



February 6, 2026

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

February: Perfect Attendance February - Free Dbacks Ticket

February 2-11: Valentine Grams Available

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

February 13: Snack Shack after school

February 16: Presidents' Day - NO SCHOOL

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

[View Full Calendar](#)

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Valentine Grams - Sponsored by AVID

Parents/Guardians-

**Send a Valentine Gram to your student.**

\$1 for a chocolate bar & valentine.

Purchase now through Wednesday, February 11th at 1pm.

Students will receive them Friday, February 13th during Advisory.

**Payment Instructions:**

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PIN90jxC9Fv7\\_XBHH2ZOW5aa25MMvsrR/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PIN90jxC9Fv7_XBHH2ZOW5aa25MMvsrR/view?usp=sharing)

Thank you for your support!



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

Skateland Fundraiser

Join us Saturday, February 28th at Skateland! Hope to see you there! All grades welcome!

APRENDE  
MIDDLE  
SCHOOL



# *Let's Roll*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH  
12:30PM-3:00PM

SKATELAND  
1101 W. RAY RD., CHANDLER, AZ, 85224

MENTION APRENDE AT THE DOOR FOR  
DISCOUNTS ON ADMISSION AND  
SKATE RENTALS!

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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)



### **Quarter 4 Sports**

REGISTER NOW for Quarter 4 Sports! [Register online](#) for Baseball, Girls Basketball, and Track & Field.

Stop by the front office for a coaches' letter or visit the [Aprende Athletics Website](#).

Registration for cut sports closes Friday, March 6th.

Tryouts start after Spring Break.

### ***Girls Basketball***

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

### ***Baseball***

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

### ***Track & Field***

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

Payment portal is now open! Complete registration and payment at <https://az-kyrene.intouchrecepting.com/>

# QUARTER 4 SPORTS



## REGISTER NOW

<https://az-kyrene.intouchreceipting.com/>



**Girls Basketball**



**Baseball**



**Boys and Girls  
Track & Field**

## ***Boys Flag Football***

The Aprende Boys Varsity Boys Flag team remains undefeated at 4-0 on the season. The Jags were down against Pueblo early, facing a little adversity being down 14-0. But the boys battled back to get within 2 points at halftime. Once the 2nd half started, the Jags continued their momentum and beat the Bulldogs 34-20. Viraj Verma threw 5 TD passes, two to Ethan Balderaz, two to Mason Monzon, and one to Jasim Mandley. On defense, Jaime Bauman had an interception, and Musa Hamideh had an important sack to stop Pueblo on a key drive. The Jags will be back on the gridiron on Monday, February 9th at Benedict Park. The Jags will play Akimel at 5 pm.

The JV Flag Football team has found their stride. They have won the last two games through solid defense and creative offense. The team continues to grow and get better which is building momentum to the playoffs!

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

Monday, Feb. 9 Varsity vs. Akimel @ Benedict -Field #1 -5:00pm

Tuesday, Feb. 10 JV vs. Akimel @ Benedict -Field #1 -5:00pm

Thursday, Feb. 12 Varsity vs. KMS @ Benedict -Field #5 -5:00pm

Friday, Feb. 13 JV vs. KMS @ Benedict -Field #5 -5:00pm

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

## ***Boys Volleyball***

Varsity boys are on a winning streak of their own, with victories over CMS and Pueblo. While many of the players on the team are new to the sport, they're coming along well and working hard. Asher, David, Keilson, Tate and Eishin have been our leading point scorers, and we've had strong contributions defensively from Jimmy and Dylan.

JV is on a winning streak and showing great improvement as a team! They earned a win against Pueblo on Monday and appreciated the strong support from everyone who came out to cheer them on. Neymar led the way with an impressive 22 serves, while Oneil and Nolan each added 7 serves and Parker contributed 6. Charlie made several strong plays at the net and Noah contributed some great passes. The team is enjoying a full week of practice as they prepare for two away games next week, with hopes of keeping the momentum going.

### **Upcoming Volleyball Games:**

Monday, Feb. 9 @ Akimel      JV-4:30pm & Varsity-5:30pm

Thursday, Feb. 12 @ KMS      JV-4:30pm & Varsity-5:30pm





## ***Girls Soccer***

Aprende girls soccer had an incredible week. The girls won against Pueblo 8-0 on Monday. With that win, we learned more about what we need to work on as a team and will continue to drill those skills as we move through the semester. We are excited for our upcoming match on Monday, 02.09, at 4:30 at Akimel! Come cheer for your lady Jags!

## **Upcoming Soccer Games:**

Monday, Feb. 9 @ Akimel 4:30pm

Thursday, Feb. 12 @ KMS 4:30pm

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



## **Softball**

Our girls are gaining and growing so much every game. We are so blessed to have such a huge amount of talent. We can rotate people in/out and not have to worry about anything. They are so versatile!! WOW... to highlight Monday's game.

Reese and LG-Fantastic work on the mound. Reece, good job at short and at the plate.

Jazzy, Sloane, and Bryn= Wonderful job working first base. Amazing hits by all 3 of you

Ari, Bella, and Biggie Smalls= incredible work popping around the infield. Fabulous job at the plate

Tincup, Swanny, Kenslee= great hustle on the bases and great work fielding

Renee=Awesome work at short and great job as a lead off hitter!

Cam= INCREDIBLY AWESOME pick off at 3rd. The girl never knew what happened. Good job at 3rd and at the plate.

Rios and Nunez=Great work in the field and at the plate.

Livy: We missed you! We hope you did great at Volleyball!

Brooklyn: We missed you too. Hopefully you will be back next week to cheer us on!

## **Upcoming Softball Games:**

Monday, Feb. 9 @ Akimel (North Field) 4:45pm

Thursday, Feb. 12 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](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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Athletic T-Shirts For Sale

APRENDE MIDDLE SCHOOL



*Athletic  
T-Shirts*

PURCHASE IN THE  
FRONT OFFICE OR  
ONLINE

<https://az-kyrene.intouchreceipting.com/>

**\$15**

# SAVE THE DATES

# DANCE PLACEMENT AUDITIONS 2026-2027



## **PREP WORKSHOPS MARCH 2ND-4TH**

- Currently enrolled students during their class period
- Incoming students and 8th graders 4pm-6pm

## **AUDITION THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH**

- Currently enrolled students during their class period
- Incoming students and 8th graders 4pm-6pm

Auditions are for those looking to dance in Advanced / Jr Company / Sr Company. (Beginning dancers do not need to audition—simply register for Beginning Dance)

### **Questions?**

Contact Ms. Elizabeth Pease, Program Director  
[epease@tempeunion.org](mailto:epease@tempeunion.org)



Scan to view audition  
packet with more info

## 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\*

**\$15-\$25**

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

**BUY YOURS TODAY!**



Code:14349326

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

## Botvin Lifeskills Courses Available for Spring Break

Virtual courses will be offered over spring break for 3rd through 8th grade students. Courses are free and funded by the Tempe Coalition. There are two 3–5th grade options and two middle school options. Courses will focus on personal self-management skills, general social skills, and drug resistance skills. Enrollment is open via [Community Education](#).

### LifeSkills Training (Virtual Class)

Enrichment Classes / LifeSkills Training Online - YE Spring 2026



This is a 2 week virtual class where students will learn important life skills. Students will have a daily lesson of asynchronous online interactive content which will then be followed up with a zoom meeting with an instructor. The class content and Zoom sessions can be accessed on any computer or mobile device with internet accessibility (laptop, iPad, phone, tablet, etc.). The class time you choose will be the time of the zoom meeting.

- **Learning Objectives:**

- Personal Self-Management Skills – Students develop skills that help them enhance self-esteem, develop problem-solving abilities, reduce stress and anxiety, and manage anger for better mental health.
- General Social Skills – Students gain skills to meet personal challenges such as overcoming shyness, communicating clearly, building relationships, and avoiding violence.
- Drug Resistance Skills – Students learn skills that help them build effective defenses against pressures to use tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs.



## **Kyrene Positive Parenting – February Presentations**

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.

### **Feb. 18 – Reducing Family Conflict**

Learn practical strategies to improve communication, strengthen relationships, and reduce conflict within your family.

**Presenter:**

Janna McGuire

**Date and Time:**

February 18, 2026

6:00-7:00 pm

**Location:**

[Registration/Zoom Link](#)

### **Feb. 19- IEP Training with Encircle Families**

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.

**Presenter:**

ESS Department

**Date and Time:**

February 19, 2026

6:00-7:30 pm

**Location:**

Kyrene School District  
8700 South Kyrene Road  
Tempe, AZ 85284

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# Pueblo *de Los* Muertos

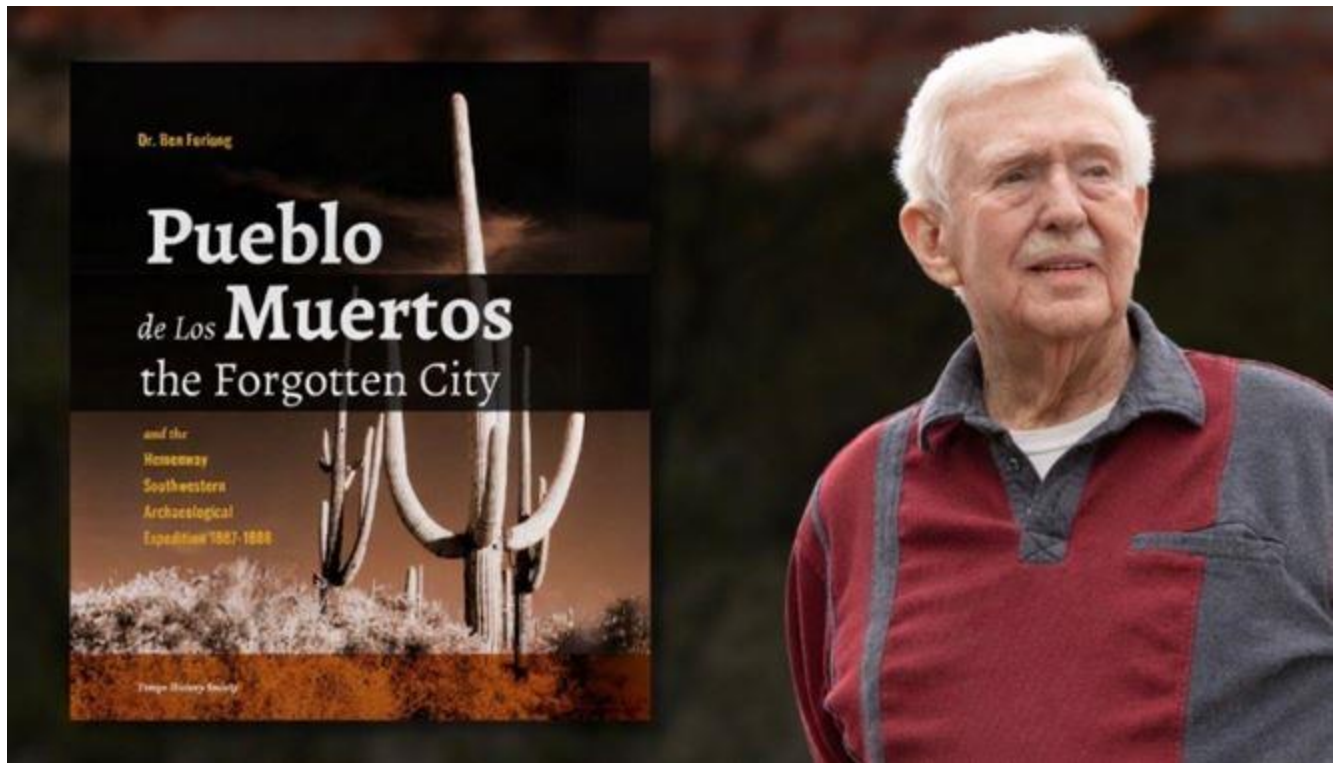


## A FREE PRESENTATION BY DR. BEN FURLONG

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First explored in the late-1880s, and then forgotten, Pueblo de Los Muertos was a pre-historic village located in south Tempe and west Chandler, that once contained more than 35 structures. Learn more about the history and rediscovery of Pueblo de Los Muertos at this free educational event led by former Kyrene Superintendent, Dr. Ben Furlong.

**FEBRUARY 18, 2026 6:30 P.M.**  
**KYRENE MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
1050 E CARVER RD, TEMPE, AZ



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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)

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**

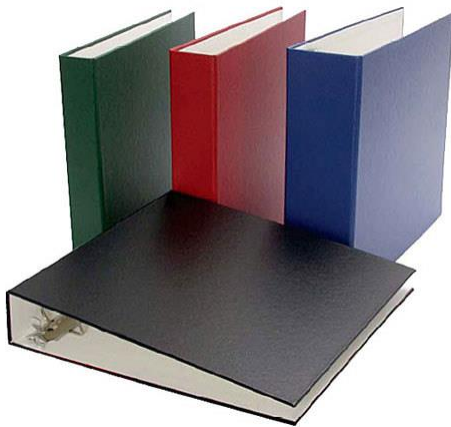
**Donate a bag  
of Dum Dum  
suckers!**

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](#)
- [Calendar of Events](#)
- [ParentVue and StudentVue](#)
- [PTSO Information](#)

## Contact Us

### Kyrene Aprende Middle School

777 N. Desert Breeze Blvd. E. #2

Chandler, AZ 85226

**School Hours:** 8:20am-3:05pm

**Office Hours:** 7:30am-4:00pm

**Phone:** 480-541-6200

**Fax:** 480-541-6210

**Attendance:** 480-541-6201

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Excellence™*

