



August 6, 2021

Message from the Principal

The year is off to a great start! Over the past week I have observed students creating card towers in our STEM class by using the engineering design process. In FACS students made delicious Rice Krispy Treats with yummy toppings. Over the last few days our science classes have been focusing on lab safety and learning about various lab equipment that will be utilized this year. Our students are doing a great job jumping right in learning the content.

Last year Kyrene formed a committee composed of math teachers and interventionists to search for a math diagnostic assessment that would provide teachers data points throughout the year to guide teachers' instruction. The committee decided on implementing the NWEA MAP Assessment. The assessment provides students, parents, and teachers information about a child's areas of strength and areas of focus in math. Over the next week or so your child will be completing the assessment in their math class. The assessment is not graded. Throughout the year the students will complete the assessment around Winter Break and at the conclusion of the year. Our goal is for students to demonstrate growth by the end of the year. Please speak with your child's teacher for additional information.

This week students attended their first Advisory class Wednesday morning. During Advisory students build positive relationships with students and staff, learn about the 7 Habits of Highly Effective Leaders, and learn about the Panther Way at Altadeña. In Advisory classes our 8th grade WEB leaders team up with an assigned 6th grade Advisory class to serve as a mentor for our newest Panthers. Our WEB leaders were first introduced to the 6th graders during orientation in July. In the Spring our current 7th graders will be able to apply for a WEB leader position.

Erica Modzelewski, M. Ed. | Principal

Students on Campus

Please note, in accordance with the Kyrene Family Handbook and to promote safe practices, students will not be allowed on campus prior to 7:50 am and must leave immediately at the end of the school day. We do not have adults on school grounds to supervise students prior to 7:50 am and after 3:10 pm. If you need before or after care/supervision for your student, please call our Kyrene Customer Service Dept. at 480-541-1500.



It is time to sign up for Fall Sports.

Online registration is open for Fall Sports (Boys Soccer, Girls Volleyball, Cross Country). Cut Sports (Boys Soccer & Girls Volleyball) registration will close on August 12th. Tryouts will begin the week of August 16-20. You can access tryout and online registration information from your computer, tablet, or mobile device.

[Parent Registration Instructions and Checklist](#)

[Sports Physical Form](#) (*must be on file and less than one year old*)

Cross Country registration will close on September 13th. Practices will begin on August 30th. If you have any questions, please contact Athletic Director, Chris Howard, choward@kyrene.org or Athletic Secretary, Annie Saccoman, asaccoman@kyrene.org

ENGAGE Arizona

The Arizona Governor's Office of Education has partnered with Graduation Alliance to provide an extra layer of support for students in grades K-12, and their families, who might be struggling. Every student can now get an academic coach to answer questions, help them connect with resources and develop a plan to address barriers they may be facing. This program is completely free to students. For more information, visit www.kyrene.org/engageaz.

Health Office Update:

The Health Office would greatly appreciate donations of cases of water and thin sanitary pads.

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#KyreneStrong

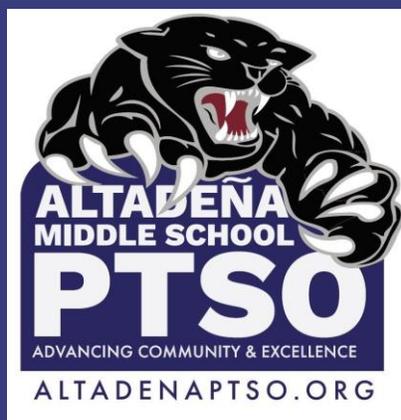
From the District Office

Please click [here](#) to see the latest information from the Kyrene Safe/Kyrene Strong web page, including updates on Mask/Mitigation factors.

The Word from our Altadeña Library

The library is open every day before school starting at 7:50 am for students who need to complete or print assignments, check out or return books. No pass is necessary. The library closes after school at 3:05 pm.

Spring 2021 AZELLA results have been posted in ParentVUE in the documents tab for families.



This week's Altadeña PTSO Checklist:

1. Visit our Website at altadenaptso.org and sign-up to volunteer. We need help with our upcoming fall fundraiser “Ride the Wave”.
2. Visit our website at altadenaptso.org to purchase your student’s spirit wear for Friday’s Spirit Days.
3. Mark your calendar and plan to attend our first PTSO General meeting on Wednesday, August 11th at 8:30am in the Altadeña Staff Center. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Coffee will be served.

Check back next Friday to learn how you can “Ride the Wave” and support Altadeña.

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