Kyrene Akimel A-al

AKIMEL A-AL NEWS

November 7,2025

Message from the Principal

Good afternoon Rattler Families,

We are sailing into the season of gratitude and giving thanks, and as always, we are deeply grateful for your continued partnership and trust.

Our athletics program kicked off second-quarter games today, with our JV Girls Flag Football team playing at Benedict Park. Next week, the rest of our sports teams will begin their games on Monday evening—we are excited for another strong season of Rattler athletics!

Additionally, our theater students are hard at work preparing for their fall musical, *Guys and Dolls Jr*. Please see the newsletter below for specific show dates and times.

Our PTSO also has some exciting opportunities to share with families this month. We are so thankful for our incredible board of parents and all they do to support our campus community. Be sure to stay connected with them to see how you can contribute to the success of our amazing AKI family.

Thank you for all that you do, and I hope you have a wonderful weekend ahead.
Just a reminder, there will be **no school on Tuesday in honor of Veterans Day.**

With gratitude,
Shalini McCarthy
Principal, Akimel A-al Middle School



Just a reminder, there will be no school on Tuesday, November 11th, in observance of Veterans Day.



2nd Quarter Progress Reports Coming Home Soon!
Progress reports for the 2nd quarter will be sent home with students on **Thursday, November 13th**. Advisory teachers will distribute them during class. Please remind your student to bring theirs home and take a few minutes to review their progress together.



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

The Rattler Drama Club is presenting their performance of Guys I& Dolls Jr. on November 20th - 22nd. The November 20 & 21 performances are in the evening and the 22nd is a matinee performance.
Tickets are $8 each and can be purchased through our online payment portal InTouch.
Get them now you don't want to miss it!

PTSO News

Hello Akimel A-al Families,

We have an exciting event reminder and an urgent call to action!

There are only **TWO DAYS LEFT** to secure your spot for our special **Walk Birdie for Akimel A-al Topgolf** event to take advantage of the early bird special:

- **Date:** Sunday, November 23rd
- **Time:** 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
- **Action:** Ticket sales are open now on our website! akimel-a-al-ptso.square.site

We are deeply **grateful** for every person who plans to attend. Your participation in this community event supports enrichment opportunities for our students and teachers, showing the incredible strength and commitment of our community.

As a community, we have been incredible advocates for our school. Our collective efforts show that we are **more than a dot on a map; we are more than a building.** We are a vibrant, high-achieving community dedicated to our students' success.

We must continue to instill confidence and teach our students the power of their own **voice**. Let's be proud of our school's **"A" rating**, a concrete achievement that reflects the hard work of our students, teachers, and dedicated families.

🗓️ Important Dates for Engagement & Action!

Your attendance at our final meetings is crucial as we continue to advocate for our school. Please note these critical, back-to-back events next week:

Event	Date	Time	Location	Purpose
PTSO Meeting	Tuesday, November 12th	5:00 PM – 5:45 PM	**In Person at Akimel A-al**	Discuss current events and next steps for advocacy.
Kyrene GB Hearing 5	Tuesday, November 12th	6:00 PM	Altadena Middle School	Final community engagement session.

PTSO Website



It's time for our Spelling Bee! The classroom spelling bee will be held during Advisory class Thursday, November 13, 2025.

Upcoming Events

NOV 5: PTSO Meeting
NOV 11: Veterans Day NO SCHOOL
NOV 13: Classroom Spelling Bee
NOV 20-22: Guys & Dolls Performance
NOV 26 - NOV 28: Thanksgiving Holiday- No School
DEC 2 & DEC 4: NWEA Testing
DEC 9: 8th Grade Civics Testing



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.

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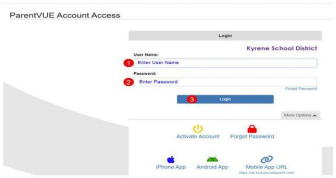
HOW TO SUBMIT ABSENCES IN PARENTVUE

The following guide outlines the steps to submit or update absence information in ParentVUE.

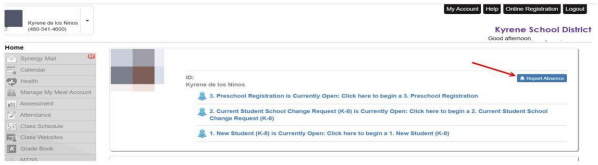
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1. Log into ParentVUE.

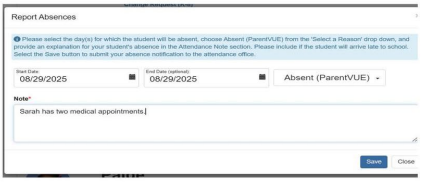




2. Click the **Report Absence** button



3. Enter **Absence Information**
   *note, absences can be submitted up to 5 days in advance
   - **Begin Date** = the first day of the absence
   - **End Date** = the last day of the absence
   - **Reason** = select **Absent (ParentVUE)**
   - **Note** – Provide a reason for the absence
   - **Save** – Click **Save** to submit to the attendance office





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**

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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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