



STINGER NEWS

JANUARY 25, 2019



8TH GRADE HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION MEETING:

Kyrene Exceptional Student Services invites parents of 8th grade students with disabilities to an informational meeting on January 30. Tempe Union High School District staff will be present to provide information about programs, available resources, and ways in which families can support a smooth transition to high school.

January 30 – 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Ben Furlong Education Center, Board Room North

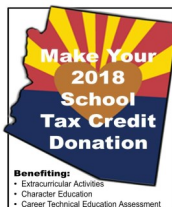
This is an exciting time for 8th grade students as they begin to learn more about high school opportunities. [Tzipi Turner](#), 480-541-1177, is available to families to address any questions you may have. Join us!

KMS IN THE NEWS:

Read Avery's amazing story of surviving a dual transplant [here](#).

TAX CREDIT DONATIONS:

Did you know that Arizona state law allows tax payers to contribute up to \$400 to public schools for extra curricular activities and then deduct that amount directly from their state income taxes? Individuals may claim a maximum of \$200 and couples filing together can claim a maximum of \$400. Please consider donating to support our school. All funds go directly to student activities. Tax credit donations support athletics, art and music, character education, and field trips. You can [donate online](#) to KMS's general tax credit fund, or fill out the [paper form](#) to specify which activities.



NAEP TESTING COMING SOON TO KMS 8TH GRADE:

Our school has been selected to participate in the 2019 National Assessment of Educational Progress also known as NAEP. It is the largest continuing and nationally representative assessment of what students across the country know and can do in a variety of subject areas. Some of our best and brightest 8th-graders have been selected to take assessments in mathematics and reading. To those that have been selected for this important test, you have all our support and I have NO doubt that you will represent us well! Thank you in advance for your involvement. Select 8th grade students will take the NAEP Mathematics or Reading test on Tuesday February 5th 2019. There will be two testing sessions on Tuesday and students can expect the test to take about 1.5 hrs.

SCIENCE NIGHT:

KMS Science Night will be on 2/6/19. See [flyer](#) for details.

GOODWILL DONATION DRIVE:

KMS is hosting a [Goodwill donation](#) drive on campus from 1/14-1/26. Donations bins will be available on campus during those dates for smaller household items like clothing and bedding. On the morning of Saturday 1/26, Goodwill will be on campus from 8-10am to pick up all donated items as well as large items like appliances and furniture. Please consider cleaning out cabinets, garages, and closets to donate your unwanted items. Our school will earn money for every pound of goods donated! [Here](#) is a list of items that will be accepted.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB):

We are proud to announce that we were able to recognize over 300 students at our quarter two Celebration of Student Learners this past week. The Learner Profile attributes which were focused on were Principled, Thinker, and Knowledgeable (3.5-4.0 GPA). It is such a pleasure to see so many of our students embrace these important attributes

There has been a new addition to the KMS IB webpage. We have recently uploaded all of the IB scoring criterion for each subject group. If you have a chance, please familiarize yourself with these. Students will still be scored on College and Career Readiness Standards as well.

KMS is preparing for the IB authorization visit. This will commence February 7 and 8. The staff has been working diligently for a year and a half for this visit. In preparation, teachers and students have been focusing on the Learner Profile attributes, Approaches to Learning Skills, Inquiry-based and conceptual learning, as well as service learning. We are excited for the opportunity to share all that we have achieved.

WINTER SPORTS:

Winter Sports tournaments begin on 1/28/19. See attached [tournament brackets](#) for details.

Conference Wrestling Meet will be on Wednesday 1/30/19, 3:30 pm at Desert Vista High School

SPRING SPORTS:

Registration for Spring Sports has begun. Please see the [Kyrene Athletics page](#) for more information and registration.

EVENTS

Monday, 1/28/2019

Tuesday, 1/29/2019

Ms. Barden's 7th grade Aero Space Field Trip

Wednesday, 1/30/2019

Conference Wrestling Meet @ Desert Vista High School

Thursday, 1/31/2019

Friday, 2/1/2019

2/1/19 HS registration Packet Pick up

Coming Soon:

Step It Up! Fundraiser Kicks Off Feb 4th

Science Night 2/6/19

Attendance

Please call our 24 Hour Attendance line if your student is going to be absent
480-541-6601

Please remember, if your student is dropped off after 8:30am please sign them into school at the front office.