



January 30, 2026

## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 3: Quarter 3 Sports Picture Day

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](#)

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"Souper Bowl" Canned Food Drive

Student Council is sponsoring the “Souper Bowl” canned food drive, with all donations going to the Kyrene Family Resource Center. Students are encouraged to bring in cans and other non-perishable items to support this worthy cause.

Donation boxes are centrally located at the front of the 7th grade pod. The boxes are decorated to represent each team headed to the Super Bowl this year, and students can support their favorite team by placing donations in that team’s box. There is also a box for students who don’t have a favorite team and simply want to donate.

The food drive runs through February 6.



Quarter 3 Sports Picture Day - February 3rd!

Boys Volleyball, Girls Soccer, Boys Flag Football & Girls Softball

Order Form:



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

**2/4  
5-6PM**

**Open-house  
event!**

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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

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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)



Shout out  
to our  
Dog of the Week  
Chewy!!!!

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### School Cents

Don't forget... you can upload your Chandler Fashion Center receipts dated July 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026 at [www.shopandlog.com/chandler](http://www.shopandlog.com/chandler), or drop them in the School Cents receipt box in the Aprende front office.

# SCHOOL CENTS



**Earn 3x & 10x Points Jan. 16 - Feb. 28**

**50 points per dollar spent:**

Arizona Jewelers, Initimissimi, ManKIRA Custom Nails & Pillar

**Get 15 points per dollar spent at many more stores and eateries  
offering the perfect gift for the one you love!**

View the full list and upload receipts: [shopandlog.com/chandler](https://shopandlog.com/chandler)

## 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](http://www.kyrene.org/gifted) for information about gifted education, services, and testing in Kyrene.

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## 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

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\*Ads are for 8<sup>th</sup> grade only and cannot be refunded.



## Quarter 3 Sports

### ***Boys Flag Football***

Boys JV football found themselves in tough battles their first two games with a tie and a loss. However, they are showing grit and resilience, never giving up. This week we are focused on increasing communication and teamwork on defense, and executing quick short passes with yards after catch on offense.

The Aprende Boys Varsity Flag Football team are 3-0 on the season. The Jags shut out Altadena 14-0. On Offense, Ethan Balderaz had two TD passes. Viraj Verma and Colter Zebatto each had a Touchdown. On Defense, Musa Hamideh had 4 sacks.

Next, the Varsity Boys defeated Centennial 36-14. On Offense, Viraj Verma threw a TD pass, and Ethan Balderaz had a passing touchdown and running TD. Jaime Bauman had a 2 TD's. Max Osorio had a rushing TD. On Defense, Jace Ball had a Pick 2, wich is an INT on a 2-point play. Ethan Balderaz had an INT, and Musa Hamideh had a sack.

The Jags will play Pueblo on Monday, 2/2 against Pueblo at Benedict 5 pm.

### **Upcoming Flag Football Games:**

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

Monday, Feb. 2 Varsity vs. Pueblo @ Benedict -Field #4 -5:00pm

Tuesday, Feb. 3 JV vs. Pueblo @ Benedict -Field #4 -5:00pm

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

### ***Boys Volleyball***

JV battled hard in a nail-biter loss to Altadena on Monday. The team showed great resilience and bounced back with an exciting win over Centennial last night!

Varsity had a bye on Monday and came into their match against Centennial rested, ready and excited to compete. Their preparation paid off with a strong win last night!

Both teams play at Aprende on Monday, 2/2, against Pueblo. JV starts at 4:30 PM with varsity playing immediately after. We continue to be impressed with how all the athletes are developing their skills and working hard. Please come out to cheer on our Jaguars and show your support!

### **Upcoming Volleyball Games:**

Monday, Feb. 2 vs Pueblo @ Aprende JV-4:30pm & Varsity-5:30pm

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



### ***Girls Soccer***

Aprende girls soccer had a challenging loss on Monday against Altadena with a result of 1-2. We learned many lessons and worked hard at practice to improve. On Thursday we came out victorious with a win of 6-0 over Centennial. We are looking forward to our matches on Monday and Thursday next week! These ladies are incredible and are improving every day! Go Jags!

### **Upcoming Soccer Games:**

Monday, Feb. 2 vs Pueblo @ Aprende 4:30pm

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

## **Softball**

CONGRATULATIONS to our amazing team on our victories over Altadena on Monday and Centennial on Thursday.

Thank you all for coming out and supporting our girls.

Bryn: Outstanding work on the mound. You had some great plays back to you as well as your strikeouts.

Cam: Amazing job in both roles tonight, and fantastic hitting

Rios: great work at 3rd and as catcher

Nunez: Amazing job at the plate, 2 RBI's. Great work catching.

Sloane and Jazzy: Great job at first base!

Livy and Ari: Awesome work at 2nd base

Renee: I really hope your ankle is OK. Please take it easy and don't push yourself. Great leadoff hit though.

Bella: fantastic baserunning and great defense.

Tincup: Good hustle on the bases.

Swanny: Great job hustling in the field

Reece: Awesome work being flexible and moving around the field. Don't worry, you will get the mound again.

LG: Great job moving from infield to outfield. Love your hustling.

Biggy Smalls: Great work in the infield and at the plate.

Kenslee: We missed you. I hope your hammy heals quickly. Take care of it. Don't push it!!

## **Upcoming Softball Games:**

Monday, Feb. 2 vs. Pueblo @ 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](mailto:aviolette@kyrene.org) or Loreth Vergara [lvergara@kyrene.org](mailto: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

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## Intramural Softball

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

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)

## ESS Parent Training

We are pleased to invite you to [IEP Training with Encircle Families](#). Parents will learn about the special education process and the Individualized Education Program (IEP). Understand who is required to attend the IEP meeting and the roles of each team member (including parents). Review the required parts of an IEP, learn how parents can prepare for and be more effective during the IEP meeting and how they can track their child's progress. Discover the options available if the IEP team does not agree.

Date: Thursday, February 19, 2026

Time: 6:00 -7:30 p.m.

Location: Kyrene District Office

KYRENE 2025-26  
SCHOOL YEAR  
PARENT TRAININGS

# ESS Parent Trainings

*Plan to attend the following ESS parent training*

## IEP TRAINING WITH ENCIRCLE FAMILIES

**FEBRUARY 19, 2026**

Learn about the special education process and the Individualized Education Program (IEP). Understand who is required to attend the IEP meeting and the roles of each team member (including parents). Review the required parts of an IEP, learn how parents can prepare for and be more effective during the IEP meeting and how they can track their child's progress. Discover the options available if the IEP team does not agree.

**February 19, 2026 | 6-7:30 pm**  
**Kyrene District Office**

Scan the QR code to register or go to:  
<https://forms.gle/LDY68Xs7v547QvvR6>

Contact Amy Dill, [adill@kyrene.org](mailto:adill@kyrene.org)  
for more information.



**SCAN ME**



## 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!



**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>

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Where Ya Wanna Go Wednesdays!

# Where ya wanna go Wednesdays!

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



**GRAB  
YOUR  
HOODIE**

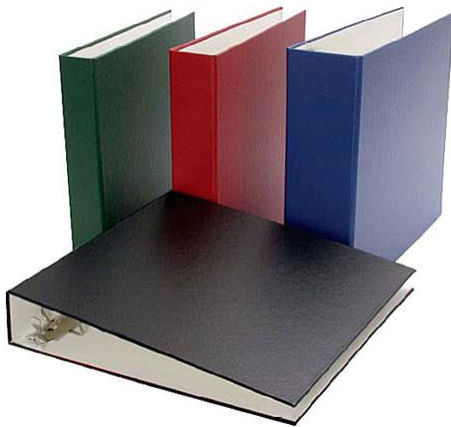
**Donate a bag  
of Dum Dum  
suckers!**

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



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Donations are Appreciated!



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

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**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





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>

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## 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.

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**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](#)
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- [PTSO Information](#)

## Contact Us

### Kyrene Aprende Middle School

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*A+ School of  
Excellence™*

