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*Kyrene Traditional Academy*



December 19, 2025

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## Message from the Principal

Hello KTA Tiger Community!

As we finish the first half of the school year, it's a great time to say **thank you** to our wonderful parents and our entire **KTA community**. We have an amazing community with amazing students and staff. Our families and our community are second to none. We are so grateful for the wonderful environment at KTA and for all the support we get from all of you.

The past few months have been difficult with the long range planning committee making recommendations for closing schools across our district. This is a challenging time for Kyrene and for KTA in particular. **We are very sad that K TA will be closing after the end of the 26-27 school year. Please know that I am working directly with the district office and with the leadership at Kyrene de la Paloma Elementary so that we can envision and enact a pathway for KTA students to continue some of the key components of our traditional model.** This work will begin in January and I promise to keep everyone posted as plans and decisions are made. **More on that to follow in January 2026.**

This has been a fun week at KTA! Our annual **Friends and Family Day** was fantastic! Thank you to Ms. Vester and all of our **KTA staff and our PTO** for making it a memorable event for everyone. Thank you to **Mrs. Bull and Ms. Scott** for our band and musical productions and performances. **We had over 300**

visitors attend and participate this year! Our spirit days were lots of fun also with Dress Your Best, Holiday Sweater, and Pajama Days all adding to the fun of the season. Classes enjoyed parties, hot cocoa, popcorn, snacks, and movies to celebrate the end of the first semester and the beginning of the second-half other school year.

Monday January 5th is a teacher work day. Students return on Tuesday, January 6th. We are looking forward to a wonderful beginning of the second-half of the year and a great new year overall! Thank you once again for all you do to support our students, our staff and the entire KTA community.

Marianne L. Lescher, Ph.D.

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### Panda Express Fundraiser Day!

Saturday, December 20th  
Chandler Fashion Mall Food Court location

While you are out shopping, stop by Panda Express and support KTA!

Share the flyer at checkout to count!

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### WINTER BREAK

December 22 - December 31  
January 1 - January 5

January 6 - SCHOOL RESUMES

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### SPELLING BEE



Congratulations to the following students who were winners in the KTA Spelling Bee:

1st Place: Aakaash Nirmal

2nd Place: Abraham Jauregui

3rd Place: Antoni Nicpon

Aakaash will participate in the Kyrene Spelling Bee.

Also congratulations to the following students who participated in the Spelling Bee and did an amazing job.

Ashraf Mir, Andrew Miranda, Aayan Khurana, Arielle Khurana, Adelina Mendoza, Shryia Balaji, Mahit Pandela, Julian Fierro, John Holowinski, Molham Mohamed, Kahlei Minniweather, Kayla Armsterd, Isabella Hernandez-Romero, Abrar Ali Mir, Colin Lamb.



## STUDENT ASSESSMENTS

Middle of the year district assessment reports have been posted to ParentVUE. Families are able to access the results through ParentVue in the documents section. Need help accessing the reports? Contact the school office for help.

Need help understanding the reports or how to support your child? ... See the family guide for each assessment or reach out to your child's teacher.



## KTA Cheer

Elementary/Middle School Cheer

Grades 4 - 8

Starts January 13

Cost: \$35

[CLICK HERE](#) For more information!

Group Meets Tuesdays & Thursdays

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.



## Dine For KTA - Raising Canes

Wednesday, January 14

2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

1781 East Warner Road

Tempe, AZ 85284



## Friends and Family Day

To See Pictures our Friends and Family Day on Wednesday, December 17!!!!

[Click Here!!!](#)



## NEWS FROM PTO

KTA Favorite Lists!

If you are looking for ideas to show your teachers and staff appreciation this holiday season, check out their Favorite list!

See our Google Drive to find the person you are looking for here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1fIXAIY8L42pTkFErnEpR0ALUxQ6ZRrs4h?usp=sharing>

## YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST

Due: Friday, January 23



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

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



CAPTURE THE FLAG AT KTA  
January 15 - February 26  
Cost: \$100  
Coach: Mr. Kory Smith

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER  
Registration Opens Monday, Dec 14

<https://kyrene.arux.app/course/2997/kyrene-athletics-25-26/kyrene-elementary-intramural-capture-the-flag>

**Classes for Students in Grades K - 5!**

**ALL NEW LESSONS EVERY SESSION!**

**Drawing**  
Classes for Kids



**DRAWING CLASSES FOR Grades K - 5**

Wednesdays  
February 11 - May 13  
12:20 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register

It's Time to Start Thinking about the 2026 KTA Variety Show!

Show Date: Wednesday, April 15



Audition Date: Tuesday, February 19

Who may audition: Any student at KTA!

What kinds of acts are we looking for:

- Singing
- Dancing
- Playing an instrument
- Gymnastics
- Funny skits
- Magic acts
- Emcees

Permission slips available here ([link to PDF](#)). Please direct any questions you may have to Becky Bull ([bbull@kyrene.org](mailto:bbull@kyrene.org))

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# CAFÉ ZUPAS

Dine for KTA - Cafe Zupas

Wednesday, February 18

4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

3305 W Chandler Blvd  
Chandler, AZ 85226

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**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!!

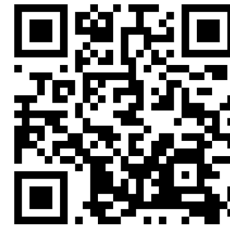
SERIOUSLY, DON'T MISS OUT!

# ORDER THE YEARBOOK

YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE NOW  
**LIKE, RIGHT NOW**

DEADLINE: 03.27.26  
YEARBOOK COST: \$25 UNTIL 12/26  
[HTTPS://YEARBOOKORDERCENTER.COM/JOB/26599](https://yearbookordercenter.com/job/26599)

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# PTO Meeting

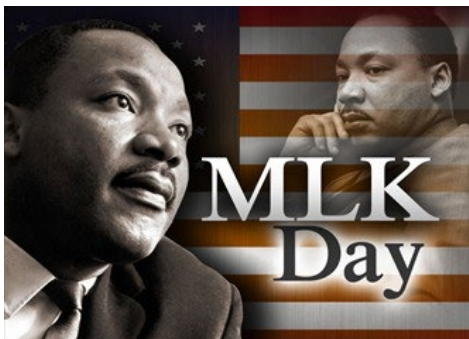
## KTA PTO Meeting

Monday, January 12

5:30 p.m.

Cafeteria

(Enter through the Garden Gates)



Monday, January 19

NO SCHOOL



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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Certified School Counselor/  
Peer Mediation Coordinator  
Kyrene Traditional Academy  
P: (480) 541- 5549 | E: [jwoolf@kyrene.org](mailto:jwoolf@kyrene.org)

[View Full Calendar](#)

## Upcoming Events

### DECEMBER

December 20 Panda Express Fundraiser Day - All day @ Chandler Fashion  
December 20 - 31 Winter Break - No School

### JANUARY

January 1 - 4 Winter Break - No School

January 5	No School - Teacher Work Day
January 6	School Resumes
January 12	PTO Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
January 14	Raising Canes - Dine In Night 2 p.m. - 9 p.m.
January 19	No School - Martin Luther King
January 22	MS \$1 Free Dress
January 26	K - 5 Class Pictures
January 30	8th Grade Class Picture - Spirit Shirt Required
January 30	Club Pictures

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](#)



*Making A Difference!*

*Support Our Families This Season. More Kyrene families are counting on community support this holiday season. The Kyrene Foundation's Winter Wonderland Donation Drive provides gift cards so families can purchase holiday meals and gifts for their children. With a 35% increase in need, the Foundation aims to raise \$50,000 to support more than 1,300 students. Currently, just over \$13,000 has been raised. Every contribution brings warmth and hope.*

Monetary donations can be made through the [Kyrene Foundation's website](#).



## 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 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!](#)

## Contact Us

**Kyrene Traditional Academy**  
3375 W. Galveston St.  
Chandler, AZ 85226

**School Hours:** 7:25 am – 2:15 pm  
*Wednesday 7:25 am - 12:15 pm*

**Office Hours:** 7:00 am – 3:30 pm

**Phone:** 480-541-5400  
**Fax:** 480-541-5410  
**Attendance:** 480-541-5401

Wednesday 7:00 am - 1:30 pm

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