



STINGER NEWS

MARCH 1, 2019



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE UPDATE:

Today, Mrs. Cigich and KMS were honored with an award given out by Arizona International Educators (AIE). The *AIE Distinguished Contributions to Global Initiatives in Arizona Award* "honors an individual or organization that has demonstrated initiative in influencing and promoting a global environment in Arizona." (ArizonaIE.org 2019). KMS earned this award for their work with Central Asia Institute on Pennies for Peace, a service learning activity seventh grade students engaged in. This year, according to Janell Arneson (our partner at CAI), our students donations paid the tuition for 15 girls so they may attend school for an entire year in the countries of Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Tajikistan.

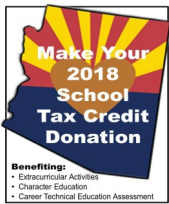
By learning about our global neighbors and helping those in need, our students become philanthropists and activists. They see how broadening their knowledge of other countries, by planning and acting upon those plans, and by following through on a goal, their generosity positively impacts children around the world. They become scholars of the 21st century, teaching us all how we are truly connected.



FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY:

With the possibility of a renewed federal government shutdown, Kyrene School District would like to inform parents that their children may be eligible for meal benefits. If you are a federal government employee who may be affected by the federal government shutdown, your children may be eligible for the National School Lunch Program to receive free or reduced price breakfast and lunch. Please visit our website at www.kyrene.org/foodservices for instructions to apply for meal benefits assistance. Kyrene School District encourages all parents to visit this website and complete an application if they meet the federal guidelines for National School Lunch Program eligibility. Eligible students receive free or reduced price breakfast and lunch.

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.

SPRING SPORTS:

3/4/19 Parent Meeting —4:30-6pm

Games Being on March 5.

Click [here for Game Schedules](#).



PTO UPDATE:



We are so **grateful** for the generosity of the KMS community and their efforts during the **StepItUp Fundraiser**. This level of support enables the PTO to fund the events we were worried about like the 8th Grade Promotion Dance, end of year parties and teacher appreciate week in May. And we are once again able to fulfill other requests such as flowers for 6th grade science class dissection, headphones for small group testing, a set of classroom calculators and student clubs such as KMS TV. Little things do mean a lot.

All students who raised at least \$60.00 during the Step-It-Up fundraiser are invited to the "Day of Awesomeness" on Wednesday, March 6th from 12:00 - 2:00 pm. Wondering if your child is eligible? Login to their online account to confirm the amount of money; if they collected sixty dollars or more, they're in! On Wednesday morning, students will receive a wristband from their homeroom teacher. Their wristband is their ticket out of class and into the event. Students attending the event will be out of their 5th-7th period classes.

AWESOME!

WEDNESDAY MARCH 6TH NOON – 2 PM
For students that raised at least \$60 during our fundraiser

Our DAY OF AWESOMENESS! An Inflatable Obstacle Course inspired by the TV Shows WIPEOUT and AMERICAN NINJA WARRIOR! Plus DJ Dance Party, Chill Lounge, and more!
 It's a day of FRIENDSHIP, FITNESS and FUN!

EVENTS

Monday, 3/4/2019

6th Grade Choir & Drama
Field Trip-8:45am MDN

CA Music Tour Parent Meeting-4pm MPR

Spring Sports Parent Meeting– 4:30pm Media Center

Tuesday, 3/5/2019

Track & Field @ Pueblo
5pm

KSD Board Meeting-
7pm DO

Wednesday, 3/6/2019

PTO Meeting-8:15am
Library

Day of Awesomeness
12:15-2:15pm

Girls Basketball @
Pueblo 4:30pm

Baseball @ Pueblo
4:30pm

Thursday, 3/7/2019

Track & Field Home (JV)
5pm

Friday, 3/8/2019

Performing Arts– CA
Trip

Coming Soon:

**Spring Break:
3/11/19-3/18/19**

**School Resumes
Tuesday 3/19/19**

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.