



September 11, 2026

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

September 14: Wrestling Fundraiser @ Barro's

September 15: Picture Day

September 25: End of Quarter 1

September 28-October 9: Fall Break- No School

October 12: Teacher Plan Day - No School

October 13: Quarter 2 Begins

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

[View Full Calendar](#)



Dear Aprende Community,

**LAST CHANCE! We still need YOUR support!**

**Will you take Aprende's \$5 Challenge?**

**Take the \$5 Challenge today:**

[raiseaboveit.com/aprende/](https://raiseaboveit.com/aprende/)

We're incredibly close to reaching our \$45,000 fundraiser goal, but we still have over 600 students who haven't registered! **And unfortunately, the students will not get their Day of Awesomeness celebration if we do not reach our goal.**

So we're asking for something simple: **\$5.**

For the price of a cup of coffee, your family can help us fund the programs and activities that benefit our students throughout the school year.

If you haven't participated yet, **register today and make a \$5 donation.** When hundreds of Jaguar families each do a little, together we can make a BIG impact.

**Take the \$5 Challenge today:**

[raiseaboveit.com/aprende/](https://raiseaboveit.com/aprende/)

**Every student. \$5. One big goal. Let's finish strong, Jaguars!**

**Thank you!**

**Aprende PTSO**

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Wrestling Fundraiser



(Aprende Middle School Wrestling)

Present this flyer and Barro's Pizza will donate **20%** of the Dine-In, Take-Out, and Delivery orders to:

**DATE:** September 14th, 2026

**VALID AT THIS BARRO'S PIZZA LOCATION:** 8830 S. Kyrene Rd.  
Kyrene and Warner in the Home Depot Plaza

**TIME:** 10:30am – 10:00pm

**ORDER:** 480-831-7676

## Picture Day

Picture Day is coming on Tuesday, September 15!

You can place your order on [mylifetouch.com](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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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## Jaguar Singers



# Jaguar Singers

Jaguar Singers is an advanced singing ensemble at Aprende offered to all 6th-8th grade students. Jaguar Singers perform a variety of music styles at quarterly choir concerts (with the choir elective classes) and at community events or other special performance opportunities throughout the year. Jaguar Singers is an AUDITIONED choir. Students must show proficiency in singing, matching pitch, and basic rhythmic skills. Students who are selected to be in this choir must also maintain eligibility through satisfactory academics, attendance, and behavior.

## AUDITION PROCESS

Auditions are after school on **Thursday, September 17, 2026** in the choir room. Sign-up now with Ms. Fig! Each audition is about 3 minutes. For the audition:

- Students will sing the beginning of the Star Spangled Banner (see below).
- Students will sing short melodic phrases for pitch matching.

## Star Spangled Banner

Francis Scott Key

John Stafford Smith



## REHEARSALS AND CONCERT DATES

Jaguar Singers will rehearse every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 7:15-8:05am. The quarterly Choir Concerts are at Corona del Sol HS on

- Monday, December 14, 2026, 7pm
- Wednesday, February 24, 2027, 7pm
- Wednesday, May 12, 2027, 7pm

Jaguar Singers will have a call time of 5:30pm. Other performance opportunities will be communicated as they are scheduled throughout the year.

## COST

To support the cost of running this extra-curricular ensemble, (Music, supplies, uniforms, etc.), there is a fee of \$75 for the year.

## QUESTIONS

Email Ms. Figueroa [lfigueroa@kyrene.org](mailto:lfigueroa@kyrene.org)

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## \$1,000 Grant Opportunity-12News A+ Teacher Nominations

*Know of an amazing teacher? Nominate an inspiring teacher for the A+ Teacher of the Week program; each week, one selected educator receives recognition and a \$1,000 grant for classroom supplies. Nominations are ongoing.*

*Email the following information to [connect@12news.com](mailto:connect@12news.com)*

*Your first and last name*

*Your phone number*

*Your email*

*Nominee's first and last name*

*Nominee's school*

*Nominee's school location*

*Nominee's Grade*

*Nominee's Subject*

*Why are you nominating this person*

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AVID State 48 Shirts



2026-27

# Available NOW! Don't miss your chance!

Aprende AVID State 48 Shirts!  
Orders taken until Friday, September 18!

Scan the code...



[Click for  
instructions!](#)



## 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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SCHOOL

# DREAM TEAM

## T-Shirts

Show your DREAM Team pride every Friday!



ONLY  
\$15  
SALE  
ENDS  
9/13

SHOP  
NOW!







# **ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK!!**

Buy it before it's too late!



Price before November 30    Price after November 30

\$40

\$45

# **BUY IT NOW!**

**CODE:14349327**



Scan for more information





# **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](mailto:AVIOLETTE@KYRENÉ.ORG)



## Quarter 1 Sports

### **Girls Volleyball**

While Jaguars Volleyball has been off this week for games, we finally got to practice on our home court! We are excited to be playing in the Inaugural Middle School Invite tournament Saturday at Court One, and Monday we have our final regular season game before the Kyrene tournament starts! Our final game is an away game at Altadena; and we would love to see the stands filled with Aprende family and fans wearing black! JV plays at 4:30 and Varsity plays at 5:30 on Monday.

### **Upcoming Girls Volleyball Games:**

Monday, September 14 @ Altadena 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***

Yay!!! Our gym is done! Join us for our final home meet at Aprende on Monday! Go Jags!!

Wrestling season has been one of growth, success, and team building. We have one more dual before the conference championship closes out our season! Join us on the mats next year!

## ***Upcoming Wrestling Meets:***

Monday, September 14 @ HOME vs Altadena @ 4:30pm

Wednesday, September 16 JV Jamboree @ KMS @ 3:00pm

Please visit the wrestling website for more information.

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





### ***Cheer***

#### **TRYOUTS:**

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

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

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](mailto: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](mailto:cashelton@kyrene.org)

Assistant Coach: Hailey Seidl [hseidl@kyrene.org](mailto:hseidl@kyrene.org)

Please visit the cheer website for more information.

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

**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>

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.

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WOMEN'S HEALTH  
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# BIG FEELINGS. BUSY BRAINS. REAL SKILLS.



Practical support that helps  
kids and teens navigate  
emotions, focus, organization,  
and everyday life.



## DBT SKILLS GROUP

Ages 13–17



### DBT GROUP DATES

Session 1: Oct 20–Dec 15, 2026

Session 2: Jan 5–Mar 2, 2027

Session 3: Mar 23–May 18, 2027

Weekly • 9 weeks



## ADHD COACHING

Ages 9–17



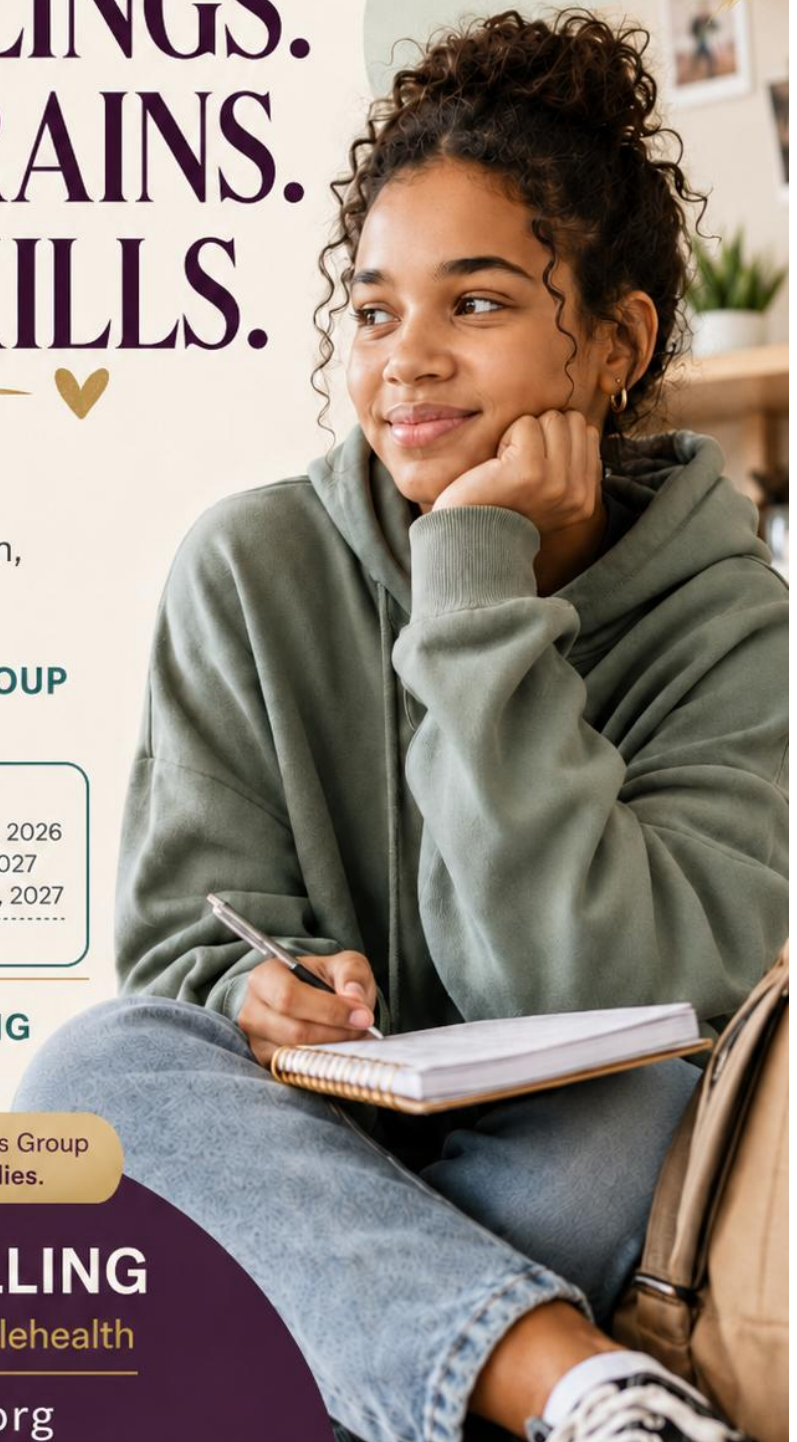
Due to funding, the DBT Skills Group  
is offered at **no cost** to families.

## NOW ENROLLING

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[whiarizona.org](http://whiarizona.org)



# Triple P Fear-Less



## What is Fear-Less Triple P?

Fear-Less Triple P helps you set a good example of coping with anxiety, coach children ages 6-14 to become more emotionally resilient, and develop your own toolbox of strategies. You can choose how to best support your child as they learn to manage their anxiety more effectively.

Meet online once a week for 6 weeks from  
4:30pm-6:30pm

**Free to join!**  
**Begins October 14th**

Expectations from parents:

- Attend at least 5/6 classes
- Cameras must be on
- Participation in class and in weekly workbook

Register Below with QR code or link!



**Register with this link**

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# Triple P Fear-Less



## ¿Qué es Fear-Less Triple P?

Fear-Less Triple P te ayuda a dar un buen ejemplo de cómo manejar la ansiedad, entrenar a niños de 6 a 14 años para que sean más resilientes emocionalmente y desarrollar tu propia caja de herramientas de estrategias. Puedes elegir la mejor manera de apoyar a tu hijo mientras aprende a manejar su ansiedad de forma más efectiva.

Reunión en línea una vez por semana durante 6 semanas de 9:00 a.m. a 11:00 a.m.✦

Expectativas para los padres:

- Asistir al menos a 5 de 6 clases
- Mantener la cámara encendida
- Participar en la clase y en el libro de trabajo semanal

**¡Gratis para unirse!**  
**Comienza el 13 de octubre**

✦ **¡Regístrate abajo con el código QR o el enlace!**



**Regístrate con este enlace**

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### **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](https://kyrene.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PFFZUWSpRMSpthzjdqojaA#/registration)

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## 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!

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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.



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\**

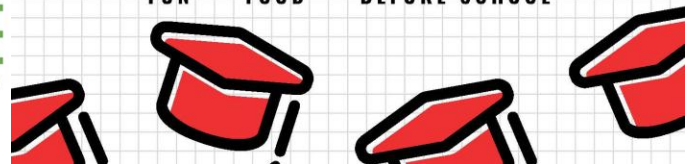
**Contact Info:**  
*[svayner@kyrene.org](mailto:svayner@kyrene.org)  
Room Phone #: (480) 541-6375*



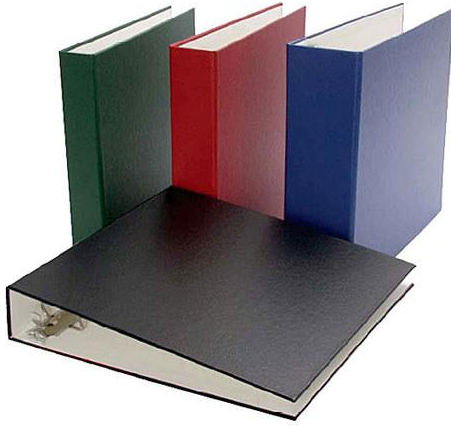
**Wednesdays from 7:30-8:15 AM**  
**Mrs. Williams in Room 212**

**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  
@kyreneaprende

## **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>

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#### 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

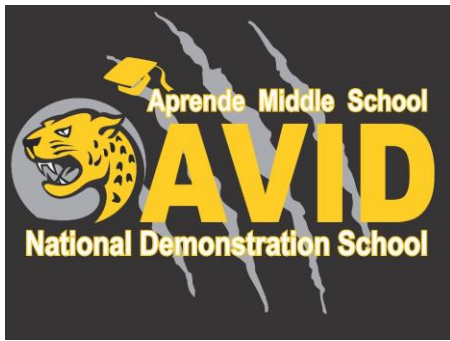
**School Hours:** 8:20 am - 3:05 pm

*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.*



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