Kyrene Akimel A-al

AKIMEL A-AL NEWS

October 24,2025

Message from the Principal

Good afternoon Rattler Families,

I first want to thank everyone who participated in our Regional Meeting earlier this week. Whether you spoke to our Governing Board members, watched in person or online, or simply showed your AKI spirit on Tuesday, it was truly inspiring to see so many families come together in support of our community. The AKI pride runs deep and that was evident on Tuesday's Regional Meeting.

It is important that we remain mindful of the information we share and avoid spreading rumors or statements that are not rooted in fact. Maintaining integrity in our communication helps preserve the trust and respect that make our Rattler community so strong. I also want to reassure our AKI community that a rumor circulating about the event's decorations is not true. Our Kyrene Superintendent did not pop any balloons. District staff assisted in relocating decorations, and in doing so, a few balloons may have accidentally popped during that process. This has been confirmed through a review of camera footage from our MPR.

I understand that this is an emotionally charged time for all of us, and our community continues to rally around one another with care and passion. As we move through these ongoing school closure conversations, I encourage everyone to remain united, open, and community-focused. We are all here to serve our Kyrene students and families each and every day, and that shared purpose must guide how we move forward together.

Thank you again for your continued partnership, trust, and commitment to Akimel A-al. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve our students, families, and Kyrene community each and every day. We look forward to seeing our students and families at our **Día de los Muertos** event next Wednesday! Have a wonderful weekend, and we will see your Rattler student back on campus Monday morning.

Warm regards,
Shalini McCarthy
Principal




DIA DE LOS MUERTOS -
FALL FESTIVAL
Akimel A -Al Middle School
Oct 29
5:00 - 7:00
Activities:
Face Painting
Arts & Crafts
Candy Walk
Acorn Toss
Movie & Popcorn
Take Part In:
The history of Dia de Los Muertos
Food Trucks
Chili Contest
Come Join Us!

PTSO News

Dear Akimel A-al Families,

Thank you for showing up and speaking up at the regional hearing held on our campus this past Tuesday. Your presence, voices, and support showed what true community advocacy and leadership look like. We know that recent discussions have brought fear, frustration, and uncertainty, but we are incredibly proud of how our families have turned those feelings into positive action and respectful advocacy. You are modeling for our students what it means to engage with integrity and courage, values that make Akimel A-al strong.

Now, let's keep that spirit going as we head into our fall events!

Krispy Kreme Donut Fundraiser – Only 8 Days Remaining!
There's still time to grab your favorite sweet treat and support Akimel A-al! Donuts bring people together, spark smiles, and help us fund student programs and activities.
Order here: https://grouprai.se/krispykreme64692sa

Fall Festival – Volunteer with Us!
Join us for an evening of family fun, food, and celebration. We'll also be featuring a community altar, and we invite families to bring a photo of a loved one to honor and remember together.
Sign up to volunteer here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044BABA823A46-59908099-diadelos#/

Stay connected by checking out our social media pages for updates, photos, and upcoming events, or visit our website https://akimel-a-al-ptso.square.site/. Together, we continue to advocate, celebrate, and strengthen our school community because #ThePitDontQuit.

Your Akimel A-al PTSO

Support Akimel A-al PTSO with Krispy Kreme Digital Dozens



Price Per Dozen: $15

PTSO Website



8th Grade Families

It's a busy time of year! 8th grade families, please see information below regarding high school registration. Desert Vista and Mountain Pointe high schools will be on campus next Thursday to provide our 8th graders with a high school orientation and will return two weeks later to complete the registration process.

Our 8th grade students are currently preparing for their Civics Test which they will take on December 9th.

High School Registration Information

Tempe Union 2026-2027 Enrollment



Showcase Nights for parents & students will be held at each Tempe Union High School on the following dates:

*Families are welcome to attend **any** of the open houses.*

- **Corona del Sol: 11/3/25**
- **McClintock: 11/3/25**
- **Desert Vista: 11/5/25**
- **Marcos de Niza: 11/6/25**
- **Mountain Pointe: 11/6/25**
- **Tempe High: 11/13/25**

Student Orientation Presentation

to assist you in making important decisions regarding your student's high school education; campus faculty, counselors, club sponsors, coaches, and administrators will be on hand to answer questions about the school, its academic and extra-curricular programs, and the registration process.

Student Orientation

High school staff members will visit middle schools to share important information about registering with Tempe Union.

KYRENE SCHOOL DISTRICT

AKIMEL A-AL	10/30	Desert Vista & Mountain Pointe
ALTADEÑA	10/27	Desert Vista
APRENDE	10/28	Corona del Sol
CENTENNIAL	10/28	Mountain Pointe
KYRENE MIDDLE SCHOOL	10/27	Marcos de Niza, Corona del Sol & Mountain Pointe
KYRENE TRADITIONAL	10/31	Corona del Sol
MANITAS	10/31	Corona del Sol
PUEBLO	10/30	Corona del Sol & Mountain Pointe

TEMPE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

CECIL SHAMLEY	10/30	Tempe High & McClintock
CONNOLLY & ASPIRE	10/30	McClintock, Marcos de Niza & Tempe High
FEES CPMS	10/29	Marcos de Niza & Tempe High
GENEVA EPPS MOSLEY	10/27 10/28	McClintock & Tempe High Tempe High, McClintock, Marcos de Niza
MCKEMY ACADEMY	10/27	McClintock, Marcos de Niza & Tempe High
WARD TRADITIONAL ACADEMY	10/28	McClintock

Course Selection

High school staff members will visit middle school campus to collect course selection materials.

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AKIMEL A-AL	11/20 & 11/21	Desert Vista & Mountain Pointe
ALTADEÑA	11/17 & 11/18	Desert Vista
APRENDE	11/18	Corona del Sol
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ONLINE ENROLLMENT

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Enrollment for all Tempe Union High Schools is available through our ParentVUE online enrollment system.

Online Enrollment New Parent/Guardian

You are brand new to Tempe Union. You have never had a student attend a TUHSD school. You will need to create a new ParentVUE account.

Please Note Middle school ParentVUE accounts do NOT transfer to TUHSD.

Online Enrollment Existing/Returning Parent/Guardian

You have previously enrolled a student at a TUHSD school. You will need to use your existing ParentVUE account to continue.

Please Note Contact your school of choice for assistance with ParentVUE account recovery.



10/2025

Enrollment Document Checklist

- Parent/Guardian Photo I.D.
- Proof of Residency
- Birth Certificate
- Immunization Records
- Custodial Documentation (if applicable)
- Student's IEP or 504 (if applicable)
- Open Enrollment Application (if applicable)

SCAN QR CODE TO BEGIN REGISTRATION PROCESS!

TUHSD SCHOOLS

Corona del Sol High School
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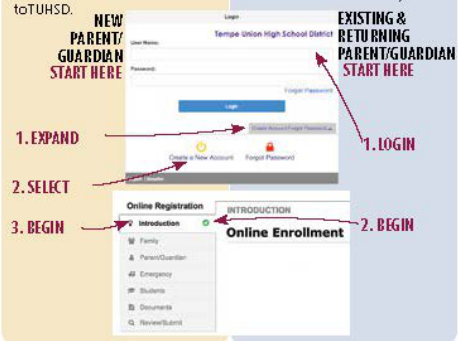
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Lista de documentos para inscripción

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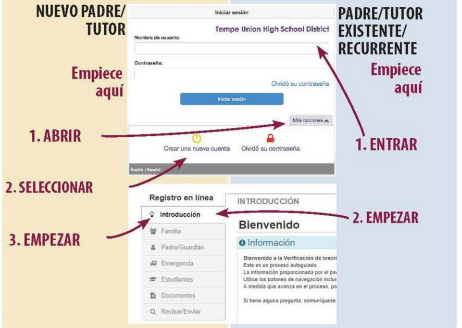
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Upcoming Events

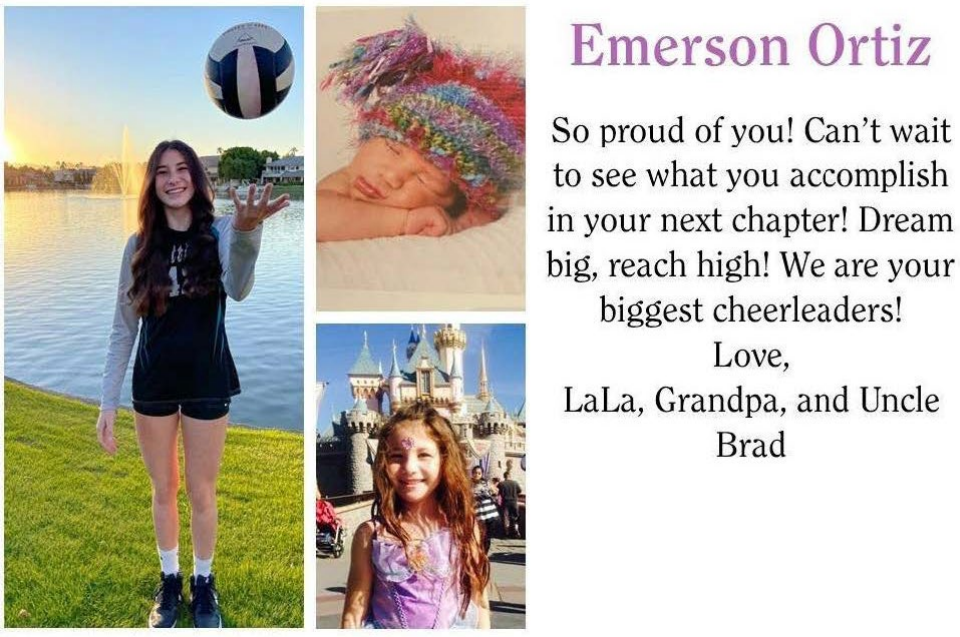
OCT 29: Fall Festival - 5-7pm
OCT 30: DV & Mountain Pointe Orientation - 8th graders

NOV 5: PTSO Meeting
NOV 11: Veterans Day NO SCHOOL
NOV 20-22: Guys & Dolls Performance
NOV 26 - NOV 28: Thanksgiving Holiday- No School
DEC 9: 8th Grade Civics Testing

YEARBOOK

8th Grade Ads Info

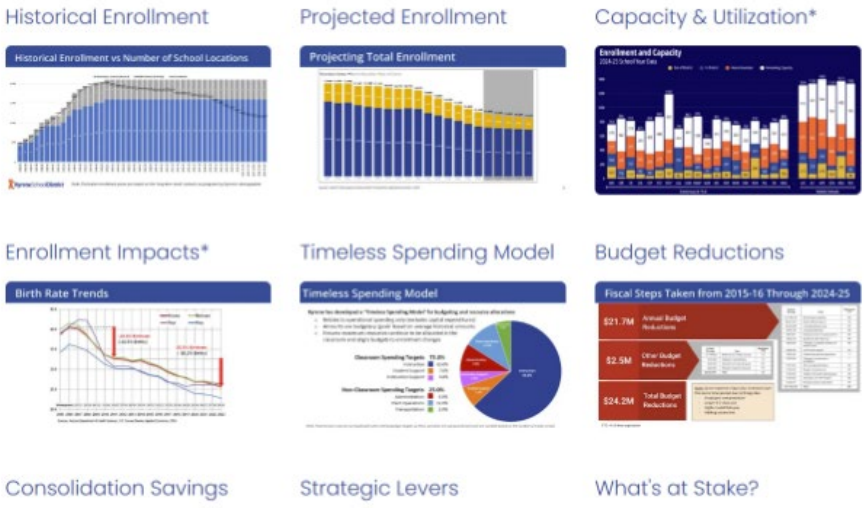
8th Grade Yearbook ads are on sale, but not for long! Order yours before it's too late. The pages are filling up fast, so get your order in now to reserve a spot. They are $25 through the rest of the quarter and then go up to $30 for January and February.
The deadline for ordering is February 28th! Click [HERE] to see what options are available. School code 6161.
Below is an example of an 8th grade Yearbook Ad!





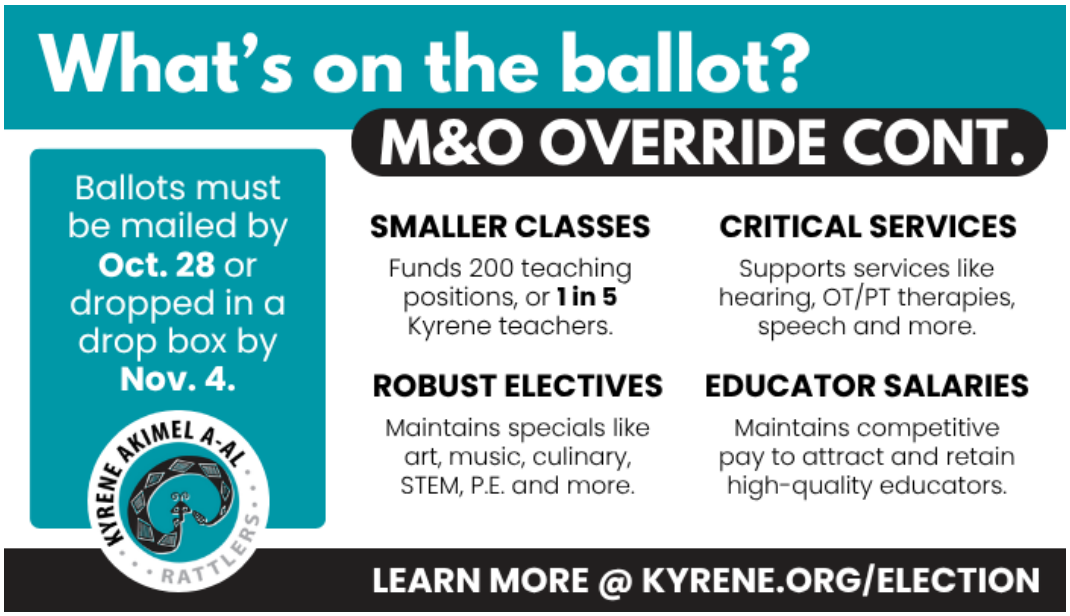
Long-Range Planning Information

Kyrene School District recently added a new section to the long-range planning web page with data, charts and other frequently requested information related to potential school consolidation. You can find this new section, along with proposed boundary maps, FAQs, links to meeting videos, committee information and all related communications over the past year at www.kyrene.org/longrangeplan.



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.





Please consider giving a tax credit donation to the Rattlers. Your tax credit dollars make such a difference to our Rattler community. Your generosity helps support various school initiatives and provides opportunities that enhance the middle school experience for our students. If you haven't already, please consider making a tax credit contribution. Every contribution makes a meaningful impact, and together, we can create a positive and enriching environment for our students.

To make a tax credit contribution, please visit https://az-kyrene.intouchreceipting.com/ or contact our school office for assistance. Your support is vital, and we thank you for helping us provide the best possible educational experience for our students.

Thank you for your continued support.

To donate click the link below or scan the QR code to be taken directly to our payment portal.
Online Tax Credit Donation

NOTE: Refunds cannot be made on tax credit donations

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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