



January 23, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

January 28: Incoming 6th Grade Open House 8:20-9:30am/Elective Fair 5-6pm

February 4-6: Spring Conferences/Early Release Days

February 4: Celebration of Learning 5-6pm

February 4: PTSO Fundraiser @ Nello's

February 13: PTSO Meeting @ 8:30am in the library

February 13: Snack Shack after school

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

[View Full Calendar](#)

6th Grade Open House/Elective Fair



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



Questions?



480-541-6205



rkory@kyrene.org

ELECTIVE
FAIR FROM
5-6 PM





PTSO will have an Information Table & Jag Spirit Wear for sale at the 6th Grade Open House & Elective Fair on JAN 28TH in the Aprende MPR!

***All parents welcome to stop by and see us & purchase Aprende Spirit Wear!**

We Want to YOU to join us in
2026-2027!

Interested in volunteering or learning more about our PTSO opportunities? Come stop by our info table in the Aprende MPR on 1/28 from 8:20am to 9:30am or send us an email at email@aprendeptso.org



LEARN MORE about PTSO board and volunteer positions at
[APRENDEPTSO.ORG/ABOUT](https://aprendeptso.org/about)

Spring PTSO Meetings

FEB 13TH | 8:30AM AMS MPR
Coffee & Open Q&A with Principal Kory

APR 17TH | 8:30AM AMS LIBRARY
General Meeting, all parents welcome!

MAR 4TH | 8:30AM AMS LIBRARY
General Meeting, all parents welcome!

MAY 8TH | 8:30AM AMS LIBRARY
General Meeting, all parents welcome!

Perfect Attendance February

Any student who has perfect attendance in February will receive FREE DBacks tickets!

Family members will receive tickets at a discounted rate.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

SCORE PERFECT CLASSROOM ATTENDANCE IN FEBRUARY 2026

FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 National Freedom Day	2  Groundhog Day	3 Feed the Birds Day	4 Thank Your Mailman Day	5 Hank Aaron's Birthday	6 Babe Ruth's Birthday	7  National Ice Cream for Breakfast Day
8  Super Bowl Sunday	9  National Pizza Day	10 Teddy Day	11 National Make a Friend Day	12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday	13 Galentine's Day	14  Valentine's Day
15 Susan B. Anthony's Birthday	16 President's Day	17 Random Acts of Kindness Day	18  Thumb Appreciation Day	19 Tug of War Day	20 National Love Your Pet Day	21  D-backs First Spring Training Game
22 George Washington's Birthday	23 National Banana Bread Day	24 National Dance Day	25  Rubber Ducky Day	26 International Tongue Twister Day	27  Pokémon Day	28 National Science Day

Celebration of Learning

Our 2nd Annual Celebration of Learning will occur on February 4th, between 5 p.m.-6 p.m. and will be an open house format, where students/families can visit their classrooms to see student learning and activities showcased. PTSO will also be selling pizza and apparel and there will be AVID activities in the MPR/gym. We hope to see you there!

LEARNING

YOU'RE INVITED

**CELEBRATION
OF
LEARNING**



LEARNING



PTSO Fundraiser



Join us for a fundraiser to support

Kyrene Aprende Middle School

Wednesday, **February 4th**

All day - Dine In or Take Out

For both dine in and takeout, please mention you are supporting
Kyrene Aprende Middle School

Nello's Pizzeria + Italian Kitchen
Ahwatukee

4710 E. Warner Rd. Phoenix AZ 85044
480.893.8930

15% OF YOUR FOOD & DRINK PURCHASE WILL BE DONATED

8th Grade Dance Planning Committee

8th GRADE PARENT VOLUNTEERS - SIGN UP HERE: <https://forms.gle/6AcMw1x6RLqZ8JxTA>

KICKOFF MEETING ON FEB. 10 AT 5 P.M.



APRENDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

8TH GRADE DANCE

PLANNING
COMMITTEE

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CALLING ALL THE PARTY PLANNERS, DECORATORS,
MUSICIANS, CREATIVE AND FUN 8TH GRADE PARENTS.
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

SIGN UP TODAY!

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/EREWHW1GXYPREXW87](https://forms.gle/EREWHW1GXYPREXW87)

Gifted Child Assessment Notice

All public school districts have an ongoing “Child Find” obligation. This means that the Kyrene School District will identify, locate and evaluate all children who are in need of special education and related services. Kyrene makes gifted testing available for students at school sites three times per year by application. Applications are due for the final testing for 2025-26 on February 6, 2026. If you think your child may be gifted, please visit the website at www.kyrene.org/gifted for information about gifted education, services, and testing in Kyrene.

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.

Yearbooks

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*

BUY YOURS TODAY!



\$15-\$25

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 Aprende Boys Varsity Flag Football team won their first game of the season beating KMS 20-12. On Offense, Viraj Verma threw 1 Touchdown. Ethan Balderaz threw 2 TD's and caught 1 TD. Jaime Bauman caught 1 TD. On Defense, Musa Hamideh got a sack, and the defense played great overall stopping KMS multiple times in the Red Zone. Next game is on Monday 1/26 against Altadena, at 5pm.

JV Boys Football roster was set and the team is looking forward to the first game of the season on Friday (5 pm at Benedict Park).

This years tryouts were highly competitive and everyone who came to tryouts showed hustle and heart everyday! Keep up the good work and see everyone next year!

Upcoming Flag Football Games:

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

Monday, Jan. 26 Varsity vs. Altadena @ Benedict -Field #4 -5:00pm

Tuesday, Jan. 27 JV vs. Altadena @ Benedict -Field #4 -5:00pm

Thursday, Jan. 29 Varsity vs. Centennial @ Benedict -Field #4 -5:00pm

Friday, Jan. 30 JV vs. Centennial @ Benedict -Field #4 -5:00pm

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

Boys Volleyball

Both Varsity and JV Boys Volleyball opened their season yesterday against Kyrene Middle School. While both teams fell to Kyrene, it was a strong start filled with great plays and a solid

team effort. Both JV and Varsity pulled out wins in the second set, making for an exciting matchup and a fun way to open the season.

JV is back in action on Monday at Aprende at 4:30 pm as they take on Altadena. Come out and cheer them on as they continue their season!





Upcoming Volleyball Games:

Monday, Jan. 26 vs. Altadena @ Aprende JV-4:30pm & Varsity-BYE

Thursday, Jan. 29 at Centennial JV-4:30pm & Varsity-5:30pm

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

Girls Soccer

Girls soccer has hit the ground running with a victory of 8-0 against KMS! The team played incredibly unselfish soccer and pushed each other to grow and improve on the field. These ladies have incredible motivation and attitudes making it an absolute pleasure to watch them play. Come support your lady jags at home on Monday against Altadena and away at Centennial on Thursday! All matches start at 4:30 pm. Go jags!

Upcoming Soccer Games:

Monday, Jan. 26 vs. Altadena @ Aprende 4:30pm

Thursday, Jan. 29 at Centennial 4:30pm

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

Softball

Reece: Incredible home game debut. You were on fire on the mound and had a HUGE hit. I can't wait to see what the season brings.

Cam: OMG.. I am so impressed with your defense. Your throws were SO on point, especially the pick at 3rd! I am super excited for you to continue to grow in this game!

Jazzy: awesome work at first base. I love how focused you were and played such solid defense.

Ari: Amazing work at second and at the plate

Renee: Wonderful and solid debut at shortstop and at the plate. Your baserunning was fabulous.

Isobel: Fantastic job on the hot corner. Not a lot of action, but I am excited to see you continue to embrace that position. Great work at the plate and on the bases.

Kenslee: AWESOME debut at the plate. Patience at the plate pays off.. and tough to do. great job.

Biggy Smalls: I am looking forward to seeing you on base a lot. You are aggressive and so fast, opponents don't realize you stole a base!!

Sloane: Fabulous work in the outfield backing up and covering where you need to be.

Tincup: Great work at the plate and wonderful job backing up the infield

Livy: Incredible hit and great play at second

Nunez: WAY TO STEP UP and play an unfamiliar position. I am excited to get you some work in over there. I can see you really rocking this spot when we need you too. Great work on the bases.

Swanny: Great work on the bases. I love how much you have grown in the game

LG: Way to step in at short and being ready to pitch if we needed you. BE CONFIDENT in yourself. YOU have grown a lot in the game. Keep it up.

Rios: Great job stepping in at 3rd. Keep believing in yourself at the plate. you got this.

Bryn: We missed you in the lineup, but we know you will be back soon.

Brooklyn: We missed you. We hope you are back next week. We LOVE your enthusiasm.

Upcoming Softball Games:

Monday, Jan. 26 vs. Altadena @ Aprende 4:45pm

Thursday, Jan. 29 vs. Centennial @ 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>

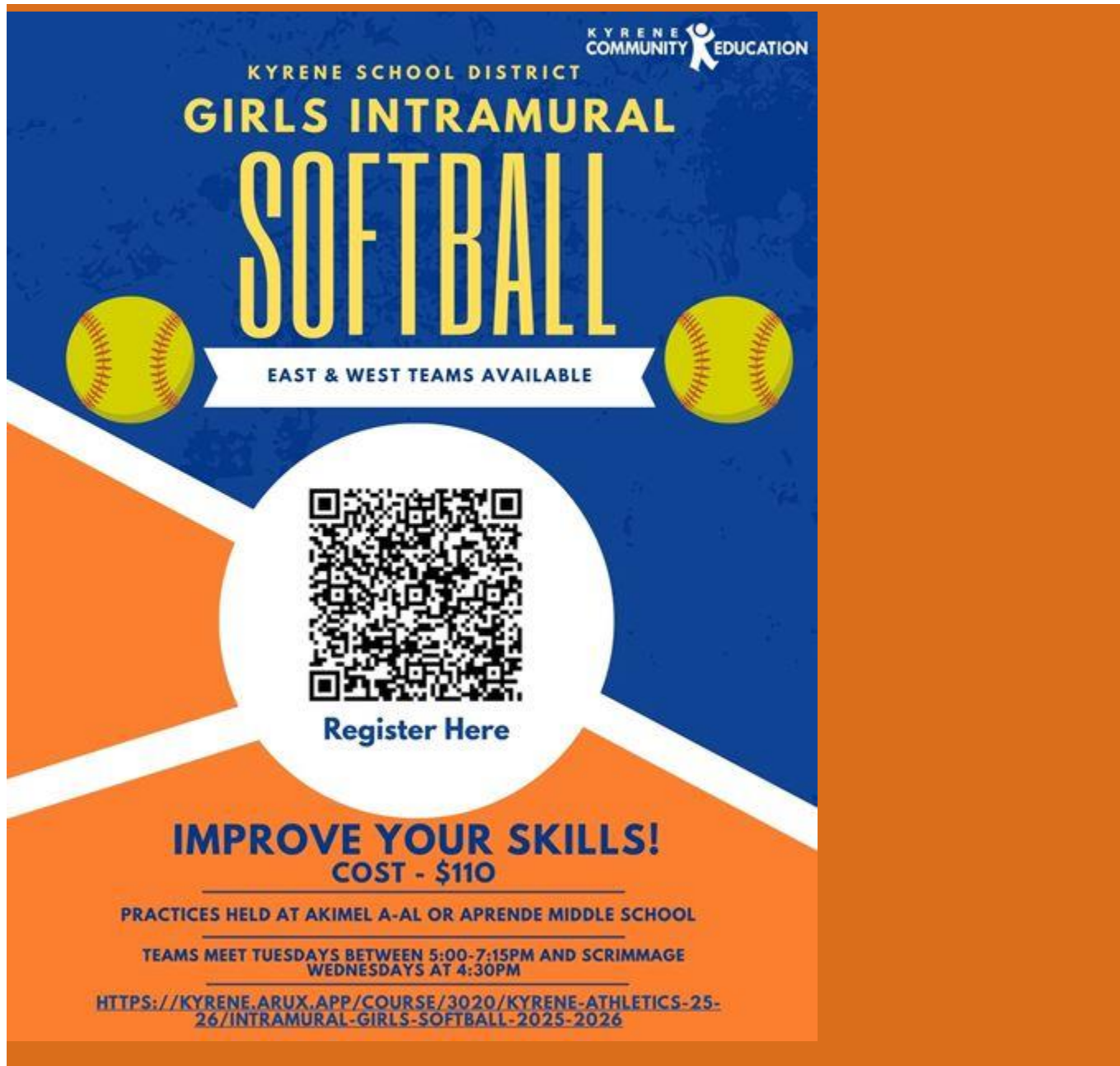
If you have any questions, please contact Athletic Director, Amy Violette,
aviolette@kyrene.org or Loreth Vergara lvergara@kyrene.org 480-541-6203

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>



A promotional poster for Kyrene School District Girls Intramural Softball. The poster features a blue background with orange and white geometric shapes. At the top right is the Kyrene Community Education logo. The main title 'GIRLS INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL' is in large yellow letters. Below it, a white banner says 'EAST & WEST TEAMS AVAILABLE'. In the center is a QR code with the text 'Register Here' below it. At the bottom, it says 'IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS! COST - \$110'. Further down, it lists practice locations and times: 'PRACTICES HELD AT AKIMEL A-AL OR APRENDE MIDDLE SCHOOL' and 'TEAMS MEET TUESDAYS BETWEEN 5:00-7:15PM AND SCRIMMAGE WEDNESDAYS AT 4:30PM'. The bottom of the poster includes the URL: [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). Two yellow softball images are positioned on either side of the central banner.

KYRENE COMMUNITY EDUCATION

KYRENE SCHOOL DISTRICT

GIRLS INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL

EAST & WEST TEAMS AVAILABLE



Register Here

IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS!

COST - \$110

PRACTICES HELD AT AKIMEL A-AL OR APRENDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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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!



Pop Top Challenge - AVID

COLLECT PULL * TABS *

Aprende AVID Club Needs Your Help!



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!**



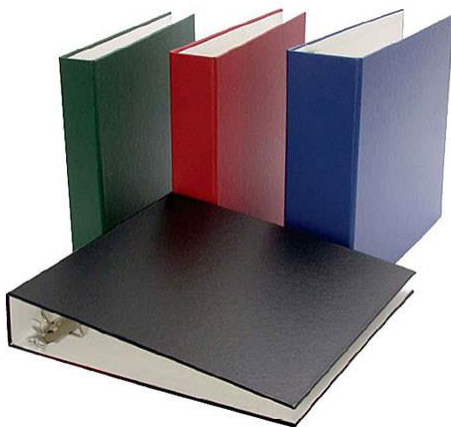
**GRAB
YOUR
HOODIE**

**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



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Instagram
@aprendeptso

AprendePTSO.org

WHERE TO GO FOR ALL THE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW





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

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Excellence™*

