

## *Kyrene Traditional Academy*



*April 3, 2026*

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### **Message from the Principal**

#### **Hello KTA Families and Friends:**

Our first week of testing for **AASA (Arizona Academic Standards Assessment)** went very well! Thank you to all our parents and guardians for helping to get students to school every day and on time. Students in grades 5 and 8 took the science portions and other grades started with language arts portions. We continue with testing into the next two weeks (which includes make ups as well). **Thank you for your continued efforts to support a successful testing journey for your students.** The teachers have commented that they see the students putting in excellent effort and really working hard. Congrats to our students and staff for ensuring the best possible testing timeframe.

**We had a fun Middle School Principal's Lunch this week** – students across grades 6-7-8 were identified by their advisory teachers because they showed excellent progress towards goals, or outstanding citizenship, or good decision making. Congrats to those excellent students!

**Teachers and staff engaged in some training and planning for upcoming lockdown practice drills.** We will be doing two practices during the fourth quarter. One will be when students are outside and they have to come inside quickly, and the other is when they are in the MPR and have to move safely to secure spaces. We will share with families once the practice drills are completed.

**Springtime always seems to bring some unexpected changes across our district and schools.** As the transition processes continue with three schools closing in Kyrene for the 2026-27 school year, some additional shifting of staff has been necessary.

**What that means for KTA is twofold:** Mrs. Lindsay Sweeney, our Academic Behavior Support (ABS) will be on campus full time for the 2026-27 school year. Ms. Andrea Vester, our Assistant Principal, will be split between KTA and Kyrene de la Paloma Elementary. Remember that Paloma is the school KTA students and families will feed into once KTA closes at the end of the 2026-27 school year. While this will bring some challenges it also brings some positives, because Ms. Vester will be directly involved in the planning for the smooth and positive transition for our families to Paloma.

She will pave the way for our families in this transition process. We thank you in advance for supporting both Mrs. Sweeney and Ms. Vester in their evolving roles on campus.

**Can you believe it's APRIL?** Where did the time go? Here are some highlights of the next few weeks of fun activities and events!

- **PTO Coin Wars – April 6-10** This is a competitive fundraiser for Staff Appreciation Week! Please contribute what you can and see which teachers and classes will win fun prizes!
- **National Assistant Principal Week April 6-10:** Please take a moment to send an email or a note to Ms. Vester, our amazing Assistant Principal, for her dedication and hard work at KTA!
- **KTA Variety Show – Wed April 15** This is a time-honored tradition in our school and community! Please come on down, watch the performances and have a wonderful time!

**Thank you one and all for your continued support and collaboration for our students, staff and community.**

Marianne L. Lescher, Ph.D.

Principal, Kyrene Traditional Academy

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## **PARENT PERMISSION NEEDED: 8th GR**

At the end of April, Kyrene will participate in the Arizona Youth Survey, an anonymous statewide prevention needs assessment for middle and high school students conducted by the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission. Students need parent permission to participate in the survey. Parents of students in grade 8 can review survey details and opt in or out for their child's participation in ParentVUE. Please complete the acknowledgement by April 24 to indicate your preference for your child's participation.

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KYRENE TRADITIONAL ACADEMY PTO

# 1-2-3-4 We Declare A

# COIN WAR

**APRIL 6-10, 2026**

The funds raised for this event will be used for Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week

## HOW IT WORKS








Each GRADE has their own piggy bank for collecting money. Students **GAIN POINTS** by adding **PENNIES & BILLS** to their own grade's pig. **BUT...** Grades can **DEDUCT POINTS** from each other by adding **SILVER COINS** to other Grade's pig.

**THE GRADE WITH THE MOST POINTS WINS A FROZEN TREAT PARTY!  
ONE WINNER FROM K-2ND; ONE WINNER FROM 3RD-5TH;  
ONE WINNER FROM 6TH-8TH**


**OUR GOAL IS TO RAISE \$2,000 AS A SCHOOL!**

**IF WE REACH OUR GOAL, DR. LESCHER AND MRS. VESTER WILL  
HAVE A CAMP OUT AT SCHOOL!**

### WIN POINTS

-  EACH PENNY = +1 POINT
-  \$1 BILL = +100 POINTS
-  \$2 BILL = +200 POINTS
-  \$5 BILL = +500 POINTS
-  \$10 BILL = +1,000 POINTS
-  \$20 BILL = +2,000 POINTS
-  PENNY ROLL = +250 POINTS

### LOSS POINTS

-  NICKEL = -5 POINTS
-  DIME = -10 POINTS
-  QUARTER = -25 POINTS
-  HALF DOLLAR = -50 POINTS
-  DOLLAR COIN = -100 POINTS



**PIGGY BANKS WILL BE BY THE WATER  
FOUNTAINS FOR K-5TH AND BY THE  
STAIRS FOR 6TH-8TH BEFORE SCHOOL  
EACH DAY!**

**ALL MONEY MUST BE TURNED IN BY  
8:00AM ON FRIDAY TO BE COUNTED!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL [KTAPTOTIGERS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KTAPTOTIGERS@GMAIL.COM)

# DONATE WHILE

# YOU DINE



April 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

As a bonus, on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> spin the **Wheel of Prizes** for \$3 to win fun prizes, all proceeds go directly to KTA PTO!

Visit Culver's, just a few blocks from school, pm Ray Rd/101 and ask them to put your receipt in the **KTA Bucket** and 20% of your sales will be donated to our school! In-store and drive-thru purchase all count.

Enjoy a delicious meal, support a great cause and feel good all over!

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING KTA!**



Culver's of Chandler  
3155 W Ray Rd  
Chandler, AZ 85226

## CULVER'S FUNDRAISER WEEK

Monday, April 13 - Sunday, April 19th

Let them know you are with the KTA Fundraiser all week long, and they will add your receipt to their collection bucket. Both inside and drive-thru sales count.

Join us Thursday, April 16th to spin the prize wheel for \$3!!!

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## FREE 8TH GRADE PROMOTION SIGNS

The KTA PTO would like to gift a yard sign to each of our promoting 8th Graders!

**You must fill out the quick online form to reserve a sign! The reason that we request an order is so that we know what name you would like on the sign.**

Order by **Monday, April 13th** to receive a sign.

Signs will be sent home with students in the beginning of May to proudly display! [Form Link:](#)

Additional signs may be purchased upon request for \$12

Email questions to [ktaptotigers@gmail.com](mailto:ktaptotigers@gmail.com)



### **NEXT MEETING**

Monday, April 6, 2026

5:30 p.m.

MPR/Enter Through the Garden Gate

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### **Variety Show**

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

5:30 p.m.

Outside

Feel free to bring your own chair!

PTO will have refreshments available for purchase!

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## **Middle School Theatre Production**



Singing In The Rain Jr.

Friday, April 24 @ 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 25 @ 2:30 p.m.

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## **Celebration of Learning**

**SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, April 29, 2026**

TIME: 5 P.M. - 7 P.M.

A fun filled night of art, music, wax museum, volume zoo.

More details to follow

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You're invited to a



**DR. LESCHER'S**  
**RETIREMENT**  
**ASSEMBLY**  
**&**  
**RECEPTION**

**MAY 1, 2026**

@KTA - 8 a.m.

Refreshments Immediately Following!

Join us for National Principal's Day!  
Suggested attire: Neon Colors



### IMPORTANT DATES

- Fri, May 15 MS Dance
- Thurs, May 21 8th Grade Celebration~~Main Event
- Wed, May 27 Clap Out - 2 p.m.
- Wed, May 27 Last Day of School for 8th Grade Only
- Wed, May 27 8th Grade Promotion 6 P.M.



### IMPORTANT DATES

- Fri, May 22 5th Grade Celebration (Students Only) ~~ Circus
- Tues, May 26 8th Grade Promotion - 8 a.m. (Family Welcome)



### Memorial Day ~ ~ No School

- Monday, May 25, 2026



### Important Dates You Need To Know

- Mon, May 25 No School ~ ~ Memorial Day
  - Wed, May 27 NOT an early release day~release at 2:15 p.m.
  - Thur, May 28 Last day of school~early release at 12:15 p.m.
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# Save The Date

## *Class of 2026 KTA Alumni*

### Wednesday, May 27, 2026

KTA would like to invite Seniors to join us for a Senior Walk at KTA. Please meet us in the school cafeteria at 1:45 p.m. (enter through the Garden Gate)

Wear your gap and gown, lead us on a memory walk through the halls of KTA.

8th Grade Students will join in the walk for a final Clap Out.

A reception to follow in the MPR.



RSVP @  
<https://tinyurl.com/4hyhn6fz>  
OR  
With the QR Code

**QUESTIONS:**  
[stheob@kyrene.org](mailto:stheob@kyrene.org)  
or call 480-541-5400

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A+ School of Excellence*

## Upcoming School Events

### APRIL

**April 6-10:** Coin Wars

**April 6:** PTO Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

**April 15:** Variety Show

**April 13-16:** Culver's Fundraiser

**April 22:** Kyrene Resource Fair

**April 24 & 25:** Singing In The Rain

**April 29:** Celebration of Learning

### MAY

**May 1:** Neon Day

**May 1:** Dr. Lescher's Retirement Assembly @ 8 a.m.

**May 4:** PTO Meeting - 5:30 P.M.

**May 5:** Marimba Cats/Cool Cats Concert

**May 4 - 8:** Teacher Appreciation

**May 12:** Middle School Showcase (Theatre & Music Explo)  
**May 15:** Middle School Dance  
**May 19:** Peter Piper Pizza  
**May 21:** Quarter 4 Band Concert  
**May 21:** 8th Grade End of Year Celebration - Main Event  
**May 21:** All School \$1 Free Dress  
**May 22:** 5th Grade End of Year Celebration  
**May 25:** Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL  
**May 26:** 5th Grade Promotion - 8 A.M.  
**May 26:** Spirit Day ~ ~ Dress Your Best  
**May 27:** Senior Walk/8th Grade Clap Out - 1:45 p.m.  
**May 27:** 8th Grade Promotion - 6 P.M.  
**May 27:** NOT an Early Release Day  
**May 28:** Spirit Day ~ ~ KTA Spirit Wear  
**May 28:** Last Day of School ~ ~ Early Release at 12:15 p.m.

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***Kids Club & After Hours 2026-27 Registration Now Open!***

*Looking for a safe, engaging place for your child before or after school? Kyrene offers outstanding programs for both elementary and middle school students, right on campus. **Kids Club** provides a structured, welcoming environment with activities designed to keep your child engaged, and **After Hours** gives students a safe place to connect and explore new interests. [Check out the 2026-27 Kids Club and After Hours](#) times and locations, and secure your spot today. Programs fill up fast!*

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### ***Speak Up Kyrene!***

*Kyrene School District is proud to announce that later this month, we will officially launch Speak Up Kyrene, an anonymous reporting system available 24/7/365.*

*This tool is a partnership with Sandy Hook Promise and Navigate360, and will provide licensed crisis counselors and a safe way for students, families, and community members to share concerns such as bullying or threats. Be on the lookout for an email from the District with more information once the system goes live.*



### **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](#)

KYRENE 2025-26  
SCHOOL YEAR  
PARENT TRAININGS

# ESS Parent Trainings



**Kyrene School District offers ESS parent trainings.**

April 22, 2026 ESS Family Resource Fair

Kyrene del Pueblo Middle School.



## 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?

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|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| AHCCCS                                    | Higher Octave Healing           | The Miracle League               |
| ASU SPELL Program                         | Hope Group                      | The Suzy Foundation              |
| AzTAP                                     | Kyrene Resource Center          | YMCA                             |
| B Noelle Foundation                       | Mariposa Therapy                | Out and About                    |
| Care for Caregivers                       | Mountain Park Health Center     | Absolute HCBS                    |
| Chicanos Por La Causa                     | Phoenix Adaptive Rec            | Kyrene Related Service Providers |
| Disability Rights Arizona                 | Phoenix Public Library/Ironwood | DES Child and Community Services |
| Duet (Grandparents Raising Grandchildren) | Ryan House                      | DDD                              |
| Encircle Families                         | Southwest Network               | Inspire Services                 |
| Gompers                                   | Tempe Adaptive Recreation       | <i>AND MANY MORE!</i>            |



**WELCOME**

# Summer

**JUNE 2 - JULY 10**

**7AM - 6PM**

## **KIDS CLUB**

**INCOMING 1ST - 5TH GRADE**

**LAGOS AND PALOMA**

**\$279.00/WEEK**

## **AFTER HOURS**

**INCOMING 6TH - 8TH GRADES**

**PUEBLO**

**\$279.00/WEEK**

## **PRESCHOOL**

**AGES 3-5 YEARS AND INCOMING**

**KINDERGARTENERS**

**LAGOS AND PALOMA**

**FULL DAY 8:00AM - 2:45PM**

**\$157.80/WEEK**

**\*BEFORE AND AFTER CARE OPTIONS  
AVAILABLE**

**JUNE 2 - JUNE 26**

**7AM - 4PM**

## **ADVENTURE TOURS**

**INCOMING 4TH - 8TH GRADE**

**PUEBLO**

**\$389.75/WEEK**

**\*WRAP AVAILABLE UNTIL 6PM**

## **VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:**

**[WWW.KYRENE.ORG/COMMUNITYEDUCATION](http://WWW.KYRENE.ORG/COMMUNITYEDUCATION)**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
ABOUT OTHER FUN MINI-  
CAMPS INCLUDING SPORTS,  
STEM, ART AND MORE!**

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!**

**[communityeducation@kyrene.org](mailto:communityeducation@kyrene.org)**

**(480)-541-1500**



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**School Hours:** 7:30 am - 2:15 pm

*Early Release Wednesday: 12:15 pm*

**Office Hours:** 7:00 am - 3:30 pm

*Wednesday: 7:00 am - 1:30 pm*