



May 15, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 15: 8th Grade Dance: 6-8pm

May 18: NJHS Induction Ceremony

May 18-24: PTSO Fundraiser- Culver's

May 19: Orchestra Concert: 6pm- 8th Grade Advanced and 7pm- 6th Grade & 7th Grade Advanced

May 20: 8th Grade End of Year Fieldtrip to Sunsplash

May 21: Band Concert @ Corona HS

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

[View Full Calendar](#)

8th Grade Dance

*8th Grade
Celebration Dance*

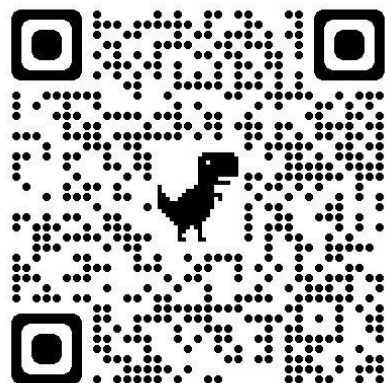
A Night Under the Stars

*May 15, 2026 6-8 pm
Kyrene Aprende Middle School*

Thank you to our sponsor:

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7th Grade Field Trip Reminder - Main Event



FINAL PAYMENTS DUE TODAY!!!!

 **Due Date: May 15, 2026** -Please submit payment and permission slip as soon as possible to secure your child's spot.

We are excited to announce our upcoming **7th grade** field trip to **Main Event Entertainment** on **May 27th**

 **Cost:** \$30 per student Use the **QR code** or pay online here <https://az-kyrene.intouchrecepting.com/>

Important Reminder:

Students must have both a signed permission slip AND the \$30 payment turned in to attend the trip.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's 7th period teacher.

NJHS Induction Ceremony

National Junior Honor Society will be holding our Induction Ceremony on Monday, 05/18, at 6:00 PM in the Aprende MPR. New inductees will need to be at the MPR at 5:30 PM. We are excited to induct all of the new members! There will also be a new member meeting on Friday, 05/22, at 7:45 AM. This meeting is for new members only, previously inducted members need not attend. Parents and guardians, if you would like to receive email communications from Miss Polay, please email rpalay@kyrene.org with your member's name and a request to be added to our Google Classroom. Congratulations new inductees of NJHS!

PTSO Fundraiser- Culver's



Culver's of Chandler

3155 W Ray Road, Chandler, 85226

Ray & 101

(480) 268-7249

Date: _____

May 18th-24th

Time: _____

10:00 AM—10:30 PM

Aprende Middle School

Organization: _____



Join us for great food and fellowship at Culver's to help support the above listed organization. Culver's will donate a % of your total sales during the entire event



FUNDRAISER

Aprende Grad Clap Out

SAVE THE DATE!

CLASS OF
2026



**APR GRAD
CLAP OUT**

WED., MAY 27TH
STARTS AT 2PM
FOLLOWING BRI/CIE CLAP OUT





CLASS OF 2026

FORMER GECKO GRADUATION WALK

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: KYRENE DE LAS BRISAS



Grad Walk

2026




Congratulations! We can't wait to celebrate you. Please spread the word to your Cielo & Aprende friends!

Dress Code
Cap and Gown

RSVP
Mrs. Plenn @
dplenn@kyrene.org

Wednesday,
May 27th, 2026

Cielo Elementary
⌚ Check In @ 12:30pm in front of the school. Walk starts @ 12:45pm.

Aprende Middle School
⌚ Check In @ 1:45pm in front of the school. Walk starts at 2:00pm.



8th Grade Promotion & Last Day

8th Grade Promotion will be held the evening of Wednesday, May 27th. The official last day of school is Thursday, May 28th. However, 8th graders will NOT be required to attend on Thursday. You do NOT need to call to report your 8th grade student's absence on May 28th. 8th graders are still welcome to attend Thursday, and if they do, we will ensure it is an active day of school.

HAPPY 8TH GRADE PROMOTION!



Class of 2026

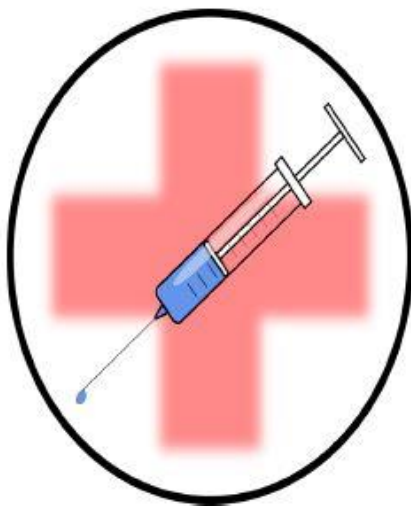
When: May 27, 2026, from approximately 6:30-8 p.m.

Where: Outside on Aprende's baseball fields

Details: Students and teachers will be seated in chairs facing the stage. Families/guests will need to bring their own seating (chairs/blankets). Seating will open at 6:00. Students are not limited to a specific number of guests. All students will be recognized in one ceremony. Picture stations available afterwards in the MPR. See Jagwire for more details as the event gets closer.



ATTENTION PARENTS - IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS



Please check [ParentVUE](#) to confirm your student's health records are up to date. All students are required to provide a record of their 11-year-old immunizations for Tdap and Meningococcal vaccines to the Aprende Middle School Health Office.

Updated immunization records may be emailed to aweidner@kyrene.org or faxed to (480) 541-6210.

The Maricopa County health department provides free vaccinations to all children 18 years old and under. They can be reached at (602) 506-6767
<https://www.maricopa.gov/1809/Locations>

If you have any questions regarding this requirement, please contact your family physician or Aprende Health Assistant, Anita Weidner at (480) 541-6220.



Year-End Medication Pick up

If your student has over-the-counter and/or prescription medication in the Aprende Health Office, please make time to pick it up during the last week of school.

Medicine can only be signed out to adults. ***All medication not picked up by May 28th will be properly disposed of.***

To schedule an alternative pick-up time, contact Anita Weidner, Health Assistant, at aweidner@kyrene.org.

NO COST - Back to School & Sports Physicals

NO COST

BACK-TO-SCHOOL & SPORTS PHYSICALS!



**Every physical comes with
a FREE backpack!**

**MAY 26 -
SEPTEMBER 4**

What's included?

- ✓ A well-child check up
- ✓ Vision and hearing exam
- ✓ Sports physical
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SCHEDULING
AVAILABLE!**



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CALL 24/7 (602) 243-7277

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SIN COSTO

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con una mochila GRATIS!

**26 DE MAYO -
4 DE SEPTIEMBRE**



¿Que Incluye?

- ✓ Un chequeo de bienestar
- ✓ Examen de visión y audición
- ✓ Examen físico para deportes
- ✓ ¡Y más!

**¡AGENDAR EN
LINEA ESTÁ
DISPONIBLE!**



**¿CUENTA CON AHCCCS?
¡CUENTE CON MOUNTAIN PARK!
¡HASTA LE PODEMOS AYUDAR
A APLICAR!**

LLAME 24/7 (602) 243-7277

Chandler PD Wilderness Summer Program

Chandler Police Department is looking for two junior high girls to participate in 2026 Wilderness Summer Program from June 1st to June 4th. The Wilderness Program is packed with fun activities at Mt Graham, including going to the Mt. Graham International Observatory(MGIO). The program is completely free, and all supplies will be provided for two nights camping on the mountain.

June 1st 8 am until 1pm at Chandler Heights Substation located at 4040 E. Chandler Heights Road in Chandler.

June 2nd drop off at Chandler Heights Substation at 8 am and pick up on June 4th at 5pm.

Please complete the information with the following QR Code or email Officer Miller for further information at Loranda.Miller@Chandleraz.gov





Quarter 4 Sports

Girls Basketball

Girls JV Basketball Semifinal Game – Monday, May 11

The JV Girls Basketball team faced Kyrene Middle School in the playoff semifinals. Both teams got off to a slow start, with KMS playing strong, tough defense and holding us to one of our lowest-scoring halves of the season. At halftime, we led 16–7. In the second half, we raised our intensity, took control of the game, and pulled away for a 36–20 victory, earning a spot in the championship game on Thursday, May 14.

Girls JV Basketball Championship Game – Thursday, May 14

In the championship game, we faced Altadena Middle School. Once again, both teams started slowly and battled to a 12–12 tie at halftime. In the second half, Altadena took the lead and held on, finishing with a 31–23 victory to claim the championship. Congratulations to Altadena on a strong performance and well-earned win.

Despite losing two of our leading scorers before the championship game, our girls competed with heart, toughness, and determination. I am extremely proud of their effort and the way they battled all season long.

Girls Varsity Basketball Semifinal Game – Monday, May 11

On Monday, May 11, the varsity girls' basketball team faced Altadena in the playoff semifinals. The varsity girls jumped out to an early six-point lead before Altadena cut the margin to two. The girls responded by regaining control and building a 10-point halftime lead. In the second half, they elevated their intensity, extending the lead to 15 points and securing the victory, advancing them to the championship game.

Girls Varsity Basketball Championship Game – Thursday, May 14

In the championship game on Thursday, both teams opened with high intensity. Akimel A-al took control in the first half, building a 20-point lead. In the second half, their defensive

pressure forced turnovers and helped them maintain control, ultimately securing the win and the championship title.

Well done to Akimel A-al.

I am very proud of the varsity girls this season. Even after losing my top three scorers before the championship game, the team fought as hard as they could. Akimel A-al was the better team on the day, but our girls showed real resilience and heart throughout the season.

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

Baseball

The Varsity Baseball team beat KMS 11-1 in the first round of the playoffs. Keilson Whitehair pitched a masterful game, only allowing 2 hits while striking out 7 batters in four innings. Whitehair pitched 80% strikes and had no walks. Seven players on the team had a hit. Alex Dunn and Cash Hartman each had two RBI in the game. Cody Campbell hit a walk-off double with bases loaded to score two runs and end the game.

In the semi-finals, Aprende lost to Altadena 11-1. The team had difficulty on defense as they had six errors and were unable to initiate a strong attack while batting. The team closed out the season 5-5.

JV Baseball showed up to play some ball this week! On Monday, Aprende JV faced off against Altadena. In the regular season, Altadena handed Aprende two run-rule losses. On Monday, Aprende came out swinging, scoring three runs in the first inning. Jacob Steffen took the mound and threw six great innings of five-hit, two-run baseball. The real star of this game was Aprende's lights-out defense. Avi Bernstein had two putouts at home from third base, Rocco Fasci turned a double play from first base, catching a base runner on third that wasn't paying attention, and Mason Barker had some great catches in the outfield. Catcher Sam Pierce caught a full six innings in both the playoff games. Often overlooked, the catcher position is absolutely the toughest position to play in baseball, and Sam was our wall behind the plate catching, blocking, picking, and just all-around dominating, all while wearing full catcher's gear in 100+ degree weather.

Thursday, Aprende faced Akimel for the JV Championship. The Jags ran off Akimel's starting pitcher after one inning, putting nine runs on the board. Rocco Fasci pitched 2.2 great innings of baseball, but the Rattlers kept chipping away at the lead. In the third inning, the Jags called on Jacob Steffen to try to keep the lead and dominate like he did against Altadena earlier in the week. Aprende's bats went cold for a few innings, but the Rattlers stayed hot, fighting back to a 16-11 lead after 5. The Jags clawed back within one run in the sixth inning, but just fell short of tying it up. Cy Peraza had an amazing offensive game, going 2-2 at the plate, with two walks,

three runs, and one RBI. Multiple hits were had by Peraza, Steffen, Fasci, and Owen York. Unfortunately, the Jags fell to Akimel 16-15.

Although the Championship game didn't end the way all of us wanted it to, Coach Luke, Coach Josh, and Coach Buckets are so proud of the way this team really focused in these last couple of games. They showed A TON of heart, grit, and fight going against the two teams that had run them into the ground during the regular season. There is a ton of talent on this team, and we can't wait to see what these boys can do in the future.

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

Track & Field

JAGUAR TRACK & FIELD TEAM has been **OUTSTANDING** this season, showing incredible dedication, teamwork and a string of impressive victories. Their hard work, perseverance and consistent top performances are a true testament to their talent and commitment. The girls team finished second with 107 points. The leading points came from seventh grader Andi Cowley securing 1st place in 800 meters, 1600 meters anchoring the 4x400 relay to first place and 2nd place in Long Jump. Look out she will be returning next season. Paige Boyce points aided to our win with 1st place in Long Jump, 2nd in 75 Hurdles, 6th place in 400 meters and ran a blistering 1st leg on 4x400 relay, that relay squad consisted of Symaria Adams-Gill running 2nd leg and 3rd leg Delaney Vida. Adding to the medal count and multiple events was Jaida Williams anchoring the 2nd place 4x100 relay accompanied by Brooklynn Oakry, Amara Rahming and Alexandria Smith they ran a season best time of 52.72, her 3rd place finish in 200 meters and 4th place in 100 meters. Rounding out the medal count with 2nd place in 800 meters Adeline Etienne, 3rd place finishers Symaria Adams-Gill in 75 hurdles, Keila Williams in Discus, 4th place medalist Zoe Anspach in High Jump, Viviana Gonzales in 1600 meters, 5th place medalist Symaria again in 400 meters and Zoe in Shot Put. The girls team had a host of PR's (personal record)

The boys finished in 3rd place overall with 73 points. Heading the team in points was Kaixuan "Alex" Zheng 1st place New District Meet Record 10.27 in 75 Hurdles, Lead off on the 4x400 relay 1st place Breaking the District Meet Record with Kai Kirrer, Ryan Peng and Jace Ball in a time of 3:46.58 (old record was 3:50.0) and 2nd place PR 54.75 in 400 meters. Jace Ball set a goal to Win and run 55 seconds in the 400 meters he finished 1st with a Huge PR in 54.41, his efforts anchoring the 4x400 helped set the meet record and 2nd leg on the 4x100 relay, he also medaled in Long Jump with 6th place. Jamie Bauman 1st place in Shot Put was a HUGE PR he also anchored the 4x100 relay with a season best of 47.59 to 3rd place along with Ryan Peng, Jace Ball and Kai Kirrer. Distance runner Judah Kroot placed 3rd in 800 meters and medaled 5th place in 1600 meters. Kai Kirrer medaled in Hurdles securing 3rd place. Rounding out the medal

count with points Andrew Zhao 5th place in Discus and Jasim Mandley 5th place in Hurdles.
Many PR's in the boys races.

TO ALL OF OUR 8TH GRADERS WE WILL MISS YOU.

GOOD LUCK TO YOUR FUTURE ENDEARVORS

Aprende Coaches are So Very Proud of our 2026 TEAM

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT SEASON !!!





8TH GRADERS HEADING OUT THE DOOR!

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

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INCOMING 1ST- 8TH GRADERS

JUNE 1 - 26

1ST - 5TH :

Multi-Sport Camp

\$115/week - Half Day

\$231/week - Full Day

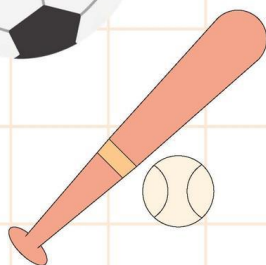
6TH - 8TH :

Basketball &
3v3 Basketball

\$115/week - Half Day

9am-12pm

Register online today!



Questions: Call 480-541-1500



Kyrene Traditional Academy



<https://kyrene.arux.app/course/3043/ye-summer-2026/sports-camp-summer-break>

Camp Kyrene



Get ready for a summer full of fun, learning, and adventure! Our Summer Camps offer children the chance to explore new interests, make friends, and stay active in a safe and engaging environment. Each week features exciting themes, hands-on activities, outdoor play, creative projects, and plenty of opportunities for discovery. Whether your child loves art, science, games, or just having fun, there's something for everyone. Spaces fill quickly, so be sure to register early and give your child a summer to remember! [*Check out the 2026-27 Kids Club and After Hours*](#)



WELCOME

Summer

JUNE 2 - JULY 10

7AM - 6PM

KIDS CLUB

INCOMING 1ST - 5TH GRADE

LAGOS AND PALOMA

\$279.00/WEEK

JUNE 2 - JUNE 26

7AM - 4PM

ADVENTURE TOURS

INCOMING 4TH - 8TH GRADE

PUEBLO

\$389.75/WEEK

***WRAP AVAILABLE UNTIL 6PM**

AFTER HOURS

INCOMING 6TH - 8TH GRADES

PUEBLO

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AGES 3-5 YEARS AND INCOMING

KINDERGARTENERS

LAGOS AND PALOMA

FULL DAY 8:00AM - 2:45PM

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QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

communityeducation@kyrene.org

(480)-541-1500

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COMMUNITY EDUCATION**



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!



JOIN A CLUB!!!

They are all listed on the website <https://apr.kyrene.org/programs/activities>

Pop Tab Challenge- AVID



Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central and Northern Arizona

Aprende is participating in the Ronald McDonald House POP TAB Challenge!



It's all about the TABS!

Unfortunately, we cannot accept can tops, including those from tennis ball cans. For our purposes, only pop can TABS are recyclable. They contain the most pure aluminum, thus are more valuable.

Aprende is in competition with other area schools around greater Phoenix!

Help Aprende WIN by bringing POP TABS to to your advisory teacher!

AVID Club:

AVID Club will be sorting through POP Tabs and transporting them to the designated drop offs.

Bring Pop Tops to your advisory teachers for collection.



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!



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!



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!

Stay in the know... follow us on social media for current & upcoming events!

APRENDE MIDDLE SCHOOL



APRENDE PTSO



[AprendePTSO.org](https://www.aprendepto.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>



Quicklinks

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

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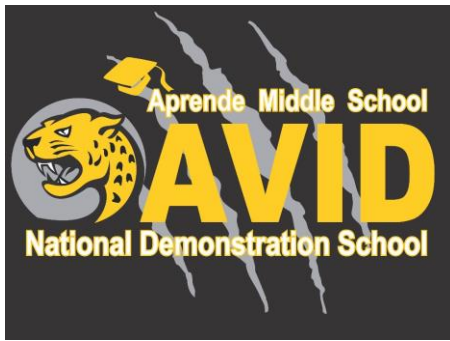
School Hours: 8:20 am - 3:05 pm

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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