



December 5, 2025

Message from the Principal

Hello KTA Tigers!

This is such an exciting time of year where lots of activities, concerts, and special events will be coming to our KTA community. We want to be sure you don't miss any of the fun! Please be sure to read this issue of the Tiger Times and the next few so that you won't miss any of the exciting events coming up!

This week both Ms. Vester and I had the opportunity to visit some schools around Arizona. Because KTA is an A+ School of Excellence recognized by the Arizona Educational Foundation we get to visit other schools who are in the process as well. Ms. Vester visited a school in Gilbert and I visited a school in Scottsdale. It was exciting to see how other schools and communities do their work and see their students excel. It's a wonderful community that we are a part of being an A+ School of Excellence.

Last night we had an exciting event with our band performance. Under the direction of Miss Lauren Scott, our KTA Band Program has flourished over the past many years and the students show such amazing progress from 4th grade all the way through 8th grade. It is a wonderful thing to see. Thank you to Miss Scott and to all of the students and families for your hard work and dedication to music and performing.

Next Tuesday December 9th is our Annual Day of Code at KTA. This has been an amazing event and just gets better each and every year. All students across all grade levels will engage in coding and other high tech fun and STEM activities throughout the day. Thank you to our school counselor Mrs. Woolf for bringing this to our school many years ago and from making it better and better each and every year! Thank you teachers for all of your hard work to make it a fun day for everyone!!

Coming up soon is our Friends and Family Day event! This will be held on Wednesday December 17th. This has become a very special annual event for all of our families. Please be sure to [preregister](#) with the link below so that we know who to expect and we have your information all ready to go. This will make the process of coming onto campus much more streamlined. We do have to check identification for all families coming on campus so please be sure everyone who's coming to this event brings a picture ID with them. That is an important piece of our Kyrene District check in policy. Friends and Family Day will be Wednesday December 17th 8:00 AM. Please enter through the Garden Gate and please give yourself enough time for parking and registering.

Thank you to our PTO for the fun Holiday Shop! Many of our elementary students had lots of fun shopping for holiday gifts for their family members. Thank you to PTO for bringing this to our school

and for giving students an opportunity to get ready for the holidays and also to provide some support for our PTO.

Please be sure to read our Tiger Times every week so you'll be ready for all the fun and all the activities!

Thank you for your continued collaboration and partnership!

Marianne L. Lescher, Ph.D.



SCHOOL CLOSURES
Long Range Planning

KYRENE BOARD MEETINGS
8700 S. Kyrene Road, Tempe

Study Session
December 9, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m.

Board Meeting
December 16, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.



2025 KTA 11th ANNUAL DAY OF CODE!!!

The Hour of Code is a global movement reaching tens of millions of students in 180+ countries.

Computer science opens more doors for students than any other discipline in today's world. Learning even the basics will help students in virtually any career—from architecture to zoology. Just as we teach students how to dissect a frog or how electricity works, it is important for every 21st century student to have a chance to “dissect an app” or learn how the Internet works.

We can all help prepare our children for the 21st century by growing participation in computer science. We have decided that the best way to do this is to have the **entire school** participate in the International Hour of Code campaign on **December 9, 2025**.

WORLD FAIR
Coming Soon!!!!
Volunteers/Families
Wanted!!!!



It's that time of year again! We are getting ready for our annual KTA World Fair. We are reaching out to see if any KTA families would be interested and able to participate in this year's event. We are planning another fun and educational afternoon! It will be held Friday, February 27th from 4-6pm. If you can join us and would like to have a space available to showcase your country, please let us know by filling out this google

form https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1fxqi76IRc0SUKXhF1NrmXsBMw5h_Pbs0bpj0ukzm4XQ/edit

Friends and Family Day



Wednesday, December 17, 2025
7:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

PRE-REGISTRATION
STRONGLY SUGGESTED
(formerly known as grandparents day)

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfLuhE_H2tvdyAw9rw2EjWlRtbP1-WaOpWdqQjeBfPVCEdW3w/viewform



YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST
Due: Friday, January 23

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

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



Holiday Spirit Days

December 17: Dress Your Best

December 18: Ugly Sweater

December 19: Pajama Day

**YEARBOOKS NOW AVAILABLE FOR
PREORDER!!!!**

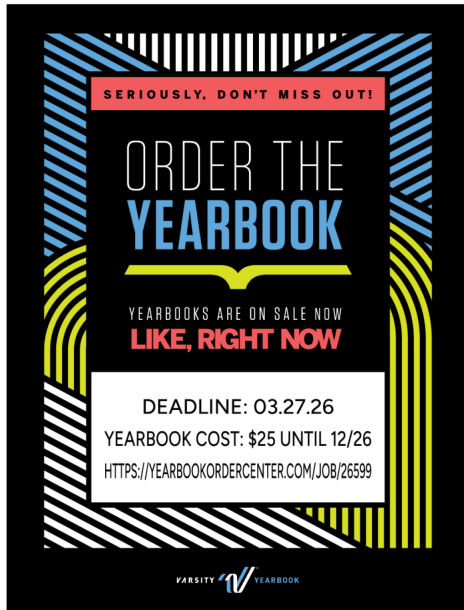
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\$25

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!!



WINTER BREAK

December 22 - December 31
January 1 - January 5

January 6 - SCHOOL RESUMES



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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Peer Mediation Coordinator
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[View Full Calendar](#)

Upcoming Events

DECEMBER

December 9	Hour of Code
December 9	Kyrene School Board Study Session about School Closures
December 16	Kyrene School Board Meeting
December 17	Friends and Family - Registration Required!!!!
December 17	SPIRIT DAY: Dress Your Best
December 18	SPIRIT DAY: Ugly Sweater Day
December 19	Last Day before Winter Break
December 19	SPIRIT DAY: PJ Day
December 20	Winter Break Begins
December 20 - 31	No School - Winter Break

JANUARY

January 1 - 5	No School - Winter Break
January 6	School Resumes
January 12	PTO Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
January 19	No School - Martin Luther King
January 22	MS Only - \$1 Free Dress Day
January 26	K-5 Class 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](#)



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

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

Office Hours: 7:00 am – 3:30 pm
Wednesday 7:00 am - 1:30 pm

Attendance: 480-541-5401

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