Kyrene Akimel A-al



November 21,2025

Principal's Message

Good evening Rattler families,

The rain this week may have come as a surprise, but it is nice to settle into the cooler temperatures and embrace the upcoming holiday season. This week, our theater students performed their fall musical with a fantastic run of *Guys & Dolls Jr*. It is always a joy to see our middle school students shine as they build key skills, strengthen confidence, and form meaningful connections within our AKI community. It is an honor to be a part of our AKI culture and to watch our students thrive.

Our eighth grade students also began their high school registration process this week. They are in the early stages of planning for their transition to high school, and it has been exciting to see their enthusiasm and readiness for this next chapter.

We also hope to see many of our families this Sunday at our PTSO Top Golf fundraiser event. A huge thank you to our incredible PTSO for continuing to create fun and meaningful ways to bring our families together while supporting our amazing Rattler community.

Next week will be a very quick week with only two days of students on campus as we prepare for our Thanksgiving holiday. I hope that you take some time this weekend to rest, recharge, and enjoy the moments that bring you joy and gratitude.

We will see your Rattler student back on campus on Monday morning!

Warmly,
Shalini McCarthy
Principal



With the holidays approaching, please know that we have the Kyrene Family Resource Center available to all Kyrene students and families. The Family Resource Center is stocked with basic needs such as: food, gently used school clothing, hygiene supplies, school supplies, and connections to outside agencies and resources. They are open to serve families and accept donations on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00AM - 4:00PM. The Family Resource Center is located next to Kyrene de los Niños Elementary School; 1330 E Dava Dr, Tempe, AZ 85283. Website- https://www.kyrene.org/family-student-resources/family-resource-center



APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE TO APPLY FOR AHCCCS!

If you need to renew or apply for your child's AHCCCS, we can help!

Contact the Kyrene Family Resource Center for any questions and to schedule.

KyreneSchoolDistrict

MOUNTAIN PARK HEALTH CENTER
mountainparkhealth.org

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

CALL TO SCHEDULE

(480) 541-4772

1330 E Dava Dr, Tempe, AZ 85283



The Rattler Drama Club Presents: *Guys & Dolls Jr.*

Join us for our matinee performance of Guys & Dolls Jr.
Our talented Rattler Drama Club students are excited to bring *Guys & Dolls Jr.* to the stage!

- **November 22:** Matinee performance @ 2pm

Tickets are **$10** and can be purchased at the door.

You won't want to miss this fantastic show!

Upcoming Events

NOV 22: Guys & Dolls Jr. Matinee Performance @ 2pm
NOV 26 - NOV 28: Thanksgiving Holiday- No School
DEC 2 & DEC 4: NWEA Testing
DEC 5: Celebration of Student Learners - 1st Quarter
DEC 9: 8th Grade Civics Testing
DEC 12: School Spelling Bee
DEC 22- JAN 2: Winter Break - NO SCHOOL
JAN 5: Teacher Plan Day - NO SCHOOL
JAN 6: First day of 3rd Quarter



Rattler families mark your calendars for Friday, Dec. 5th for our Celebration of Student Learners for the first quarter! More information is coming soon.



Quarter 2 sports are underway, and registration for Quarter 3 sports is now open!

Quarter 3 offerings include Girls Soccer, Softball, Boys Flag Football, and Boys Volleyball. Tryouts will begin the day we return from Winter Break, Tuesday, January 6th, 2026.



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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