IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday, April 15, 2016
   Big Surf Permission Forms and Payment Due to Home Base Teacher

April 29, 2016
   Notifications of non-participation in End of Year Dance

May 6, 2016
   8th Grade End of Year Dance; 6:30-8:30pm, Altadeña MPR

May 11, 2016
   Celebration of Learning (see enclosed article)

May 13, 2016
   Notification of non-participation in Big Surf Event

May 17, 2016
   Individual Team Promotion Ceremonies; Gym (see enclosed article)

May 18, 2016
   All 8th Grade to Big Surf; 9:00am—4:30 pm

May 19, 2016
   Last Day of Middle School Early Release Day 2 pm

Included In This Newsletter:
Information on the following:
◆ Participation Eligibility,
◆ End of Year Dance,
◆ Celebration of Learning,
◆ Promotion Ceremony
◆ Big Surf Waterpark Outing
◆ Field Trip Request Form—parent signature required and must be returned to Home Base teacher. Signing these forms verifies you have read and understand all the information included in this newsletter.

March 2016
This newsletter contains important information regarding this year’s events and celebrations in hopes that it will assist you in your planning and preparation. Please read through this newsletter with your child so that you are aware of all expectations for students to be able to participate in each event. Sign and return all attached forms regarding the end of year events to verify that you have read and fully understand the contents of this newsletter.

If you have any questions regarding 8th grade events, please contact Lyle Whigham at lwhigh@kyrene.org or call 480.541.6000.

Student Participation Eligibility

It is our best hope that all 8th graders will be participating in all of the end of the year activities. It is very important for parents to be checking their child's grades regularly in Parent Vue as eligibility to participate in these events will be based on grades.

Beginning Friday, April 8th, any 8th grade student found to have a grade of an “F” in any subject will be ineligible to participate in the end of year activities. The Team will notify the student that they are ineligible. The team will complete a Participation Ineligibility Ticket to be sent home and contact the parent. The student remains ineligible until their status is changed and the “F” grade is raised.

Important Eligibility Dates:
April 29, 2016—notification of non-participation in End of Year Dance
May 13, 2016—notification of non-participation in Big Surf Waterpark event

The staff at Altadeña will make every effort to work with all students who are ineligible, to raise their grades.
Celebration of Learning

Wednesday, May 11, 2015; 12:30-2:00 pm

At the Celebration of Learning, students will be recognized for their outstanding achievement in all subject areas and citizenship. Class awards will be presented during the assembly. The President’s Education awards, along with several scholarships, community and school awards will be awarded at the promotion ceremony.

*The Celebration of Learning will take place in the gym from 12:30-2:00 pm.* Parents are welcome to attend.

We look forward to celebrating all of the wonderful accomplishments of the 8th graders.

8th Grade Dance (cont’d)

strapless, or expose the chest, abdomen, or lower back are examples of clothing that do not meet the school dress code. A strapless dress with a shawl is not acceptable. Clothing must be sufficient to conceal undergarments at all times.

 Casual or dress slacks, a shirt with a collar or a dress shirt is suggested for boys. A tie and jacket are optional. A tuxedo would not be considered appropriate for this dance.

If a student arrives at the promotion ceremony and/or dance and is not in compliance with the dress code, he/she will not be allowed to participate. We are asking for your cooperation, in advance, when helping your student choose their promotion outfit. We do not want families to be disappointed if their child is not allowed to participate.

*Please pick up your child promptly at 8:30 pm.* No student will be allowed to leave the dance before 8:30 pm without a parent/guardian personally picking them up at the multi-purpose room.

8th Grade Dance

Friday, May 6, 2016; 6:30-8:30pm

$5.00/student—Commemorative Ticket on Sale Starting April 11th During Lunches

This is a special evening for 8th grade students as a celebration of their upcoming promotion. Altadena Middle School promotes age-appropriate activities for students. This dance is for Altadena Middle School eighth grade students only. No student visitors may attend.

In accordance with our middle school philosophy, please understand that the 8th grade dance is not a "prom!" As with promotion, we ask your cooperation in making sure that our students wear age-appropriate clothing for the dance. **Prom-type dresses and tuxedos are not appropriate.** The dress code for the eighth grade promotion dance should follow the dress guidelines as listed on page 23 of our Family Handbook: **While the dress for this dance tends to be “dressier” than the other dances and socials, we ask that attire remain conservative.**

Girls may wear a dress, or skirt or slacks with a blouse. Dresses or other outfits that are

Big Surf Waterpark Event

Wednesday, May 18, 2016; 9-4:30pm

On Wednesday, May 18th we have planned an activity day for our eighth grade students. We will spend the day at Big Surf Waterpark, a water park in Tempe at 1500 N McClintock Rd. Students will have access to all water activities at the park and snack bars. This is considered a regular school day and students are expected to attend, either Big Surf or here on campus, unless they are ill. An 8th grade staff member will be on campus to supervise any students who do not attend.

We will leave school by bus at approximately 9:00 AM. **The cost per student is $20.00, checks payable to Altadena Middle School.**
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Big Surf Waterpark Event (cont’d)

This cost includes the admission to the waterpark for the day, a hamburger, chips and drink meal and transportation to and from the park. Should you have concerns due to financial difficulties, please contact Mr. Whigham at 480-541-6000.

Students who have been notified they are ineligible to participate and students who are assigned to ISI on Friday, May 13th are not allowed to attend this outing. Final decisions will be made by Friday, May 13, 2016 regarding students already on probation. Students and parents will be informed by notices given to the students. All students who are not allowed or choose to not attend this field trip will attend school and will be under the supervision of a teacher on campus.

Please try not to schedule doctor or dental appointments on this day. For the students’ safety, all students must remain at the water park all day, unless a parent or guardian comes to Big Surf and signs the student out. At the end of the event, the students will be transported from Big Surf and arrive at Altadeña at approximately 4:30 pm.

Since our return will be after regular school hours, all students will need to be picked up at the school. We are looking forward to a fun-filled day.

Students will need to bring additional money if they wish to purchase any snack food or drinks, or boogie board rental and locker rental. Bringing food and beverages into the waterpark is strictly prohibited except for factory sealed water bottles.

Since we begin and end our day on campus, students must follow our dress code while here. Students should arrive to school wearing school appropriate clothing along with their bathing suit apparel.

Please fill out both sides of the permission form that is included with this newsletter. Permission forms and payment must be returned to your child’s Home Base teacher by Friday, April 15, 2016. You can read more information on Big Surf Waterpark at http://bigsurffun.com.

8th Grade Promotion Ceremony; Gym; Tuesday, May 17, 2016

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The Altadeña Middle School Promotion Ceremony is designed to be a celebration of learning. The ceremony will be age-appropriate for middle level students. Student speeches, speakers, Kyrene Governing Board members, and staff will be a part of the ceremony.

Students should report to their Home Base classrooms fifteen minutes before their scheduled ceremony. Tickets are not required, but we do have limited seating, so please use discretion in the number of guests you bring. If families are in need of handicap accessibility, please contact the office and we will be glad to assist you with these arrangements in advance.

As with the dance, we ask your cooperation in making sure that our students wear age-appropriate clothing for this ceremony. The dress code follows the dress guidelines as listed on Page 23 of the Kyrene Family Handbook. Prom-type dresses, tuxedos, jeans and T-shirts are not appropriate.
EDUCATIONAL STUDY TRIP INFORMATION AND PERMISSION FORM

Parents/Legal Guardians: Students will not be allowed to participate in an Educational Study Trip without written completion of this form.

School Name: Altadéña Middle School        Trip Leader: Lyle Whigham
Trip Date: May 18, 2016        Trip Destination: Big Surf Waterpark
Students will leave school at: 9:00 am and return to school at: 4:30–5:00 pm

The purpose of the trip is: Celebration of end of 8th Grade and end of Middle school in the Kynrene School District.

Other information: Students will report to school at start of day in appropriate school attire. Kynrene School buses will take students to Big Surf.
We will not leave Big Surf until after all the Kynrene bus routes are complete, approximately 4:30pm. We will not arrive back to school until 5-5:30 pm.

Special clothing required for this trip will include: swim attire, sunscreen.

The location of the activity requires that each student be able to accomplish the following physical tasks: swim, have fun.

Students will need additional cash if they choose to rent lockers, boogie boards, additional food items.

I am aware that classroom students are the only students allowed on the trip. No other students, siblings or guests may accompany volunteers or supervisors.

I approve of ___________ participating in the 8th Grade educational study trip to Big Surf Waterpark.

Please check one: Student will: □ bring sack lunch □ buy school lunch.

I do not approve of ___________ participating in the trip and instead want he/she to participate in an alternative learning experience.

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I understand that the District’s liability coverage only applies to injury if negligence is proved against the District, and if the terms and conditions of the contractual liability coverage provided in favor of the District have been met. In all other circumstances, the student should seek coverage from his/her own healthcare insurer, and/or the negligent third party responsible for causing the injury.
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My signature below indicates I have read the information contained in this document.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian ___________________________ Date _____________

↓ Please complete both sides of this form. ↓

Please return this signed form and $20.00 payment to your child’s Home Base teacher NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2016.
Checks preferred payable to Altadéña Middle School.
EDUCATIONAL STUDY TRIP EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION AND CONSENT FOR EMERGENCY CARE

Parents/Legal Guardians: Students will not be allowed to participate in an Educational Study Trip without written completion of this form.

Name: _____________________________ Birthdate: ___________ Age: __________________________

Home Address: __________________________ City: ___________ State: ___________ Zip: ___________

Parents/Legal Guardians Full Names: ________________________________________________________

Home Phone: __________________________ Work Phone: __________________________ Cell Phone: __________________________

Person other than parent who may care for or transport child who becomes ill or injured at school.

Name: __________________________ Phone: __________________________ Cell Phone: __________________________

Preferred Hospital: __________________________ Doctor: __________________________ Phone: __________________________

Dentist: __________________________ Phone: __________________________ Date of last tetanus shot: ___________

Drug allergies (penicillin, etc.): _____________________________________________________________

Allergies to insect stings, food, or plants: __________________________

Recommended Treatments: ________________________________________________________________

Medications to be taken during a field trip must be in the original prescription packaging with specific instructions. If your child must take medications during the trip time, please list all names, specific dosages, and times to be given:

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Restrictions on physical activity:

Chronic health problems (asthma, epilepsy, etc.): _____________________________________________

Your X placed by the item below grants the District/School personnel authority to administer the recommended dosage of non-aspirin (such as Tylenol). Non-aspirin: _______ yes _______ no

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CONSENT FOR EMERGENCY CARE

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School Name: ___________________________ Student Name: ___________________________

I have legal custody of my child and grant permission for emergency treatment to be administered in the following way. In case of serious illness, I request that the school/trip leader contact me. If I cannot be reached, I hereby authorize the school/trip leader to call the physician/hospital indicated above and follow their instructions. If it is not possible to contact this physician/hospital, the school/trip leader may make whatever medical arrangements are necessary. If there are any special instructions regarding medical treatment of my child, including any information regarding allergies or drug reactions, I have included the information above.

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Please complete both sides of this form.