Kyrene Akimel A-al



December 5,2025

Principal's Message

Good evening Rattler families,

This week was filled with so much fun and celebration across our campus. Our athletes continued their preparations for upcoming tournament games, and our band students shined during their quarterly performance on Wednesday, where Mr. Grzyb and his talented musicians wowed our families with an outstanding concert. We then ended the week by celebrating our Principal's List students and their families this morning before the school day began.

In the classroom, students put forth their best effort on their middle-of-year NWEA/MAP assessments. Their hard work is evident, and we are incredibly proud of their determination and growth. Next week, our eighth grade students will take their civics assessments in their social studies classes. They have been preparing all quarter, and I look forward to seeing their continued success as they demonstrate their understanding of complex skills and prepare for their transition to high school.

The countdown to winter break is officially upon us, and it will surely be an exhilarating end to the quarter and calendar year. Thank you for all that you do to support our students and families. Have a wonderful weekend, and we will see your student back on campus Monday morning.

Warm regards,
Shalini McCarthy
Principal



Register now for 3rd Quarter sports! Registration is only open for a limited time and will close on Friday, December 19th at noon. Get registered now! Late registrations will not be accepted.

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.

Reach out to our athletics secretary Stacy Huerta with any questions at 480-541-5805 or shuerta@kyrene.org.



8th graders will be taking the Arizona Civics test this Tuesday, December 9th. The test will be administered in Social Studies classes. There will be a make up window for testing. If you have any questions regarding the test please contact your student's social studies teacher via email.

Upcoming Events

DEC 9: 8th Grade Civics Testing
DEC 10: Choir Concert @6:30 PM
DEC 12: School Spelling Bee
DEC 16: Governing Board Meeting - District Office
DEC 22- JAN 2: Winter Break - NO SCHOOL
JAN 5: Teacher Plan Day - NO SCHOOL
JAN 6: First day of 3rd Quarter



Please be on time for school.

With heavier traffic on the roads and increased congestion during the holiday season, it is essential that your Rattler student arrives at school on time each day. Consistent, on-time attendance supports your child's academic progress and helps ensure a smooth start to the school day for all students. Thank you for planning accordingly and supporting your child's success.



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
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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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