



March 27, 2026

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### **Message from the Principal**

CMS Families,

It's hard to believe that we are entering into the fourth quarter of the school year. As we head into this quarter, we have been celebrating the growth that our students have made and encouraging them to finish strong. A few areas of focus are tardies, technology and testing.

For tardies, we are asking you to remind your student about the importance of being on time to class. At CMS, our standard is "in your seat, ready to learn". Don't forget you can always check attendance and tardies in [ParentVUE](#).

We know that technology can be a huge distraction during the school day. We continue to reinforce the new state law, which mandates that cell phones need to be off and put away during the school day. Recently we have also seen an increase in students wearing smart watches. While students are allowed to wear smart watches, the watch will be confiscated if it is being used for anything other than checking the time. In addition, students will not be allowed to wear smart watches during state testing.

Speaking of state testing, we are entering into the state testing window. Our testing dates will be as follows:

#### **March 30 & 31: AZ Science Test - 8th Grade Students Only**

**April 2: AASA Writing**  
**April 7: AASA Reading**  
**April 9: AASA Math**

Thanks for partnering with us on your child's education! We appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Mr. James Martin  
Principal



## District News

**Long-Range Planning Information:** Kyrene School District recently added a new section to the long-range planning web page with data, charts and other frequently requested information related to potential school consolidation. You can find this new section, along with proposed boundary maps, FAQs, links to meeting videos, committee information and all related communications over the past year at [www.kyrene.org/longrangeplan](http://www.kyrene.org/longrangeplan).



## Kyrene Positive Parenting - April Presentations

### Apr. 1- Early Childhood Literacy

Parents are invited to learn more about the importance of oral language & reading in the home to set up children for school readiness. Each participant will be able to take home an early literacy bag.

**Presenter:**

ESS Department

**Date and Time:**

April 1, 2026

6:00-7:30 pm

**Location:**

Kyrene School District

8700 South Kyrene Road

Tempe, AZ 85284

**Apr. 15- Vaping/Nicotine- Stop the Addiction Before it Starts**

Gain the knowledge and strategies you need to prevent your child from starting to vape or using nicotine products.

**Presenter:**

TBA

**Date and Time:**

April 15, 2026

6:00-7:00 pm

**Location: Zoom**

[Registration/Zoom Link](#)

**Apr. 22 – ESS Family Resource Fair**

Gain insights, strategies, and valuable information from experts in a variety of fields involved with raising children with special needs. Engage in one-on-one conversations with resource providers to address your family's unique needs and concerns. Gather informational flyers, brochures, and contacts to support your family.

**Presenter:**

ESS Department

**Date and Time:**

April 22, 2026

6:00-7:30 pm

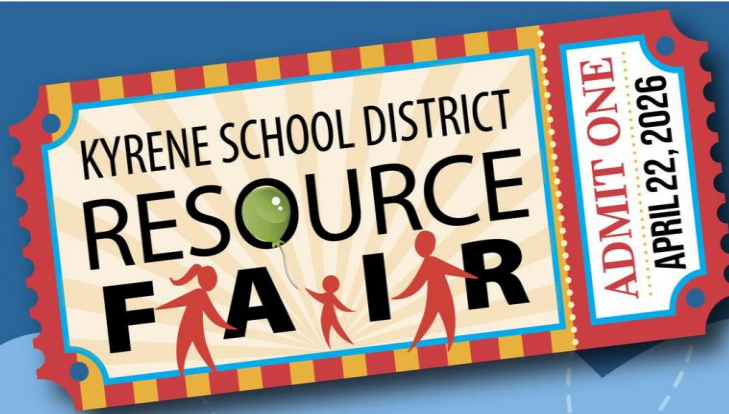
**Location:**

Kyrene del Pueblo Middle School

360 S. Twelve Oaks Boulevard

Chandler, AZ 85226

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## ATTEND THE KYRENE RESOURCE FAIR

Join us for an enriching experience tailored to families navigating the journey of raising children with disabilities. Kyrene School District's Exceptional Student Services team invites you to our Resource Fair, an opportunity for families to discover local resources and create connections in the community.

Gain insights, strategies, and valuable information from experts in a variety of fields involved with raising children with special needs.

Engage in one-on-one conversations with resource providers to address your family's unique needs and concerns.

Gather informational flyers, brochures and contacts to support your family.

**Wednesday, April 22  From 4:30-6:00 p.m.**

Kyrene del Pueblo Middle School  
360 S. Twelve Oaks Boulevard, Chandler, AZ 85226

### WHO WILL BE THERE?

AHCCCS  
ASU SPELL Program  
AzTAP  
B Noelle Foundation  
Care for Caregivers  
Chicanos Por La Causa  
Disability Rights Arizona  
Duet (Grandparents Raising Grandchildren)  
Encircle Families  
Gompers

Higher Octave Healing  
Hope Group  
Kyrene Resource Center  
Mariposa Therapy  
Mountain Park Health Center  
Phoenix Adaptive Rec  
Phoenix Public Library/Ironwood  
Ryan House  
Southwest Network  
Tempe Adaptive Recreation

The Miracle League  
The Suzy Foundation  
YMCA  
Out and About  
Absolute HCBS  
Kyrene Related Service Providers  
DES Child and Community Services  
DDD  
Inspire Services

**AND MANY MORE!**

## Afternoon Sign Outs

Centennial Families,

We need your help to keep our afternoon dismissal running smoothly. If possible, please avoid picking up students up after 2:45 PM. Late pick-ups create traffic congestion in the front office parking lot, which impacts the timely departure of our afternoon buses.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us keep all students safe and on schedule.

CMS Administration

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## Online Registration for Quarter 4 Athletics

**All Cut sports are CLOSED**

**Non-cut sport registration closes: April 3, 2026 (12:00 PM).**

To register for a sport, please visit: <https://az-kyrene.intouchrecepting.com/> t

Financial Assistant Applications must be filled out and submitted prior to the sport's registration closing. To apply for financial assistance please go to: [Financial Assistance](#)

If you have any questions, call Sue Spadafore at 480-541-6404 or email her at [sspadafore@kyrene.org](mailto:sspadafore@kyrene.org).

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PTO EMAIL ADDRESS: [KCMSPTOCONNECT@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KCMSPTOCONNECT@GMAIL.COM)

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### **Parent Volunteers Needed to Plan the 8th Grade Promotion Dance!**

As our **8th graders** prepare to move on to high school, we would like to host a special **celebration dance** to commemorate this great milestone and we would appreciate your partnership in making this a memorable experience for our 8th graders on **May 22, 2026**. We need your help to decorate, provide refreshments, and plan the entertainment. Let's make this a special night for our kids!

Come help to plan the 8th Grade Promotion Dance for our 8th graders. No experience necessary! Our next Planning Meeting will be held on Wednesday, **April 1 at 5:30 PM in the library**. Have Questions? Contact CMS PTO at [KCMSPTOCONNECT@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KCMSPTOCONNECT@GMAIL.COM). Please come to the meeting, even if you're running late. All parents are welcome!!!

Committees needed to help make this a grand occasion for our students include:

#### **Set-up**

#### **Decorations/Decorating MPR**

#### **Food**

#### **Entertainment**

#### **Clean-Up Committees**

For our CMS families who will not be able to spare the time to volunteer, we would be happy to take any **monetary donations** to support our students. **Cash/checks** (made out to CMS PTO)

will be accepted in the front office during school hours. Thank you for your dedication and support.

We appreciate all your help and support. **Sign Up to volunteer below!**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48ABA82AAAF5C43-62565132-2026>

**Family Dineout @ Portillos on April 9**



**Eat Portillo's. Support a Cause. Receive 20% of the proceeds!**

Present this flyer in-restaurant or use the online code for online/app orders, and 20% of the proceeds will be donated to:

**Centennial Middle School PTO**

**At the Portillo's located at:      When:**

7200 W. Ray Road

April 9, 2026

Chandler, AZ

11:00 AM – 9:00 PM

**ONLINE CODE: PORTILLOS98**

Learn [more](https://www.portillos.com/good) about Portillo's Fundraisers at [portillos.com/good](https://www.portillos.com/good).

For online/app orders to qualify for the fundraiser, orders must be placed for pickup only, from the participating restaurant, on the fundraiser date and during the listed fundraiser hours. Gift card purchases, delivery orders, and orders placed on the third party websites are excluded from the fundraiser. Online ordering subject to availability. \$200 minimum fundraising sales required for the organization to receive donation. Cannot be combined with other offer codes.



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If you'd like to order your yearbook, please go to [buytheyearbook.com](http://buytheyearbook.com) and use the school code **292264** or search for Kyrene Centennial Middle School in Phoenix Arizona to order your yearbook or go to [BuyTheYearbook.com](http://BuyTheYearbook.com). You may also purchase yearbooks through our [InTouch](#) portal and click on Items At All Schools/Middle School/Centennial Middle School/Student Activities/Yearbook. Yearbooks may also be purchased in the front office in student services. Send check/cash/money order to reserve a yearbook now. **Books are \$45 until they are sold out.** Buy your yearbook now! If you have any questions, email Harriet Everett at [heverett@kyrene.org](mailto:heverett@kyrene.org)

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### **Support CMS & Give Your Tax Credit Today**

***Families, make a tax credit contribution today!*** Inspiring, educational field trips. Programs that teach good citizenship, manners, and work ethic. Experiences that demonstrate future career possibilities. You can be a champion for education through tax credit contributions. A tax credit contribution will allow you to reduce the amount of taxes you owe the State. Arizona statute allows individuals/couples to claim up to \$200/\$400 for a dollar-to-dollar tax credit. Take charge and have a say in how your tax dollars are put to work. By making a tax credit contribution to Kyrene Schools, you are telling the State of Arizona how you want your money spent. Visit [Kyrene Tax Credit](#) to begin the donation process. If you would like to apply tax credit to your 2025 taxes, the deadline to contribute is April 15, 2026.

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DOLLARS TO **CENTENNIAL**,  
WOULD YOU DO IT?

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\$400 WHEN FILING JOINTLY.**

**LEARN MORE @ [KYRENE.ORG/TAXCREDIT](http://KYRENE.ORG/TAXCREDIT)**

### Upcoming School Events

#### MARCH

**MARCH 30:** AZ Science Test - 8th gr. only -  
Part 1-2

**MARCH 31:** AZ Science Test - 8th gr. only -  
Part 3

#### APRIL

#### MAY

**MAY 5:** NWEA Reading

**MAY 6:** 5th Gr. Gifted Showcase @ CMS 4-7PM

**MAY 7:** NWEA Math

**MAY 12:** End of Year Choir Concert - 7PM

**MAY 13:** End of Year Band Concert - 6:30PM

**MAY 13:** End of Year Orchestra Concert -  
6:30PM

**APRIL 1:** 8th Gr. Promotion Dance Mtg. - 5:30 PM

**APRIL 2:** AASA Writing

**APRIL 3:** Early Release - Planning for Student Needs

**APRIL 7:** AASA Reading

**APRIL 9:** AASA Math

**APRIL 9:** Family Dineout @ Portillos RAY RD  
11-9PM

**APRIL 24:** 5th Gr. Rally @ CMS - 9-11AM

**APRIL 27-28:** Performing Arts Trip to California

**MAY 19:** General PTO Meeting - 5:30 PM

**MAY 22:** 8th Gr. Celebration Dance - 6-8PM

**MAY 26:** 8th Gr. Field Trip to Main Event - 9-1:30 PM

**MAY 27:** 8th Gr. Promotion - 5:30 PM (By advisory)

**MAY 27:** 8th Gr. Promotion - 7 PM (By advisory)

**MAY 27: NO EARLY RELEASE**

**MAY 27:** 8th Gr. Students Last Day of School

**MAY 28:** Last Day of School @ 1:05 PM

**MAY 29:** Teachers Last Day

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## Quick Links

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[School and District Calendars](#)

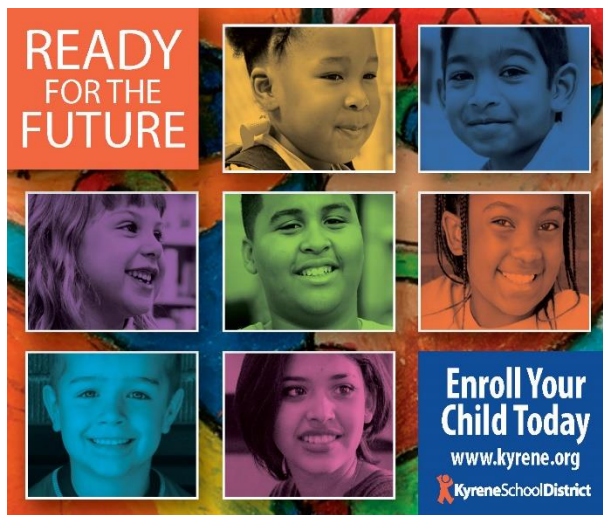
[School Lunch Information](#)

[Bus Route Information & Stopfinder App](#)

[Safety and Security](#)

[First Day Guide](#)

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## Contact Us

### Kyrene Centennial

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Phoenix, AZ 85044

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**Fax:** 480-541-6410

**Attendance:** 480-541-6401

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

*Early Dismissal Wed: 1:05 pm*

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

*Wednesday: 7:30 am - 2:00 pm*

*Every Wednesday is Early Release.*

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