



September 3, 2021

Message from the Principal

In the Classroom

Our Panthers have been very busy recently!

This week in Ms. Nunez's 6th grade social studies students were learning more about the Paleolithic and Neolithic periods by researching food sources, tools, weapons, and basic survival methods during these periods.

Both Ms. Hernandez and Mr. Bertling engaged the students in a lab this week where students investigated physical and chemical reactions. Students examined how sugar, salt, chalk, and baking soda interacted with water, vinegar, and oil.

The gym lobby was full sweet music because beautiful music poured from our chorus class as students sang a classic, "Here Comes the Sun". We are really looking forward to hearing more from our Panthers.

"Ride the Wave"

Thank you, Altadeña community, for your generous support of our PTSO's "Ride the Wave" fundraiser! I would also like to thank our local businesses that donated student prizes ranging from gift cards to a Nintendo Switch. Because of your support we were able to exceed our goal of \$30K. Lastly, I would also like to extend a huge thank you to our PTSO's Fundraising Committee for all their planning and dedication to the fundraiser. Our PTSO is without a doubt the best PTSO in the Phoenix metropolitan area!

Safety

The safety and well-being of our students and community is our number one concern which is why I wanted to remind families to please follow arrival and dismissal procedures. Both arrival and dismissal times are often busy, and traffic is heavy. Recently neighborhood streets or even Desert Foothills Parkway are being utilized as drop off or pick up points for students to avoid traffic lines. Many of our neighborhood streets have

posted no parking signs which is causing frustration with our community when cars are parking on the streets. We worry about students potentially being injured while exiting or entering their vehicles on neighborhood streets or on Desert Foothills Parkway. We appreciate your help keeping our students and community safe.

Erica Modzelewski, M. Ed. | Principal
Kyrene Altadeña Middle School

Learning Lab is in session

Learning Lab provides students with a quiet place to work on homework or get help from Altadeña teachers. Sessions are held in the Altadeña library.

Tuesday & Thursday mornings from 7:30 - 8:10 am

Tuesday & Thursday afternoons from 3:05 - 4:00 pm

All students must be picked up promptly at 4:00 pm.



My name is Susan Marcin and I have a master's degree in School Counseling. I have been a Counselor for 14 years. Prior to that, I was a Middle School ELA Teacher for 12 years. I recently moved to Arizona from New Jersey with my 9-year-old daughter. My son has lived here for 7 years and I have a 3-year-old grandson.

School Counselors provide education, prevention and intervention services, which are integrated into all aspects of students' lives. We teach students the knowledge, attitudes and skills necessary for academic and social/ emotional development. We listen, teach and support students either through individual or group counseling sessions as well as classroom lessons that support the District's Social Emotional Learning plan.

At Altadeña, I have already started building relationships with many of our students. I provide individual counseling on an as needed basis, as well as short term counseling services with parental consent. Students are either referred to me by parents or staff or come to see me on their own by utilizing the Request for Counseling Pass that can be found in the Office. Students come to see me with the understanding that our sessions are confidential, unless they are a danger to themselves or others. I am also going to be starting various Counseling Groups with students who have similar needs such as social skills, anxiety, grief, or self-esteem issues.

Susan Marcin
School Counselor
Altadeña Middle School
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Fall Sports are in full swing. Here are this week's results:

Varsity Boys Soccer beat Aprende on Monday 7-0 and Pueblo on Wednesday 7-0

JV Boys Soccer beat Aprende on Monday 8-5 and Centennial on Wednesday, 6-0

Varsity Girls Volleyball won against KMS on Monday, scores unavailable, and lost to Akimel on Wednesday: 25-23, 23-25, 11-15

JV Girls Volleyball had a bye on Monday and lost to Akimel on Wednesday: 18-25, 25-23, 10-15

Meet the Student Council Executive Board for 2021-22

Congratulations to the new Student Council Executive Board members:

Olivia M.

Seth H.

Daniel Z.

Harrison I.

Araceli d.

Karina B.

Chance Z.

Ben B.

Keegan D.

This week's PBIS raffle winners are:

6th grade:

Tanner C.

Kerr R.

7th grade:

David T.

Kassie B.

Sydney O.

Lexi L.

8th grade:

Justice P.

Madison P.

Shayna N.

Erik B.

If you are experiencing any symptoms associated with COVID-19, you must meet the three criteria to return to school/work.

If you test positive for COVID-19, you must stay home from school/work for at least the full 10 days.

COVID-19 CHECK

- FEVER FREE FOR 24 HOURS*
- SYMPTOMS IMPROVING
- NEGATIVE COVID-19 TEST

*without the use of fever-reducing medication

You must meet ALL THREE of the above conditions or stay home from school/work for 10 days after the onset of symptoms.

COVID-19 Testing Locations: www.kyrene.org/covidtesting
MORE INFO: WWW.KYRENE.ORG/SAFESTRONG

From the Health Office

Email your student's test results to mmaria@kyrene.org prior to returning to school.

COVID-19 Vaccination Event

For Kyrene students, staff and families

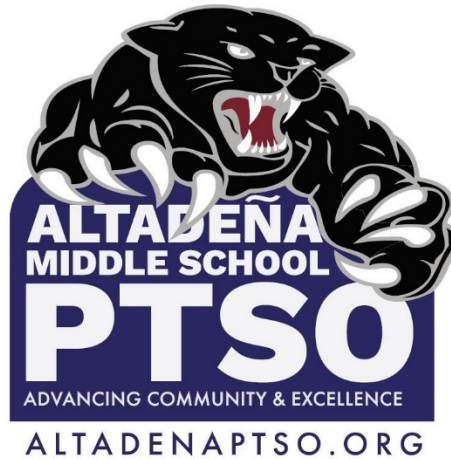
SEPT. 1 & 22 | OCT. 13
3:00-6:00PM
No Appointment Needed

KYRENE DE LOS NIÑOS MULTIPURPOSE ROOM (MPR)
1330 E. Dava Dr. Tempe, AZ 85283



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or visit kyrene.org/vaccineforms

Available to anyone age 12 and older



Message from the PTSO

Congratulations Panthers! We have exceeded our Ride the Wave fundraising goal - raising close to \$32,000 and donations are still coming in!!!

Eery grade level raised more than \$10,000 and has earned a *Hoohiwahiwa celebration!* Look for details on these events in the coming weeks.

THANK YOU Altadeña families for supporting our school community!

Congratulations to this morning's Grand Prize winners:

Nigel Krebs, 8th grade: Chromebook
Corbin Lines, 7th grade: Apple Watch
Anthony Randolph, 6th grade: Phoenix Suns Tickets
Cayden Patchin, 8th grade: Nintendo Switch
Cora Mascenic, 8th grade: Set of tires from Big O
AJ Brandt, 7th grade: Tuft & Needle Mattress
Connor Loomis, 6th grade: Mystery Prize

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