



September 4, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 7: NO School - Labor Day

September 8-11: Spirit Week

September 9-11: Conferences - Early Release Days @ 1:05pm

September: 9: Teacher Tailgate (Family Night) @ 5:30-7pm

September 9: Someburros Fundraiser

September 11: PTSO Meeting @ 8:30am

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

[View Full Calendar](#)



NO SCHOOL

MONDAY, 9/7

KYRENE APRENDE **FUNDRAISER CHALLENGE**

Dear Aprende Community,

As we near the end of our major fundraiser, we want to thank each of our families and donors that have supported Kyrene Aprende and take a moment to share a little more about how these important funds are utilized. At the end of this letter I will also outline the parameters of our FINAL WEEKEND CHALLENGE. We think the kids are going to be excited for it!

How Does the Aprende PTSO Fundraiser Impact My Family?

The Fundraiser Challenge is the PTSO's largest fundraiser of the year and provides the budget for most of the programs and activities for the entire school year. You may not realize it, but all students at Aprende benefit from having the PTSO in place. Below are some examples of ways that the PTSO Fundraiser likely impacts your family.

PBIS System – The Aprende PTSO funds the software that the school relies on to administer the PBIS store that your child likely enjoys shopping at.

Club support – Last year the PTSO budget funded \$10,000 in teacher stipends to support the extensive variety of *free clubs available to all students*.

Grade Level Support – Each year approximately \$1,000 is provided per grade level to pay for buses for field trips.

Teacher appreciation – I think we can all agree that the teachers assigned to our students can make a huge difference in how that year turns out. Happy teachers equate to reducing burnout and fostering a more positive, engaging, and stable classroom environment for all our students.

Elective support – Necessary supplementary materials that allow us to keep engaging electives on campus such as art, culinary, textiles, and STEM.

Scholarships – The PTSO funds needs-based sport and field trip scholarships that allow any student to participate regardless of financial status. Perhaps your family does not need scholarship support, but their sports team or friend group may be positively impacted by this program.

Community Meetings & Recognition Ceremonies - Meet & greet, coffee chat, Jag spotlight, and other community meeting expenses

Character Dare – At Aprende, we believe in turning abstract values like kindness, respect, and gratitude into daily habits. We encourage these behaviors through our Character Dare program, which recognizes students each Wednesday at lunch.

Playground equipment – As you know, middle school students can burn through playground equipment quickly, especially in this heat. Aprende PTSO invests money annually into new equipment which supports the physical health, cognitive development, social-emotional skills, and academic engagement of our students.

It is unlikely that every single one of the above items impacts your child, but I can guarantee that at least one of them does. The reality is that if our fundraising goal is not met; the PTSO budget will have to be cut in many of these areas. Unfortunately, we have seen a big decrease in participation numbers this year, even with higher enrollment and more students and staff to support. With just a few days left of the fundraiser, we are hopeful that if you have not registered yet, that you will take a few minutes today to get your student signed up.

That brings me to our **FINAL WEEKEND CHALLENGE**...all students who qualify will receive a MYSTERY PRIZE BAG on Tuesday, September 8th. Bags will include a yummy treat PLUS at least one of the following items: a mystery squish, a \$5 bill, an Aprende fan, an Aprende power bank, a prize pack with various free item coupons.

How to Qualify:

If your student is not already registered, complete registration and send out 10 emails/texts from the fundraiser portal by Monday, September 7th

For those already registered, complete your 10 emails/texts sent, or raise ANY amount of money on Friday September 4th – Monday, September 7th.

We know prizes and incentives motivate students, but we also hope our community understands why this fundraiser matters and how it affects what we can support for the rest of the school year. Please join us in making the final days of this important fundraiser a success!

SIGN UP TODAY: www.raiseaboveit.com/aprende/ The last day to collect funds for our school will be Sunday, September 13th.

Principal Kory

Spirit Week

Spirit Week!

Sponsored by
APRENDE AVID CLUB!



September

7

Monday

NO School!

Labor Day!



September

8

Tuesday

Pajama Day

Dress in your favorite pajamas! Don't forget your slippers



September

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Wednesday

Sports Day

Wear your favorite sports apparel



September

10

Thursday

Twin Day

Dress like your friend or friends



September

11

Friday

Generations Day

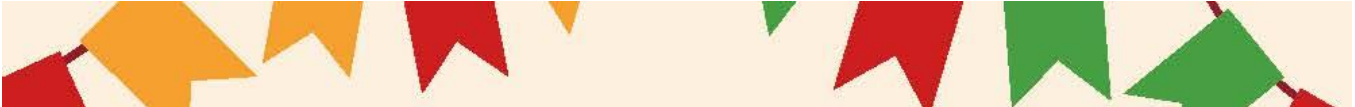
Dress as a baby, adult, or senior citizen



Follow Aprende AVID Instagram! [**ams_avid_rocks**](#)



Teacher Tailgate Party



Aprende Teacher Tailgate

You are invited to a

TAILGATE PARTY

Gear up for fun with food, friends,
and gaming fun!

WEDNESDAY, 5:30 -
SEPTEMBER 9 7 PM

**Aprende Middle School
MPR and Gym Lobby**

Let's eat, play games, and build
community together!





Coming Soon!

Don't miss your chance!

Samples available at the Teacher Tailgate
Wednesday, Sept. 9 from 5:30 - 7PM



Adult Sizes ONLY!

From:

XS - 3XL both T-shirt colors
4XL in grey ONLY!

\$20

CHILDREN SIZES NOT AVAILABLE

Orders open
on Sept. 9!



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ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT,
SOMEBURROS WILL DONATE 30%

OF ALL PRE-TAXED FOOD SALES FROM ANY GUEST THAT
PRESENTS THIS FUNDRAISING FLYER, OR MENTIONS THE
ORGANIZATION UPON CHECKOUT

APRENDE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSO

DATE:

SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

LOCATION:

3461 W. FRYE RD. CHANDLER, AZ 85226

PHONE:

(480) 726-8226



DREAM TEAM T-Shirts

Show your DREAM Team pride every Friday!



ONLY
\$15
SALE
ENDS
9/13

SHOP
NOW!



Gym Floor Update

Our repairs are finalized & the gym will be back in use starting Tuesday!

Picture Day

Picture Day is coming on Tuesday, September 15!

You can place your order on mylifetouch.com using your Picture Day ID: **EVTKT2DHX**. Order before midnight on Picture Day to get FREE shipping!

Your child can also bring their completed flyer with cash or check on Picture Day. Orders after Picture Day must be placed online on mylifetouch.com

Lifetouch.

Picture Day is Coming!

¡Ya llega el Día de la Foto!

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Kyrene Aprende Middle School



Scan to
order now!
*¡Echa un vistazo para
encargar ahora!*



How it Works:



Pre-order today on
mylifetouch.com. Create
an account or login with
your Picture Day ID:
EVTKT2DHX



Students are
photographed on
Picture Day.



Orders will be sent home
with your student after
Picture Day.

*Cómo funciona: Encarga de manera anticipada en mylifetouch.com. Crea una cuenta o inicia sesión con tu identificación del Día de la Foto.
Los estudiantes son fotografiados el Día de la Foto. Los pedidos serán enviados a tu casa con tu estudiante después del Día de la Foto.*

Questions? Contact our Help Center at lifetouch.com/support-us. Select K-12 School Photography for assistance.
¿Preguntas? Comunícate con nuestro Centro de Ayuda en lifetouch.com/support-us. Selecciona Fotografía Escolar K-12 para recibir asistencia.

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Yearbook

Here's some tutorial videos on how to upload ads:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ttm3fPVg-EU&authuser=0>

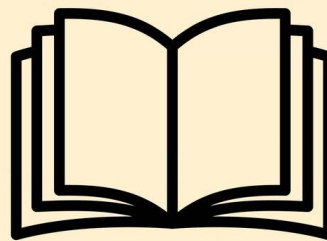
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_tnPjOn_dVc&authuser=0

Yearbook 26-27



Ybpay.lifetouch.com

CODE:14349327



Price: \$40

Aug-Nov For The Early Bird Special

Optional Add-Ons

Icons \$4 Personalization \$6

Business Card-Size Ad \$15 Quarter-Page Ad \$25

NOW HIRING JV BOYS SOCCER COACH

BOYS SOCCER STARTS QUARTER 2, APPLY NOW!



*Lead the Aprende
Jaguars*

PLEASE CONTACT OUR
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR,
AMY VIOLETTE,
AVIOLETTE@KYRENÉ.ORG



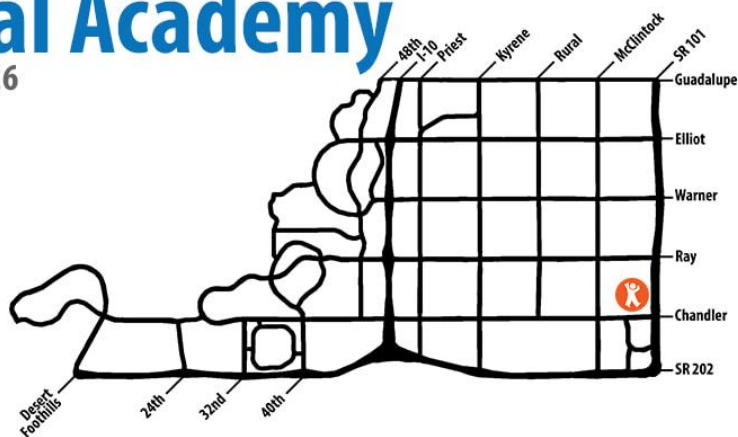
**ALL APRENDE "HOME" GAMES AND MEETS WILL BE HELD
AT KYRENE TRADITIONAL ACADEMY**



Key:



Restrooms



It was the last full week of games for the Jaguars Volleyball teams. On Monday we travelled to Kyrene Middle School. Both the JV and Varsity squads had a hard-fought match, but came away with 2-0 victories, moving them both to 6-0. JV scores were 25-10, and 25-19. Varsity scores were 25-22, which was a come from behind win, and 25-16.

On Thursday, we played our last home game of the season against Akimel A-a. For both JV and Varsity, this was a battle of the two top teams in the district. It was an exciting match for both teams. JV won 2-0, with their scores 25-14, and 25-19.

Before Varsity played, we celebrated our 8th grade athletes and their families, making it a bittersweet night. We're proud and thankful to have been part of their volleyball journey!

Varsity took the court next, taking the first set against Akimel 25-22. Akimel came out swinging the next set, and after a hard played game, tied it up 1-1, 23-25 for Akimel. The third set the Jaguars were down early, and the pressure was on as the 3rd set only goes to 15 points. Akimel got to 11 points, and then the Jaguars got the ball back. Behind strong defense, with some monster blocks, and great serving, the Jaguars ended 8th grade night with a win, taking the 3rd set 15-11 for a 2-1 victory!

Both teams are now 7-0! Our last game of the season is a road game against Altadena on 9/14. We'd like to thank KTA for being great hosts for us as our gym undergoes the repairs.

Tory LaPrath

Aprende Girls JV Volleyball Head Coach

Aprende Girls Intramural Volleyball Head Coach

602-619-0526

Tlaprath@kyrene.org

Please visit the girls volleyball website for more information.

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





Wrestling

*****Update - Our wrestling meet vs. Altadena on 9/14 will be a HOME game at Aprende*****

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>

Q2 Sports include Boys Basketball, Girls Flag Football, Boys Soccer, Cross Country, and Cheer.

Register now at <https://kyrene.arux.app/athletics>

Must upload a current [PHYSICAL](#).

Q2 Registration Deadlines:

Registration for Cheer closes on Friday, September 11 (12:00pm)

Registration for Boys Basketball, Girls Flag Football and Soccer closes on Friday, September 25 (12:00pm)

Registration for Cross Country closes on Friday, October 30 (12:00pm)

Please visit the boys basketball website for more information.

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

Please visit the boys soccer website for more information.

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

Please visit the girls flag football website for more information.

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

Please visit the cross country website for more information.

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



REGISTER NOW
TRYOUT FOR

CHEER

Registration closes Friday, September
11! Register online at
<https://kyrene.arux.app/athletics>

Cheer

Register Now for Cheer!

Registration Closes: Noon on Friday, September 11, 2025

MUST SUBMIT COMPLETE ONLINE REGISTRATION & A CURRENT PHYSICAL ([Register Here](#))

****[Financial Assistance Applications](#) are due PRIOR to the start date of tryouts.****

*****Payments will not be made until an athlete makes the team*****

CHEER INFORMATIONAL PARENT MEETING:

Hey Jaguars, interested in trying out for the 2025 Aprende Cheer team?

There will be an informational Parent Zoom meeting held on Thursday, September 3rd at 5pm.

Zoom Link: <https://kyrene.zoom.us/j/89452186521>

TRYOUTS:

Tuesday, September 15 Cheer/ Dance Clinic 6:30am MPR

Thursday, September 17 Cheer/ Dance Clinic 6:30am MPR

Friday, September 18 Final Try-Out 3:30pm- completion GYM LOBBY (Students may leave after their tryout is complete)

(Athletes are free to leave after they have completed the tryout process on Friday, if you need any special accommodations, please reach out to Coach Shelton @ Cashelton@kyrene.org)

Video recording will be allowed at the END of each clinic.

Tryout Attire: Wear **workout clothes**. You must wear **tennis shoes**. No bare feet, socks or other style of shoe will be permitted. Hair must be pulled back and no jewelry!!

COACH INFO:

Head Coach: Mrs. Shelton cashelton@kyrene.org

Assistant Coach: Hailey Seidl hseidl@kyrene.org

Please visit the cheer website for more information.

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

Please visit the cheer website for more information.

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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.



Kyrene Positive Parenting - September 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.

September 16 - Supporting Grieving Students

When a child experiences a loss, it can be heartbreaking to watch them struggle, and hard to know if how they are acting is normal. Discover how children uniquely process loss and gain the gentle, proven tools you need to guide your family through healing, reassurance, and emotional safety.

Presenter:

Kaylene Ashbridge

Date and Time:

September 16, 2026

6:00-7:00 pm

Location:

Zoom Link:

https://kyrene.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PFFZUWSpRMSpthzjdqojaA#/registration

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!

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.



Here's a [link](#) to view our clubs!



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**

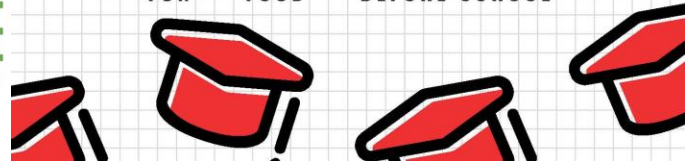
Contact Info:
*svayner@kyrene.org
Room Phone #: (480) 541-6375*



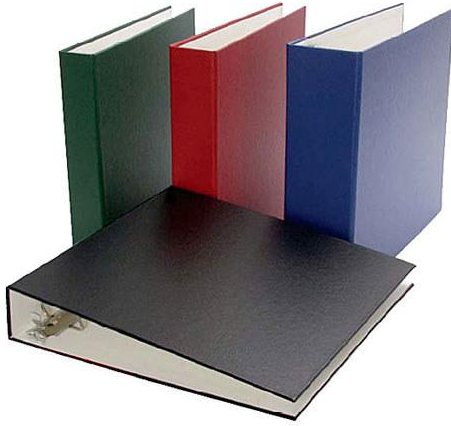
Wednesdays from 7:30-8:15 AM
Mrs. Williams in Room 212

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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



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@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

Kyrene Aprende

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Chandler, AZ 85226

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Fax: 480-541-6210

Attendance: 480-541-6201

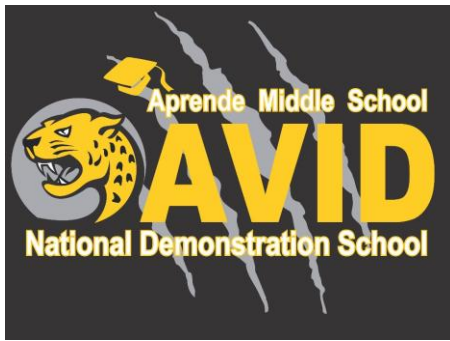
School Hours: 8:20 am - 3:05 pm

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™

