



November 24, 2021

Message from the Principal

The first semester has gone by quickly, and it has been an exciting time. Winter sports recently kicked off their season over the past few weeks. Recently, Altadena has hosted choir and orchestra concerts highlighting our students' talents.

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays for many reasons especially because it is a time of reflection. Every year during Thanksgiving dinner my family goes around the table to share what they are the most grateful for. At Altadena we are very thankful! We would like to share just a few reasons why we are grateful.

We are thankful for our Altadena students who come every day ready to learn and make Altadena a better place. Our Panthers provide us all a daily reminder of why we are educators.

Additionally, we are grateful for the support of our generous parents and community. We are also grateful for our Panther volunteers who donate time, talents, and efforts to foster a positive learning environment for students. We are grateful for YOU!

We are grateful for Altadena staff who care deeply about student success. We see dedicated and hard-working individuals going above and beyond to ensure Altadena continues to be an A+ School of Excellence.

I would like to wish our students, parents, staff, and community a healthy and relaxing Thanksgiving break!

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.



Schools are closed on Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

We are approaching the end of the first semester. Parents and students- please check current grades in ParentVUE and StudentVUE.



Capture the Flag Food Drive Final

This was the final week for Capture the Flag Food Drive games, with 6th grade getting their games on and teams coming up with creative team names. The Capture the Flag team that came in first place in the game was Mr. Bertling's "Sussy Baka", while Mrs. Lliberta's "Drowning in Bacon" team came in first place for food donations.



Altadena's Annual Dodgeball Tournament Update

Altadena's Annual Dodgeball Tournament benefitting the Kyrene Resource Center's Winter Wonderland is under way, with students purchasing "lives" during lunchtimes from PTSO volunteers. Students all start with one "life" and can earn up to 10 additional lives for \$1 each. Any extra monies donated will go to the students' teams. Students who donate the most money will shop with Mr. Smith for gifts benefitting the Kyrene Family Resource Center.



Winter Sports Have Begun

This week's results:
Varsity Boys Basketball beat Pueblo, 68-30

JV Boys Basketball beat Pueblo, 58-20

Varsity Girls Softball lost to KMS, 5-20
JV Girls Softball won against KMS, 15-8

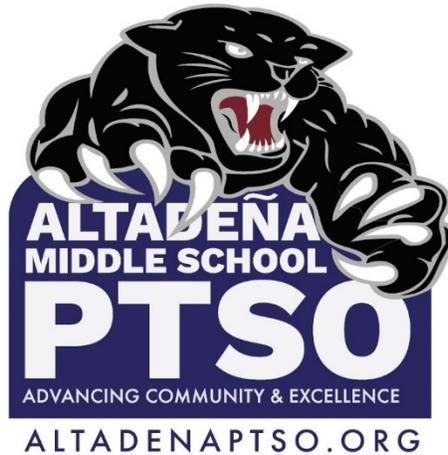
Varsity Girls Soccer beat Pueblo, 6-0
JV Girls Soccer had a bye.

Panther Wrestling Team beat Centennial 75-15

For all Winter Sports schedules, please visit the [Altadeña Athletics page](#)



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>

Our December Hospitality Lunch is quickly approaching. We will be treating our teachers to lunch and a Holiday Cookie Exchange. Sign-up to be a baker or to volunteer your time: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CA9A623AAFBC25-december>

Many thanks to our amazing community and to all the volunteers who have given their time, talents, and treasure to our PTSO projects this year. Thank you too to our amazing teachers and staff for their dedication to teaching and caring about our kids.

We wish everyone in our Altadena Panther Family a wonderful Thanksgiving!



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