



# STINGER NEWS

FEBRUARY 1, 2019



## RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS CLUB:

KMS has a new club to celebrate spreading positivity and encourage kindness on campus. RAK club is open to all students and meets on Thursdays in F-105 at 8am. Come help spread positivity and kindness to all on campus and our community. Reach out to [Ms. Bloom](#) with any questions.



## 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 8<sup>TH</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the NAEP Mathematics or Reading test on Tuesday February 5<sup>th</sup> 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. There will be telescopes, planetarium, and hands on activities. See [flyer](#) for details.



## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB):

These two IB items were sent out last week, but KMS would like to remind you that 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, and making a commitment to help others. We are excited for the opportunity to share all that we have achieved.

## WINTER SPORTS:



Cheer Showcase Night will be on Wednesday 2/6/19, 5:00 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.



## PTO UPDATE:

You might remember that our beginning of the year fundraiser fell thousands of dollars short of our goal which squeezes or does not fund programs such as the *8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Dance, End of School Class Parties, Teacher Appreciation* and more. Next month, we are launching a new fundraiser that gets high marks from other schools in the district that have introduced it. More info to come.

## EVENTS

### Monday, 2/4/2019

Step It UP-Assembly

### Tuesday, 2/5/2019

NAEP Testing All Day

### Wednesday, 2/6/2019

PTO Meeting– 8:15am  
Media Center

TUHS D CTE Lesson:  
Software Development  
8:30am-Media Center

Cheer Showcase Night-  
5pm Desert Vista HS

Science Night- 6pm

### Thursday, 2/7/2019

School House Rock  
Opening Night- 7pm MPR



### Friday, 2/8/2019

School House Rock-7pm  
MPR

### Saturday, February 9, 2019

School House Rock- 2pm  
MPR

### Coming Soon:

**Parent Teacher Conferences 2/27/19-2/28/19**

### 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.\*\*\*