



August 3, 2026

### UPCOMING EVENTS

August 11: Meet & Greet 7:45-8:10am

August 11: 8:15-9am

August 17: No School - Staff Development Day

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

[View Full Calendar](#)

### Traffic Flow Pattern

Below is a map showing some of the signs that the City of Chandler has installed in our school zone. There are also “Do Not Enter Signs” on the Exits to each of our parking lot driveways. Please do not use the North Staff Parking Lot during drop off and pick up times. This parking lot is for staff and buses only during those times. Please review the map – it shows where to drop off and pick up depending on the direction you enter our school zone. Also, there should be no dropping your student off when you are stopped in middle of the road. This is a huge safety concern. We also prefer that you utilize the drop off system instead of parking on the street or at

Desert Breeze Park to drop your child off at school as this causes more traffic issues and interrupts the way the flow of traffic is supposed to work.

***If you travel from Ray Road*** you will turn left into the large parking lot in front of Aprende to drop off & pick up, exit right back towards Ray Road. Once you pull into the parking lot and come to a stopping point in the drop off line, your child should immediately exit the vehicle onto the sidewalk and enter the school. This allows you to be ready to move and exit the parking lot when the line moves again. Please stay in the drop off line and wait for the line to move to exit.

***If you travel from McClintock*** you will turn right into the parking lot in front of Brisas, pull all the way forward, and your child will exit onto the sidewalk and walk in front of Brisas to Aprende. You will exit this parking lot by turning left and return in the direction of McClintock. Thank you.

Also, for the safety of everyone, **we need every student and parent** that walks across Desert Breeze Blvd **to use one of our cross walks**. We have a cross walk at the stop sign at Desert Breeze Blvd and Joshua and another cross walk in front of the Brisas parking lot. We ask that **everyone do their part keeping the students safe** as they make their way to and from school. **No Jaywalking or U-Turns Allowed!** Thank you for putting safety first!



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## Parent Acknowledgements

### Welcome to the 2026–27 School Year!

Each year, families are asked to review and acknowledge important information, including contact and emergency details, district policies, and survey preferences. This information is now available in ParentVUE for your review. Thank you for logging in and taking the time to complete this process.

**Annual address verification:** If you're prompted to complete a registration packet, don't worry — this does not mean your child has been un-enrolled or dropped from their school. Your child's enrollment is secure. This is a routine request, one-a-year.

Arizona law requires school districts to verify each family's address every year. You'll meet this requirement by completing the Health, Emergency, and Address Information packet — or any other 2026–27 registration packet — in ParentVUE. Families who registered or updated their information this spring have already met this requirement.

After midnight on July 23, families who haven't yet completed this step will see a notification when they log into ParentVUE and will be guided to Online Registration to finish the packet. Once it's done, you'll have full access to the rest of your ParentVUE account.

**Using the mobile app?** The ParentVUE and StudentVUE apps have a new version, and the older one is no longer supported. When you log in, you may be prompted to update — it takes less than a minute. After updating, you'll reconnect to Kyrene School District and then select "Already Activated" to get back into your existing account.

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## E-bikes & Scooters

Please note that motorized vehicles and devices, including e-bikes and e-scooters, are not allowed on Kyrene school campuses. Students may not use them as transportation to and from school, and they may not be operated or parked on campus. This restriction does not apply to approved accommodations such as mobility devices required for disabilities. Those devices are permitted. The City of [Chandler/Phoenix/Tempe] has laws regulating the use of motorized devices, including who can ride them and where. Kyrene's practice is aligned with those laws,

and we will continue to partner with police to help ensure the safety of our campus and community.

[City of Phoenix bike and scooter laws](#)

[City of Chandler bike and scooter laws](#)

[City of Tempe bike and scooter laws](#)

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## 26-27 Calendar Update

PLEASE READ!!!

The Kyrene Governing Board has approved a small change to the 2026-27 school calendar. **The last day of school for all middle school students will be Tuesday, May 25.** Previously, this was only the last day for 8th graders. The last day for elementary schools will remain May 26.

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## Healthy Schools Act

Important changes for the 2026-27 school year!

Arizona's new Healthy Schools Act changes laws governing food in schools, to help kids stay healthy. The law identifies 11 banned ingredients, and schools participating in federal meal programs cannot serve or sell foods with any of the ingredients. Additionally, food brought to campus during the school day must not contain any of the banned ingredients.

**Important!** These new rules do not apply to parents packing their child's individual lunch or snacks. You can still pack any lunches, snacks, or treats for your individual child. However, the new rules do restrict the foods allowed during classroom parties and other celebrations during the school day. For a full lists of banned ingredients, answers to frequently asked questions, and additional information, visit [Kyrene.org/healthyschools](https://kyrene.org/healthyschools).

# Arizona Healthy Schools Act

*Important changes for the 2026-27 school year*



## WHAT'S NEW

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### ALLOWED

- ✓ Food fundraisers held off campus or outside the school day
- ✓ Food brought by parents for their own child
- ✓ Shared food that does not contain banned ingredients

### RESTRICTED

- ✗ Shared food during the school day that contain banned ingredients
- ✗ Classroom parties and celebrations with foods containing banned ingredients
- ✗ School-sponsored birthday or holiday treats with banned ingredients

### SCHOOL DAY RESTRICTIONS

- School Meals
- School Stores
- Fundraisers
- Class Celebrations
- Culinary or FACS Classes
- Catering
- Vending Machines

*For this law, a school day is defined as midnight until 30 minutes after the instructional day ends.*

### RESTRICTED INGREDIENTS

- Potassium Bromate
- Propylparaben
- Titanium Dioxide
- Brominated Vegetable Oil
- Yellow Dye 5 or 6
- Red Dye 3 or 40
- Blue Dye 1 or 2
- Green Dye 3



For more information, visit [www.kyrene.org/foodservices](http://www.kyrene.org/foodservices)

## Attendance Matters

Kyrene School District is committed to working with families to improve student attendance and academic success. Our school will send email notices when a student misses four or more days of school, whether excused or unexcused. Additional notices are sent when a student reaches 8 and 13 absences. If a student exceeds 18 absences, a more formal letter will be sent, but it is our goal to partner with families before that happens. Kyrene has a [webpage](#) with resources to maintain good attendance habits, including our “Too Sick for school” guide to help determine when to keep children home.



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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## Download the Kyrene App.

Kyrene has a new mobile app to keep you connected to both your school and the district. Stay updated on events, student stories and important announcements. Families can access multiple school feeds from a single app, and the app is available to anyone! That means extended family members and caregivers can stay in the loop as well. The Kyrene app is free to download from the [Apple App Store](#) or the [Google Play Store](#).

# It's everything Kyrène, in your pocket.



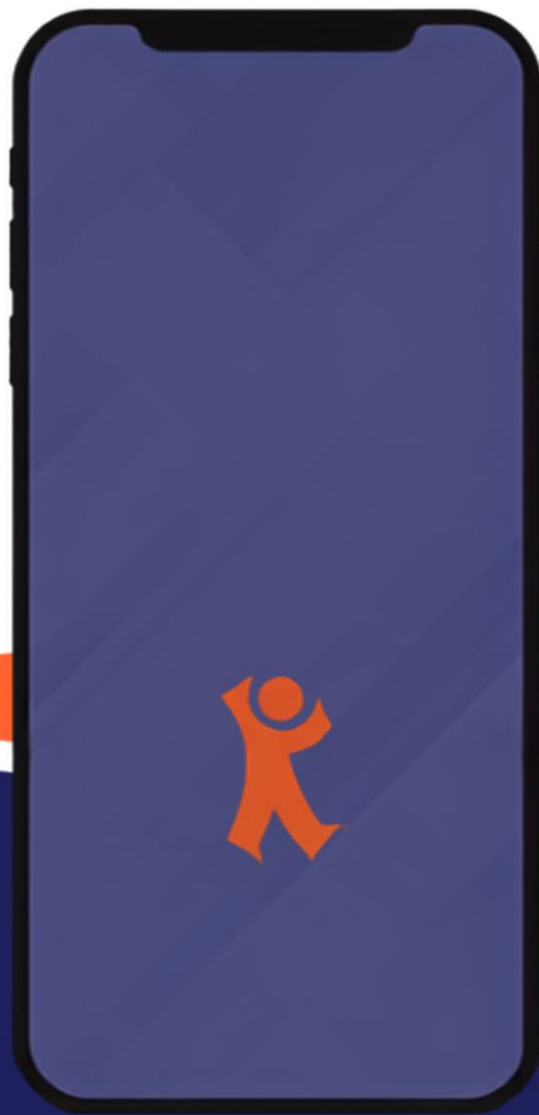
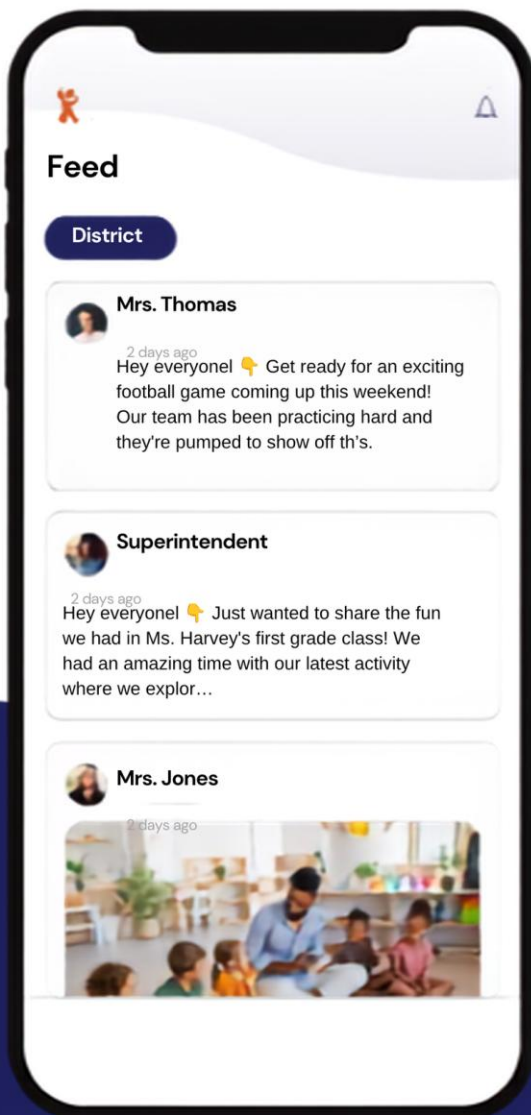
News



Events



Notifications



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Coffee Chat



*Tuesday*

**AUGUST 11TH**



**8:15AM - 9AM**

**JOIN US IN THE MPR**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING  
THE TEACHER MEET & GREET  
FROM 7:45AM-8:10AM**

*All welcome to join!*

**COFFEE PROVIDED BY APRENDE PTSO**

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Spirit Wear

**ORDER ONLINE by July 31st!**

Don't miss out. Order now! <https://aprende.company.site/>



Show your Aprende Middle School

# SCHOOL SPIRIT



Order online by **Friday, July 31st**

## 2026-2027 ONLINE OPTIONS

**\$20**



**YELLOW TEE**  
Adult XS – 3XL

**\$20**



**RAGLAN TEE**  
Youth M – 4XL

**\$20**



**GRAY TEE**  
Youth M – Adult 4XL

**\$20**



**BLACK TEE**  
Youth M – Adult 4XL

**\$25**



**HOODIE**  
Adult XS – 4XL

**\$32**



**ZIP-UP HOODIE**  
Adult XS – 3XL

**\$15**



**6TH GRADE TEE**  
Youth M – Adult XL



**HAT**

**\$30**



**STICKERS**

**\$2**

Unable to make your purchase at MTT? Didn't find your size? No worries! More apparel options are in our online store.

Orders placed by July 31st are expected to be delivered to students by August 24th.

Please note that there is a small upcharge for sizes larger than XL:

- Additional \$2 for 2XL
- Additional \$3 for 3XL or 4XL

Questions: [AprendeApparel@gmail.com](mailto:AprendeApparel@gmail.com)



<https://aprende.company.site/>

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Where Ya Wanna Go Wednesdays

# Where ya wanna go Wednesdays!

**Wear your college gear  
EVERY Wednesday!**

**Any college! Show your spirit!**



**GRAB  
YOUR  
HOODIE**





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.



## Quarter 1 Sports

### **Girls Volleyball**

Girls Volleyball tryouts have concluded and the first day of practice is today!

Practices will be in the gym at Kyrene Traditional Academy. (3375 W Galveston St, Chandler, AZ 85226)

The Aprende gym is under construction. Transportation will be provided to athletes to KTA for practices. Parents will need to pick up athletes from KTA at the end of practice each day.

**MANDATORY Parent Meeting: (Only for parents of athletes on the Aprende Girls Volleyball Team)**

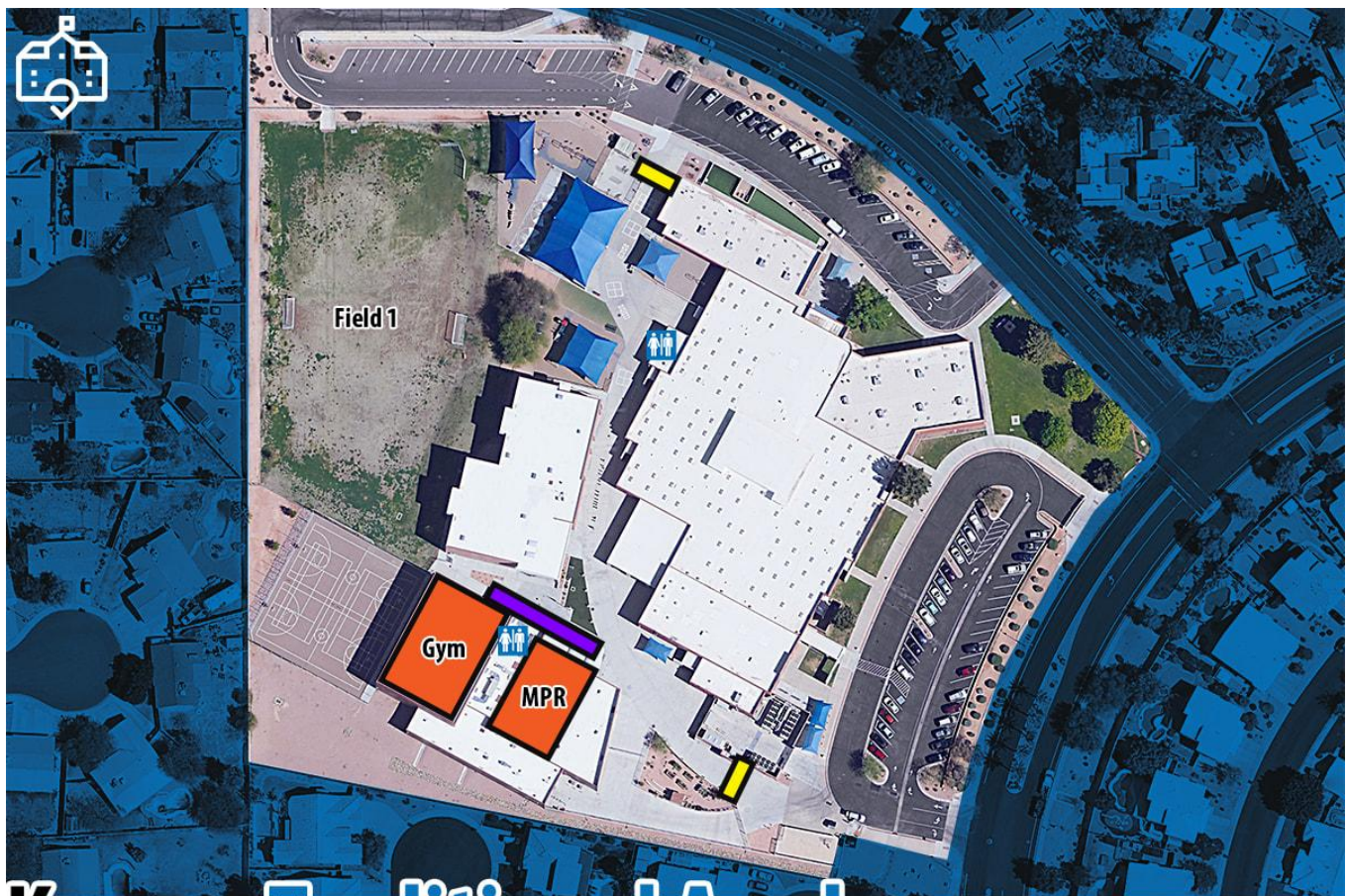
Monday, August 3 at 5:30pm In the KTA Gym

### **PRACTICES:**

Monday, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays     3:30pm-6:00pm

Please visit the girls volleyball website for more information.

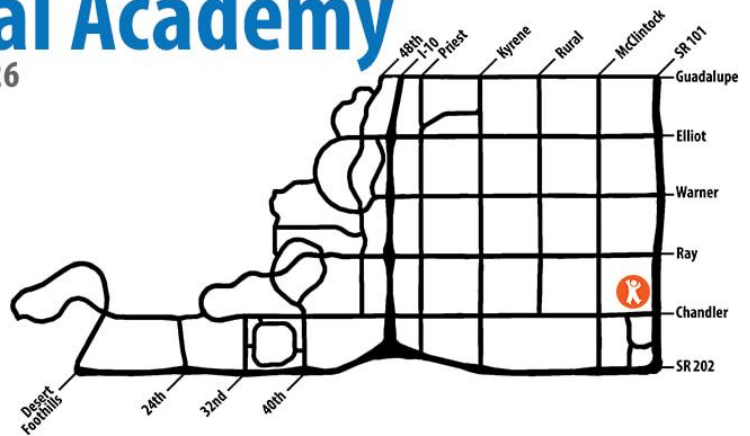
<https://apr.kyrene.org/programs/athletics/girls-volleyball-26-27>



**3375 W Galveston St, Chandler, AZ 85226**

 **MPR/gym lobby entrance**

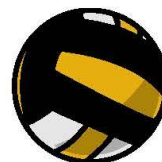
 **Campus gate**

 **Restrooms**



# Volleyball **SPIRIT WEAR**

**CONGRATULATIONS ON  
MAKING THE TEAM!**



Spirit wear is now available for all athletes, families, and coaches. Purchasing spirit apparel is optional and is not part of the Volleyball uniform. Spirit apparel may be worn to school on game days, practice and team events. Spirit apparel will be delivered approximately two weeks after the due date of **Thursday, August 6th**.



#### Prices:

- \$20: Short-sleeved crew neck
- \$22: Short-sleeved v-neck
- \$24: Long-sleeved crew neck
- +\$6: Optional add name to back of any shirt



**BUY NOW**



<https://aprende.company.site/>

## **Wrestling**

**Registration is still OPEN! Sign up today!**

Join our Conference Winning Wrestling Team!

All sizes and shapes, under 70lbsàover 250lbs. Get Fit. Work Hard. Cross Train. Have Fun!

**WRESTLE...** You'll be glad you did!

Practices have started but it is not too late to join. Register today!

Registration and Payment must be completed to attend practices.

### **PRACTICES:**

Monday, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays     3:15pm-5:15pm

Please visit the wrestling website for more information.

<https://apr.kyrene.org/programs/athletics/wrestling-26-27>

Athletics Registration Website:

<https://kyrene.arux.app/athletics>

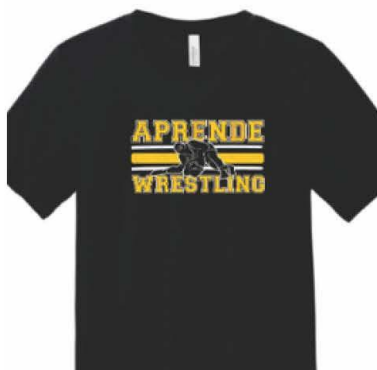
Athletics Information can be found on our website:

<https://apr.kyrene.org/programs/athletics>

# WRESTLING SPIRIT WEAR

**ONLINE STORE IS NOW OPEN!**

Spirit wear is now available for all athletes, families, and coaches. Purchasing spirit apparel is optional and is not part of the Wrestling uniform. Spirit apparel may be worn to school on meet days, practice and team events. Spirit apparel will be delivered approximately two weeks after the due date of **Tuesday, August 4th**.



Prices:

- \$20: Short-sleeved crew neck
- \$35: Fleece pullover hoodie
- +\$6: Optional add name to back of either design



**BUY NOW**



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# APRENDE ATHLETICS



FAQS-Athletic Registration...

**Why does it say Waitlist on Step #1-Aprende Middle School: Athletic Registration Packet?**  
The new athletic registration portal is setup as courses. A waitlist is created in order for the physicals and registration packet to be viewed and evaluated. Once approved a confirmation email is sent to you removing the athlete from the waitlist and giving a passcode to complete Step #2- Aprende Middle School: Cut & Non-Cut Sports.

**Why does it say Full when I click on Step #1-Aprende Middle School: Athletic Registration Packet?** The class shows up as “Full” due to the waitlist. Please still click the blue Enroll Now button to complete Step #1.

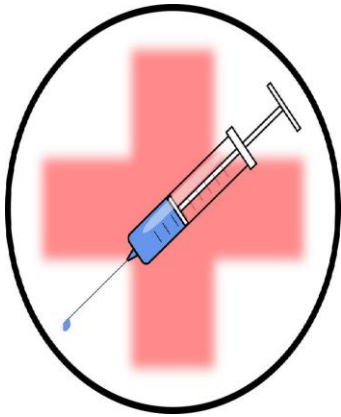
**I completed Step #1, why haven't I received a confirmation email?** Please log back in, double check your cart and be sure to check out.

**I completed Step #1, what's next?** You will receive an email conformation saying you are on the waitlist. Your registration will then be evaluated and if approved you will be removed off the waitlist and receive a confirmation email giving a passcode to complete Step #2- Aprende Middle School: Cut & Non-Cut Sports.

**It's asking for a passcode, where do I find it?** You should receive a confirmation email once you have completed Step #1 and have been approved with the passcode. Please do not share the passcode.

**Why was I removed from the tryout roster or sports roster?** If you have not completed Step #1 and have been approved, you will be removed from any sports rosters in Step #2. Step #1 must be completed and approved in order to be put on any sports roster.





## ATTENTION PARENTS - IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

All students 11 years old are required to provide a record of their immunizations for Tdap and Meningococcal vaccines to the Aprende Middle School Health Office.

Updated immunization records may be emailed to [aweidner@kyrene.org](mailto: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. For information or to schedule an appointment visit <https://www.maricopa.gov/1809/Locations> or call (602) 506-6767.

If you have any questions regarding this requirement, please contact your family physician or Aprende Health Assistant, Anita Weidner at (480) 541-6221.

## UPDATED SCHOOL HEALTH OFFICE MEDICATION POLICY

The Aprende Health Office does NOT stock Advil, Motrin, Tylenol, Benadryl, Hydrocortisone cream, Antibiotic ointment or cough drops. However, if your student requires over the counter medication please click here for the Kyrene District policy and link to a fillable [Consent for Administration of Medicine at School form](#) or visit <https://www.kyrene.org/family-student-resources/health-services/medications>

The consent form must be signed by a medical provider (Doctor, Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant) for prescription and non-prescription medications administered at school, excluding EpiPens and inhalers.



## Returning to School After an Injury

To provide the safest environment during the school day, any student returning to school following a serious injury, prolonged illness or surgery must provide a signed medical release form to return to school (discharge paperwork if seen by ER/Urgent Care).

Written permission, by a licensed medical provider, must be provided for all students requiring crutches, wheelchair, knee scooter, etc. All equipment will be provided by the parent/guardian.

Please contact the school health office for any necessary health support at 480-541-6221. More health services information can be found in the [Kyrene Family Handbook](https://www.kyrene.org/family-student-resources/family-handbook) , at <https://www.kyrene.org/family-student-resources/family-handbook>.

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# JAG PLAYERS



# AMERICAN HISTORY

IN 60

## JAGUAR PLAYERS Cast & Crew

### INTEREST MEETING

Tuesday, July 28 | 3:15–3:45 PM | Room 204

Parents' meeting: Tuesday, July 28 | 6:00–6:30 PM | MPR

### AUDITIONS

August 11 | 3:15 PM | Theatre Room (204)

Pick up an audition packet on the Jaguar Players board outside Room 204.

### CREW

Want to work behind the scenes? Pick up a crew packet from the bulletin board, Room 310.

**Auditions and crew packets due August 11.**

### CALLBACKS

Thursday, August 13 | 3:15–4:30 PM | Theatre Room (204)



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## MUSIC ELECTIVES

All 6th grade students that requested a music elective should be scheduled for that class. If your child requested to be in Band, Choir, or Orchestra and it is not scheduled, or if your child would like to join Band, Choir, or Orchestra, please contact the teacher.

Band - Tracy Werner [twerne@kyrene.org](mailto:twerne@kyrene.org)

Choir - Lilanii Figueroa [lfigueroa@kyrene.org](mailto:lfigueroa@kyrene.org)

Orchestra - Sam Weissberg [sweissberg@kyrene.org](mailto:sweissberg@kyrene.org)



Our clubs will be starting over the next couple of weeks. They will all be listed on the website. Stay tuned as more information will be provided. Below are a few fun opportunities that will be available!



**Host:**  
*Ms. Vayner*

**Location:**  
*Room 424*



**Start Date:**  
*August 6th, 2026*

**Week Day + Time:**  
*Thursday Mornings  
7:30am - 8:10am*

*\*Students will meet out front at the "ME"  
Library Doors to be let in before school  
hours between 7:25-7:30 am\**

**Contact Info:**  
*svayner@kyrene.org  
Room Phone #: (480) 541-6375*

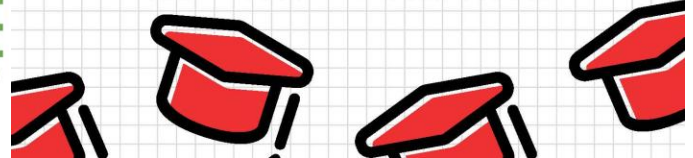


**Wednesdays from 7:30-8:15 AM**  
**Mrs. Williams in Room 212**

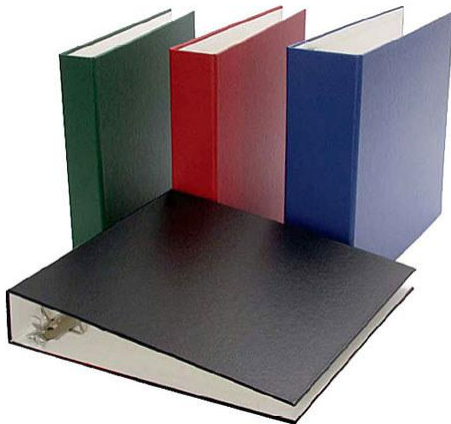
# AVID CLUB

**COLLEGE & CAREER  
AWARENESS**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE \* FUNDRAISING \* TEAM BUILDING  
FUN \* FOOD \* BEFORE SCHOOL**



Donations are Appreciated!



We are looking for donations  
of **NEW or GENTLY USED 2  
1/2 or 3 inch binders.**  
Nothing smaller please.

Also, we would appreciate  
donations of **CHOCOLATE  
TOOTSIE ROLLS** for our PBIS  
system!

**Parents/students can drop  
them off in the front office.**

Thank you in advance!





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



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Instagram  
@kyreneaprende

## APRENDE PTSO



Facebook.com/AprendePTSO

Instagram  
@aprendepto

AprendePTSO.org



WHERE TO GO FOR ALL THE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW



# VOLUNTEERS

**ALWAYS NEEDED, ALWAYS WELCOME, ALWAYS APPRECIATED**

PTSO is seeking volunteers for various events throughout the year, fill out our volunteer interest form to receive notifications of upcoming volunteer opportunities!

<https://aprendepto.org/volunteer>



### Quicklinks

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

### Contact Us

#### Kyrene Aprende

777 N. Desert Breeze Blvd. East #2

Chandler, AZ 85226

**Phone:** 480-541-6200

**Fax:** 480-541-6210

**Attendance:** 480-541-6201

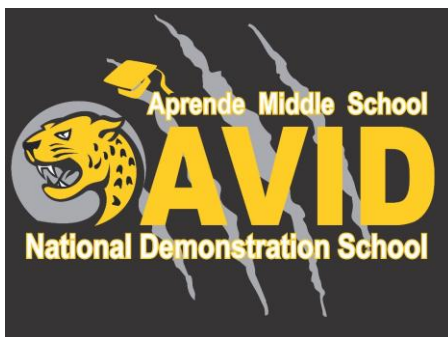
**School Hours:** 8:20 am - 3:05 pm

*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.*



A+ School of Excellence™

