



January 16, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 19: MLK Day - NO SCHOOL

January 20-23: AVID Spirit Week

January 22: AVID Fieldtrip to ASU

January 23: NJHS Meeting @ 7:45am in the library

January 27: 8th Grade Fieldtrip to Diary of Anne Frank @ Herberger Theater

January 28: Incoming 6th Grade Open House/Elective Fair

February 4: Celebration of Learning (details to follow)

****EVERY WEDNESDAY IS EARLY RELEASE @ 1:05pm****

[View Full Calendar](#)

NO SCHOOL - Monday, January 19th



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

AVID Spirit Week

Spirit Week!

Sponsored by
APRENDE AVID CLUB!



**January
19**
Monday

NO School!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday!

**January
20**
Tuesday

Student/Teacher Swap

Students dress like a teacher. Teachers dress like students



**January
21**
Wednesday

Dynamic Duos

You and a friend dress as a famous pair, i.e., Scooby/Shaggy, Bert/Ernie, Buzz/Woody...



**January
22**
Thursday

Dress as your kindergarten self

Dress as you did when you were in kindergarten



**January
23**
Friday

Dress as your future self

Dress as what you aspire to be, i.e., athlete, millionaire, florist, musician, doctor, marine...



Follow Aprende AVID Instagram! [**ams_avid_rocks**](#)



Elective Selection for 26-27

Dear 6th & 7th Grade families,

On January 20th, your child will be bringing home information about next year's course selection process. Students will receive an elective selection form for the 2026-2027 school year. Additional copies can be accessed on the Kyrene website on the [Resources for Families and Community Page](#).

Parents/Guardians are requested to review this information with your child and sign the form, acknowledging your approval of the courses selected. Students are required to return the form to their homeroom teacher by January 30. During the week of February 2, our students are scheduled to use these forms to enter their preferences online with their classroom teacher.

Families who are considering a different middle school must apply for registration at that school through the online portal when next year's registration window opens in February. Students will complete the elective selection process for the school they are currently assigned. Selections will be transferred to the new school if a new registration is approved. Families must apply and be approved for open enrollment to attend a non-resident school.

6th Grade Open House



APRENDE 6TH GRADE OPEN HOUSE/ELECTIVE FAIR

Incoming 6th grade parents are invited to an open house to see the 6th grade and elective classes, followed by a short presentation/Q&A. Out of district/open enrollment students may attend, however Brisas/Cielo students will see this during Rally Day on 4/24, so they should not attend with their parents on 1/28.

JAN. 28, 2026

8:20-9:30 AM

CLASSROOM WALK-THROUGHS
FROM 8:20-9:00 (MEET IN THE
LIBRARY AT 8:10)

PRESENTATION/Q&A WITH
ADMIN/TEAM LEADS IN MPR
FROM 9-9:30

ELECTIVE
FAIR FROM
5-6 PM

Questions?



480-541-6205



rkory@kyrene.org



Nominations Open for the Tempe Diablos Excellence in Education Awards!

Aprende Middle School is full of dedicated, caring, and passionate staff members who make a difference every day. Help us recognize their impact by nominating a deserving member of our team for the 37th Annual Tempe Diablos Excellence in Education Awards. This is a meaningful way to celebrate the people who make our school community thrive. Nominations will be accepted through January. Learn more and submit your nomination at kyrene.org/diablos.

A poster for Spring 2026 Youth Enrichment. The background is dark with purple and blue nebula-like patterns and white starburst graphics. The title 'Spring 2026 Youth Enrichment' is prominently displayed in large, bold letters. The Kyrene Community Education logo is in the upper left. Below the title, text describes the availability of after-school enrichment classes on school campuses, lists various subjects like science, technology, engineering, sports, art, music, dance, and language, and provides a website and phone number for enrollment. The phrase 'ENROLLING NOW' is written in large, bold letters at the bottom right.

**Spring
2026
Youth
Enrichment**

**KYRENE
COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT CLASSES AVAILABLE MONDAY - FRIDAY ON YOUR SCHOOL CAMPUS!

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, SPORTS, ART, MUSIC, DANCE, LANGUAGE, AND MORE!

VISIT US ONLINE TO EXPLORE CLASSES AT YOUR SCHOOL!

KYRENE.ARUX.APP/ENRICHMENT

480-541-1500

**ENROLLING
NOW**

POV: you forgot to get
your child a yearbook!



Yearbooks are selling
fast! Last year we sold out!
Buy yours now before it's
too late!

YBPAY.COM
CODE: 14349326
SALES END 3/30!



8th Grade ONLY! Baby Ads

8th grade
Baby Ads*

\$15-\$25



BUY YOURS TODAY!

Scan the QR code or visit
ybpay.com.
Wait for an email from
Lifetouch inviting you to
create your ad



Code:14349326

*Ads are for 8th grade only and cannot be refunded.



Quarter 3 Sports

Boys Flag Football

The roster is set and coaches couldn't be more excited about the talent they have assembled. They've worked hard to get here, and they're ready for their first game next week. Go Jags!

Upcoming Flag Football Games:

Thursday, Jan. 22 Varsity vs. KMS @ Benedict -Field #4 -5:00pm

Friday, Jan. 23 JV vs. KMS @ Benedict -Field #4 -5:00pm

<https://apr.kyrene.org/programs/athletics/boys-flag-football-25-26>

Boys Volleyball

We are excited to kick off the upcoming boys volleyball season and welcome an incredible group of student athletes to our rosters. After an outstanding year in 2025 that saw our Varsity team capture the district championship, we are looking forward to building on that success and continuing to grow a strong and competitive program. We cannot wait to see the hard work and growth on display this season. Go Jaguars!

Upcoming Volleyball Games:

<https://apr.kyrene.org/programs/athletics/boys-volleyball-25-26>

Girls Soccer

Exciting news! Team is officially formed. Can't wait for our first game next week! Let's go Jags!

Upcoming Soccer Games:

Thursday, Jan. 22 vs. KMS @ Aprende 4:30pm

<https://apr.kyrene.org/programs/athletics/girls-soccer-25-26>

Softball

The coaches are thrilled to announce that our team is officially formed! They are so excited to get out there and start playing with this group. Let's bring that energy to our first game next week, let's go Jags!

Upcoming Softball Games:

Thursday, Jan. 22 vs. KMS @ Aprende 4:45pm

<https://apr.kyrene.org/programs/athletics/softball-25-26>

Schedules/ Playoff Brackets:

<https://www.kyrene.org/educational-opportunities/athletics/game-schedules>

Athletics Information can be found on our website:

<https://apr.kyrene.org/programs/athletics>

Financial Aid Information and Form for Athletic Fees:

<https://www.kyrene.org/educational-opportunities/community-education-services/forms-registrationfinancial-assistance>

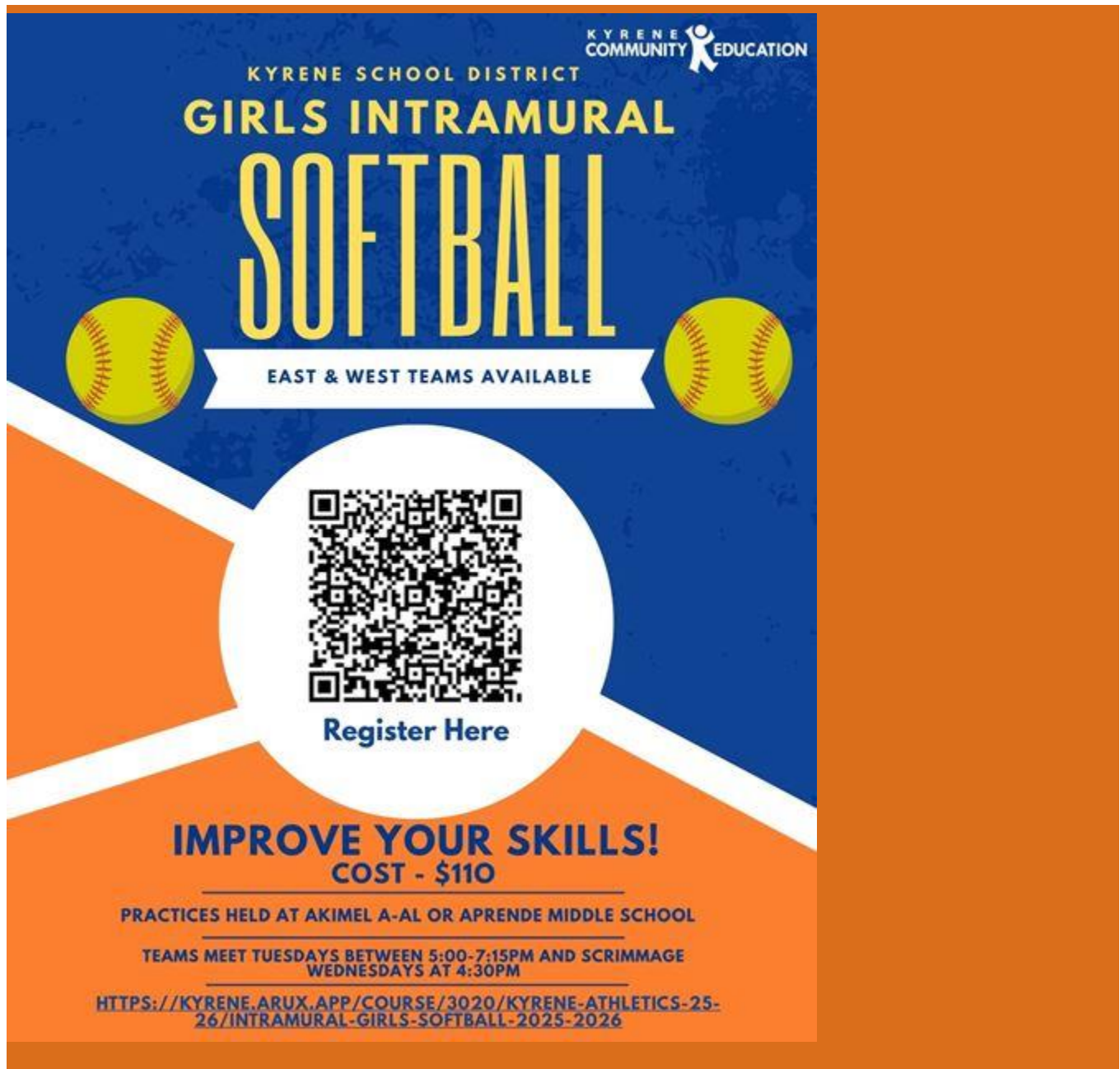
If you have any questions, please contact Athletic Director, Amy Violette, aviolette@kyrene.org or Loreth Vergara lvergara@kyrene.org 480-541-6203

Office hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 7:30am-4pm Wed 7:30am-2pm

Address: 777 N. Desert Breeze Blvd., East #2, Chandler, AZ 85226

Intramural Softball

<https://kyrene.arux.app/course/3020/kyrene-athletics-25-26/intramural-girls-softball-2025-2026>



The poster features a blue background with a subtle pattern of softball players. At the top right is the Kyrene Community Education logo. The main title 'GIRLS INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL' is in large, bold, yellow letters. Below it, a white banner reads 'EAST & WEST TEAMS AVAILABLE'. Two yellow softballs are positioned on either side of the banner. In the center, a white circle contains a QR code and the text 'Register Here'. The bottom section has an orange background with white text detailing the cost, practices, and meeting times.

KYRENE SCHOOL DISTRICT
KYRENE COMMUNITY EDUCATION

GIRLS INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL

EAST & WEST TEAMS AVAILABLE



Register Here

IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS!
COST - \$110

PRACTICES HELD AT AKIMEL A-AL OR APRENDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

TEAMS MEET TUESDAYS BETWEEN 5:00-7:15PM AND SCRIMMAGE
WEDNESDAYS AT 4:30PM

[HTTPS://KYRENE.ARUX.APP/COURSE/3020/KYRENE-ATHLETICS-25-26/INTRAMURAL-GIRLS-SOFTBALL-2025-2026](https://kyrene.arux.app/course/3020/kyrene-athletics-25-26/intramural-girls-softball-2025-2026)

Intramural Wrestling

KYRENE SCHOOL DISTRICT
**INTRAMURAL
WRESTLING CLUB**

EAST & WEST TEAMS AVAILABLE



Register Here

IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS!

EAST - \$40 WEST - \$65

PRACTICES HELD AT ALTADENA OR KYRENE MIDDLE SCHOOL

TEAM WILL MEET FROM 3:30PM-5:30PM, DATES VARY BY SITE

[HTTPS://KYRENE.ARUX.APP/COURSE/2905/KYRENE-ATHLETICS-25-26/INTRAMURAL-BOYS-BASKETBALL-2025-26](https://kyrene.arux.app/course/2905/kyrene-athletics-25-26/intramural-boys-basketball-2025-26)

Tissue Donations



Cold & Flu Season is among us!

We are looking for tissue box donations!

Please drop them off in the front office.



Thanks in advance!



Jan. 21- Coping with Teenager's Emotions

This course provides families with strategies to understand, navigate, and support their teenager's emotional development and manage challenging behaviors with empathy and confidence.

Presenter:

Janna McGuire

Date and Time:

January 21, 2026

6:00-7:00pm

Location:

Online

[Registration/ Zoom Link](#)

Pop Top Challenge - AVID



**COLLECT PULL
* TABS ***

Aprende AVID Club Needs Your Help!

 **Ronald McDonald House®**
Central and Northern Arizona

Give aluminum pull tabs to your advisory!








JOIN A CLUB!!!

Some clubs have started and more will be starting soon!

Below are a few fun opportunities that are available!

They are all listed on the website <https://apr.kyrene.org/programs/activities>

Where Ya Wanna Go Wednesdays!

Where ya wanna go Wednesdays!

**Wear your college or career gear
EVERY Wednesday!
Show your spirit!**



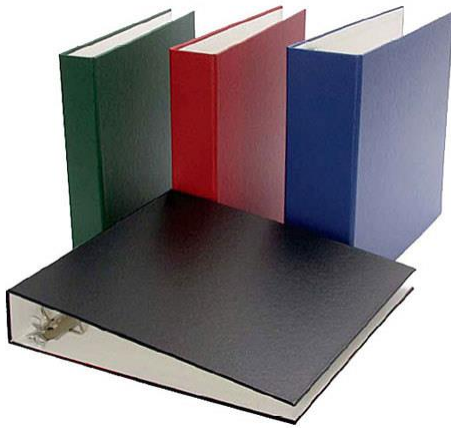
**GRAB
YOUR
HOODIE**

**Donate a bag
of Dum Dum
suckers!**

Students who
demonstrate their
college spirit get a
sucker at lunch!



Donations are Appreciated!



2 1/2-3 inch binders, Dum
Dums & Jolly Rancher
donations appreciated!

Stay in the know... follow us on social media for current & upcoming events!

APRENDE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Facebook.com/KyreneAprende



Instagram
@kyreneaprende

APRENDE PTSO



Facebook.com/AprendePTSO



Instagram
@aprendeptso

AprendePTSO.org

WHERE TO GO FOR ALL THE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW



VOLUNTEERS

ALWAYS NEEDED, ALWAYS WELCOME, ALWAYS APPRECIATED

PTSO is seeking volunteers for various events throughout the year, fill out our volunteer interest form to receive notifications of upcoming volunteer opportunities!

<https://aprendeptso.org/volunteer>

Student Sign-Out



We understand students will need to be signed out for appointments, etc. Please try to avoid signing out your student after 2:55pm. The last 10 minutes of school tend to be hectic and we appreciate your understanding.

Also, please try to limit the amount of items being dropped off in the front office (water bottles, lunches, sweatshirts). Every time we need to call a classroom, it is disruptive to the class.

Wag Wednesdays & Furry Friends Fridays!

Bring your pup to Aprende student drop-off on Wednesdays & Fridays from 7:50am to 8:15am for a little treat!

Just roll down your window and Staudohar will pop a Bubba Bite into your pup's mouth!



Tax Credit Donations



Please consider making a tax credit donation to help support some of the following at Aprende: Performing Arts, Athletics, Clubs, AVID, Field Trips, etc.

You can donate online through our [Payment Portal](#).

Click [here](#) for instructions on the payment portal.

Thank you for your continued support!



Quicklinks

- [School Website](#)
- [Breakfast/Lunch Menu](#)
- [Calendar of Events](#)
- [ParentVue and StudentVue](#)
- [PTSO Information](#)

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Excellence™

