



August 7, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

August 11: Coffee Chat 8:15-9am

August 14: Friday Early Release @ 1:05pm

August 17: No School - Staff Development Day

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

[View Full Calendar](#)

Message from Principal Kory

Aprende Families,

We've had an amazing start to the 26-27 school year! We've happily welcomed several new students and a few amazing new teachers and are excited for the year ahead. Please consider attending the informal Teacher Meet and Greet next Tuesday at 7:45 in the front of the pods,

followed by my principal Coffee Chat, where I will discuss our vision for the year, our data celebrations, and the future of middle schools in Kyrene.

Please also remember to login to ParentVue and complete all necessary yearly forms and acknowledgements. If you cannot access these, please contact our Registrar, Grace Paek at gpaek@kyrene.org. In addition, please remember to follow all traffic and dismissal expectations as we prioritize student safety (listed below).

We count on and appreciate when our families provide us feedback, so if at any time you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly. Thank you for your support of our Aprende community!

Respectfully,

Renee Kory, Principal

rkory@kyrene.org

Meet & Greet/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

Parent Acknowledgements

Each year, families are required to acknowledge important documents through our online parent portal, [ParentVUE](#). It is important that one parent or guardian logs into ParentVUE to acknowledge these items and confirm emergency contact information **by August 31, 2026**.

Examples of required items include:

- Acknowledgment of the Kyrene Family Handbook
- Acknowledgment of technology use guidance
- Selection of preference for student survey participation

ParentVUE is accessible from the Kyrene website or directly at www.kyrene.org/pvue. 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 the Kyrene School District and then select "Already Activated" to get back into your existing account.

When you log into ParentVUE, you will receive an immediate prompt, asking for your acknowledgment of any outstanding items. Please note that if you also use ParentVUE for a Tempe Union High School student, we recommend you log in to your Kyrene account on the website, rather than through the app.

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!



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!

6th Grade Dance

Volunteers needed! Please contact Lindsey Strength. lstrength@kyrene.org

6th Grade Dance

August 21

3:05-4:30

Entry is free.

Permission Slips required.

Snacks and drinks available to purchase.



Amazon Wishlist:



We need parent volunteers to help plan decorations, decorate on the day of the dance, and chaperone. Decorations are minimal and will not require much planning. If you are able to organize a balloon arch, please contact Mrs. Strength!

**Contact Mrs. Strength is you are interested in volunteering:
lstrength@kyrene.org**

 Introducing the Yearbook!

Capture the memories. Celebrate the year. Get your yearbook early and save!

 Early Bird Pricing is here!

Order your yearbook now through November 30 for only \$40. Don't miss this special early bird price!

💡 Optional Add-Ons

Icons — \$4

Personalization — \$6

Business Card-Size Ad — \$15

Quarter-Page Ad — \$25

 Ready to Order?

Parents and families use this purchase [link](#) or QR code below.

Order early and make this school year unforgettable! 📸

Yearbook

26-27



Ybpay.lifetouch.com

CODE:14349327

Buy Early Before Price Goes Up!

Aug-Nov 30 TO GET EARLY

Price: \$40

Extra Icons: \$4

Personalize: \$6



Bus Monitor Recruitment

Join Our Transportation Team! Click [here](#) for details!

DON'T MISS YOUR STOP. BECOME A BUS MONITOR.

Help keep students safe, supported, and ready to learn!



Split Shifts Monday-Friday
Summers Off

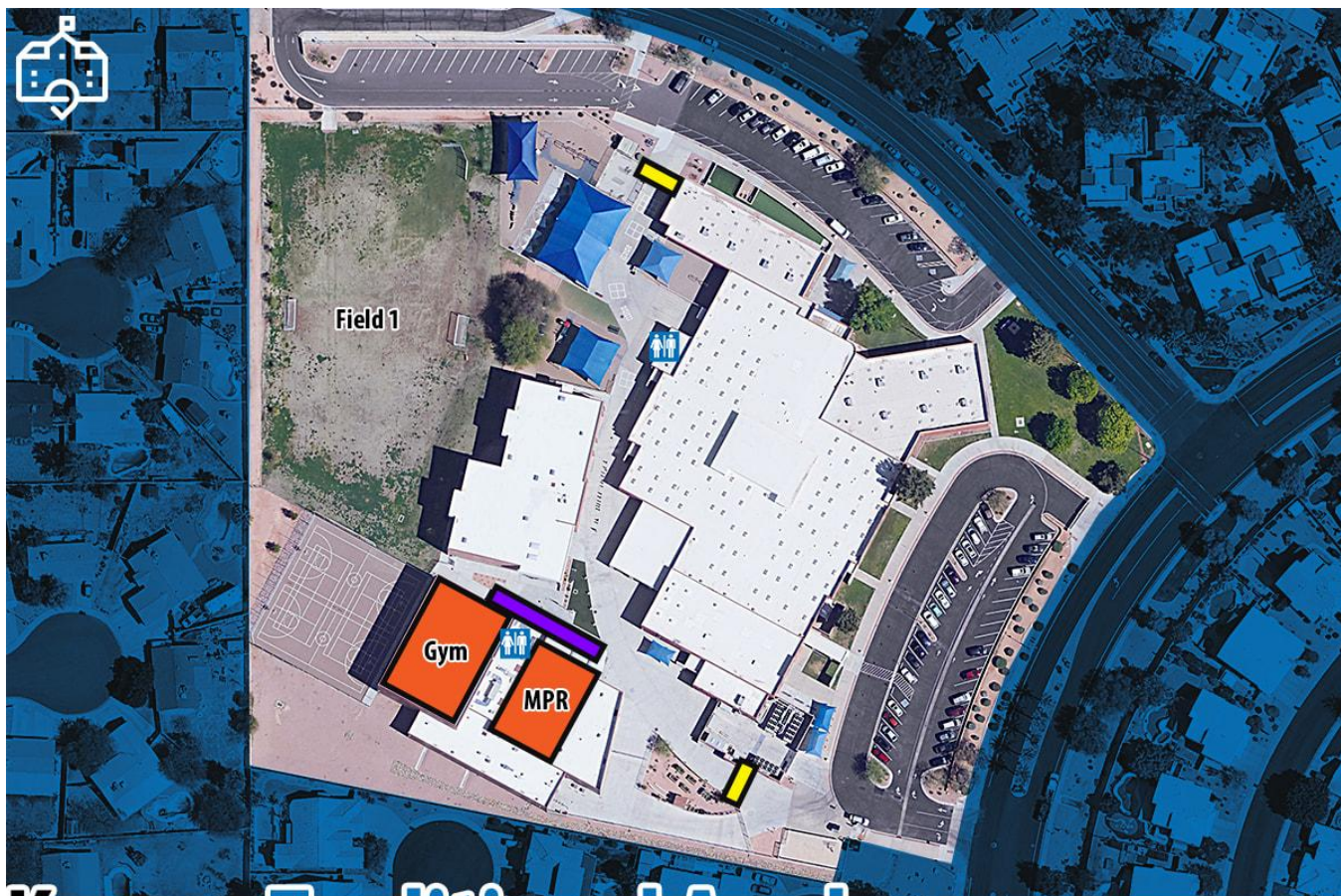


Medical, Dental, Vision
Arizona State Retirement

APPLY TODAY



**ALL APRENDE "HOME" GAMES AND MEETS WILL BE HELD
AT KYRENE TRADITIONAL ACADEMY**



Kyrene Traditional Academy

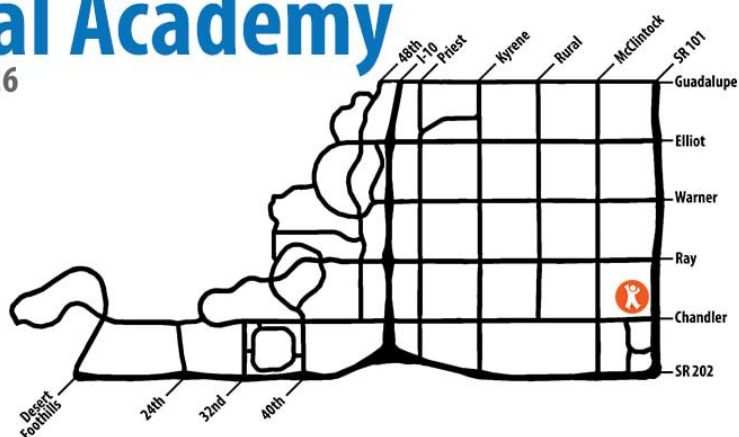
3375 W Galveston St, Chandler, AZ 85226

Key:

 MPR/gym lobby entrance

 Campus gate

 Restrooms



Quarter 1 Sports

Girls Volleyball

Girls Volleyball is underway and have been practicing hard to get ready for their first game on Monday!

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

The Aprende gym is under construction.

Upcoming Girls Volleyball Games:

Monday, August 10 @ KTA vs. KMS JV @ 4:30pm Varsity @ 5:30pm

Thursday, August 13 @ Akimel A-al JV @ 4:30pm Varsity @ 5:30pm

Please visit the girls volleyball website for more information.

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

Wrestling

Registration is closed for Wrestling. Jaguar wrestlers are ready to take on KMS on Monday for their first meet!

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

The Aprende gym is under construction.

Upcoming Wrestling Meets:

Monday, August 10 @ KMS @ 4:30pm

Thursday, August 13 @ KTA vs Akimel A-al @ 4:30pm

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>

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.



Futsal Club

Indoor Soccer Games. Fun with friends.



It is an action-packed, high-scoring, and fast-paced game that keeps every player constantly involved. Improves individual skills, ball control, decision making and is non-stop action.

Registration Link:



<https://arux.link/jtqIYM>

<https://arux.link/jtqIn1>



6:50am-7:50am

Games are in school Gym. Indoor shoes, love of futbol and good sportsmanship are required.

Club run by Coach Beau who is USSF (US Soccer) D licensed, current State of AZ Competitive Club Coach, and current Kyrene District Middle School Varsity Soccer Coach (Boys & Girls).

\$20 For Entire Year (Oct. 2026-May 2027)

6th -8th Boys & Girls
Every week

Mondays @Aprende
Starts Mon. Oct. 19



Kyrene Positive Parenting - August Presentation

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.

August 19 – Transitioning to a New School Year: Family Support Beyond the Classroom

Unlock the secrets to raising a confident, adaptable child in today's fast-paced world. Discover how your child's brain grows and gain practical, stress-free tools to help them bounce back from challenges, manage big emotions, and thrive through life's ups and downs.

Presenter:

Joronda Montano

Date and Time:

August 19, 2026

6:00-7:00pm

Location:

[Registration/Zoom Link](#)

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.

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.

Where Ya Wanna Go Wednesdays

Where ya wanna go Wednesdays!

**Wear your college gear
EVERY Wednesday!**

Any college! Show your spirit!



**GRAB
YOUR
HOODIE**





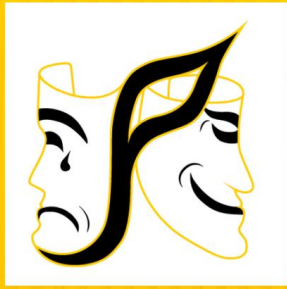
Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central and Northern Arizona

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.



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)



TORCG



JOIN A CLUB! Here's the [link](#) to our website.



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*



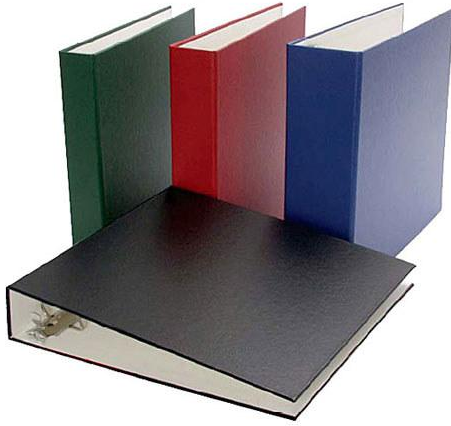
Wednesdays from 7:30-8:15 AM
Mrs. Williams in Room 212

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



Facebook.com/KyreneAprende

Instagram
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APRENDE PTSO



Facebook.com/AprendePTSO

Instagram
@aprendepto

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>



Quicklinks

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

Contact Us

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Chandler, AZ 85226

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Attendance: 480-541-6201

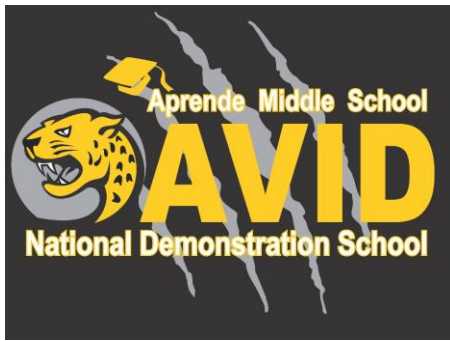
School Hours: 8:20 am - 3:05 pm

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™

