 6 - SCHOOL RESUMES



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

DECEMBER

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| December 1 | PTO Meeting @ 5:30 in the MPR |
| December 1-5 | Holiday Gift Shop |
| December 4 | Band Concert @ 6:30 p.m. |
| December 9 | Hour of Code |
| December 17 | Friends and Family - Registration Strongly Recommended!!!! |
| December 17 | SPIRIT DAY: Dress Your Best |
| December 18 | SPIRIT DAY: Ugly Sweater Day |

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| December 19 | Last Day before Winter Break |
| December 19 | SPIRIT DAY: PJ Day |
| December 20 | Winter Break Begins |

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



The Kyrene School District is pleased to continue the successful Positive Parenting Series this school year, focusing on issues that affect families both at school and at home. We hope you can join us.

Dec. 17 - Understanding the Impacts of ACES/TIC
This course helps families understand the impacts of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and the principles of Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) to better support their children's emotional and behavioral well-being.

Presenter: Sanghoon Yoo
Date and Time: December 17, 2025 @ 6:00 - 7:00pm
Location: [Registration/Zoom Link](#)



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.**

January 12, 2026: Overview/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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