



November 19, 2021

Message from the Principal

5 Core Paradigms

As a Leader in Me School, we have 5 Core Paradigms that drive our decisions, behaviors, and results. A paradigm is simply the way we “see” things. These 5 paradigms include:
Everyone can be a leader.

Everyone has genius.

Change starts with me.

Empower students to lead to their own learning.

Educators and families partner to develop the whole person.

These paradigms or “the way we see things” at our school drive our everyday interactions with not only your student, but ourselves too. A partnership with families supports our ability for students to lead their own educational journey-empowering them to be responsible, reflective, and active in their learning experiences.

Paradigms are also powerful at home! When you operate through the 5 paradigms you are communicating our own value as well as encouraging greatness in your student .

What are various ways families can engage in these paradigms?

Paradigm

Activity

Everyone can be a leader.

Recognize that you are a leader. Reflect on your strengths and the strengths of your family members.

Everyone has genius.

As your student what their unique genius is.

Change starts with me.

Discuss how each family member has shown personal responsibility for their actions and choices.

Empower students to lead.

Empower your child at home to be “in charge” of their learning experience by asking questions rather than just always giving them the answer.

Educators and families partner to develop the whole person.

Reflect on how you take care of your mind, body, heart, and spirit and share that with other members of your family

Inside the Classroom

Mrs. Willever’ s 8th graders were reading and learning about Anne Frank and the Holocaust.

Students in Ms. Rodriguez’s class were learning more about how the electoral college works in our elections.

The students in Mr. Jordan’s STEM class were thoroughly enjoying the engineering the process as they made paper rockets.

Our 6th grade students in social studies this week learned more about Greek literature, Home, and Aesop.

Erica Modzelewski, M. Ed. | Principal

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.

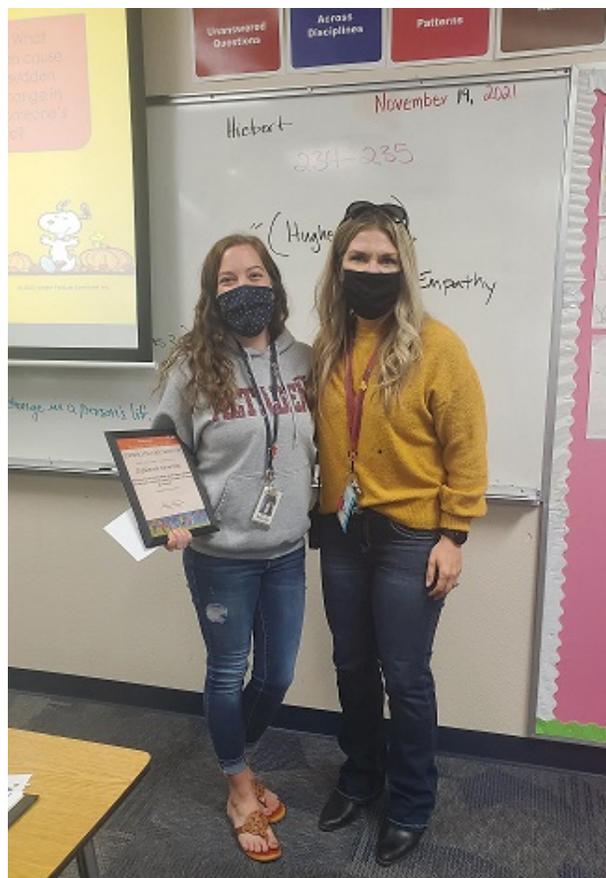
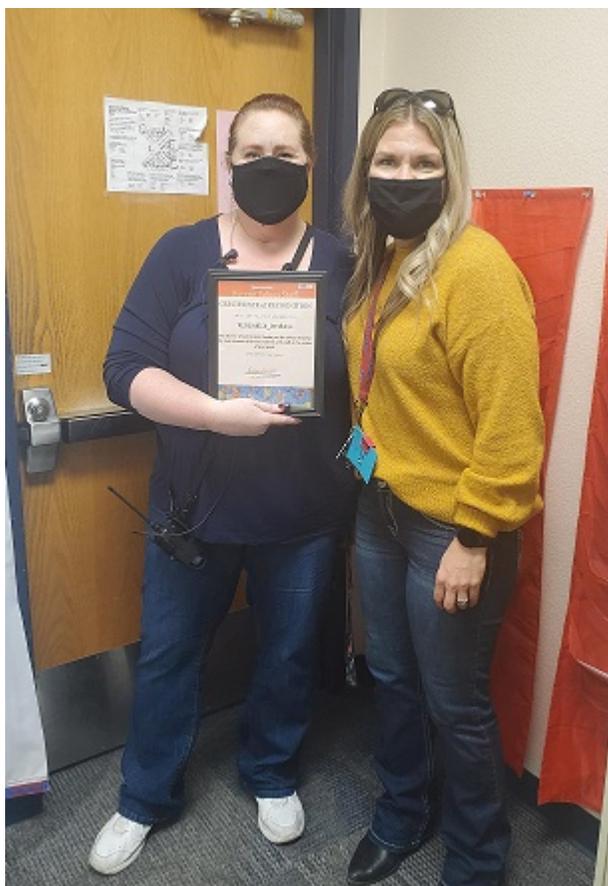


Thanksgiving Holiday information

Schools are closed on Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. If your holiday plans are starting early, please call our Attendance Line at 480-541-6001 to call your student out of school. Additionally, if you are picking up your student early on Wednesday, please send a note with your child to bring to the office and receive a pass to leave class early. This will minimize disruption from calls into the classroom and ensure your student is ready for pickup in a timely manner.

Kyrene Values Teachers and Staff Awards

This week Kyrene Superintendent Toenjes surprised two of our staff members with Kyrene Values Teachers and Staff Awards. Congratulations to Stephanie Nawrocki, Resource Teacher and Rachelle Jordan, Resource Instructional Assistant. They were recognized for their commitment to consistently going above and beyond by putting students and staff at the center of their work.





Capture the Flag Food Drive Update

This week it was 8th grade's turn to collect food donations and add flags to their teams. The Capture the Flag team that came in first place in the game was Mr. Rapier's "White Wave", while Mrs. Kingsley's "Kingsley Vaporizers" came in 1st for food donations. Great efforts by all teams! Next week is 6th Grade's turn to join in the fun and food donations.



An Altadeña Tradition Returns

Looking ahead to Altadena's Annual Dodgeball Tournament benefitting the Kyrene Resource Center's Winter Wonderland Event. Students will all start with one "life" and can earn up to 10 additional lives for \$1 each. Any extra money donated will go to the students' teams. Students who donate the most money will shop with Mr. Smith for gifts to stock Winter Wonderland. Games will be played on December 9th for 6th and 7th graders, and 8th graders will play on December 10th. All monies must be collected by December 1st, in order to have time to shop for Winter Wonderland, which takes place on December 4th.

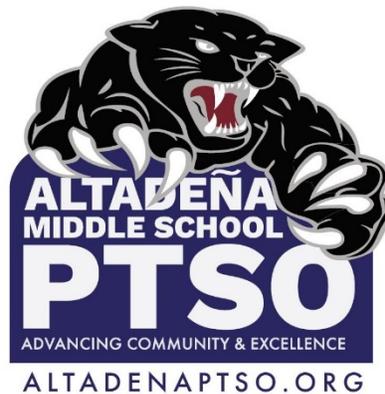
Altadena Fine Arts and Clubs

It's not all fun and games at Altadeña. Our Panther Orchestra had its first concert of the school year and received rave reviews. Stay tuned for future Chorus, Band and Theater productions. Ms. Hensley has started her Drama Club and Mr. Jordan is piloting an Engineering Club. Students: Please stop by Ms. Hensley's class for Drama Club information and check in with Mr. Jordan for more Engineering Club news.





In partnership with the Kyrene Foundation, the Kyrene School District is requesting monetary donations and gift cards for Winter Wonderland 2021 (no gifts please). Please donate online at: <https://www.kyrenefoundation.org/winterwonderland/> OR you can also donate a Walmart or Target gift card in denominations of \$25, \$50 and \$100 now through Dec. 1, 2021. Gift card drop-off locations: Keller Williams Realty, Sonoran Living (15905 S. 46th Street, #160; Phoenix, AZ 85048) and R Squared Graphic and Web Design (8400 S. Kyrene Rd. Suite 124; Tempe, AZ 85284). The Kyrene Schools Community Foundation (Tax ID# 86-0607130) is a nonprofit organization.



Message from PTSO

Altadena Dodgeball is Back!! We need just a few more volunteers to help collect student donations for our school's epic Dodgeball tournament. The funds raised by Altadena students support the Kyrene Foundation's Winter Wonderland. Altadena is proud to be one of the largest contributors to this holiday toy drive. Click here to help: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084bafa7283-altadena2>

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