



December 10, 2021

## Message from the Principal

This past week was full of fun events for our Panthers. Dodgeball was a huge hit this week! Thank you Altadena families and community members for your donations to the Kyrene Education Foundation. Your generosity impacted countless Kyrene families this holiday season. Additionally current, eligible 8th graders were inducted on Wednesday into Altadena's National Junior Honor Society. In the spring our eligible 7th graders will be inducted. On Friday evening numerous students were able to highlight their musical talents during a Performing Arts Winter Exhibition.

The Altadena staff would like to express our gratitude for a wonderful December luncheon this week. We feel fortunate to have such strong family and community support. Thank you for all that you do for the staff and students! We appreciate you!

### In the Classroom

To help students understand and reflect on the events that have shaped our nation's history, Ms. Lucas led her class in a discussion about the December 7th the attacks of Pearl Harbor.

Students in 8th grade science class this week learned more about physics and the idea of work. Students learned to calculate watts after learning to calculate force the previous week.

Students, also, this week started to complete the middle of the year NWEA Math assessment which provides growth data. Teachers utilize the data to monitor student growth since the beginning of the year. It also helps to identify any areas of concern in math.

Erica Modzelewski

## 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.



## Tax Credit Donations

This giving season, please consider making a tax credit donation to a Kyrene school. Arizona taxpayers can receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit when they contribute to extracurricular activities in public schools. Tax credit donations help students attend activities like athletics; art and music programs; character education; and field trips...anything that requires enrolled students to pay a fee to participate. When you make a tax credit donation, you can reduce the amount of taxes you owe to the State of Arizona. The amount you contribute (up to \$200 for single taxpayers or \$400 for married couples filing jointly) will be the amount you may claim as a state tax credit. Begin the donation process by visiting the Kyrene tax credit donation [webpage](#). Be sure to specify what club, sport or activity you would like your donation to benefit.

## Looking Ahead

The Lost and Found in the school office is overflowing with clothing, water bottles, lunches, sports equipment, etc. Parents and students are encouraged to stop by the office and claim their items. All non-perishable items not claimed by Thursday, December 16th will be donated to the Kyrene Family Resource Center.

## Kyrene Family Resource Center

The Kyrene Family Resource Center (FRC) is open and stocked with many items to support Kyrene families with food boxes, children's clothing and hygiene items. Hours of operation are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. The FRC is located at 1330 E. Dava Dr. Tempe 85283, next to Kyrene de los Niños. If you have any questions, feel free to contact 480-541-4772.

## Leaving early for Winter Break

If families are planning to leave early for Winter Break, please make sure to call the attendance line to report the absence at: 480-541-6001. Additionally if you are planning to pick your student up early, please send your student with a note to bring to the office for a pass. Classes may be on alternative schedules and it may take some time to locate your student. If your student has a pass ahead of time, signing out will happen in a more timely manner.



## Deck the Halls Spirit Week

**Next week is Spirit Week**

**Monday: Show your spirit for the Cardinals or your favorite sports team.**

**Tuesday: Wear holiday hats or headbands.**

**Wednesday: Pajama Day/Holiday Socks.**

**Thursday: Ugly Holiday Sweater Day.**



## Winter Sports Update:

\*\*\*\*\*Correction on last week's Softball information:

JV Girls Softball was undefeated as of last week,  
Varsity Girls Softball lost their games.  
Apologies for the error!

This week:

JV Girls Softball won against Centennial 13-3 on Monday and beat Aprende 15-4 on Wednesday.

Varsity Girls Softball lost both games, 0-10 against Aprende on Wednesday. Score unavailable for Monday.

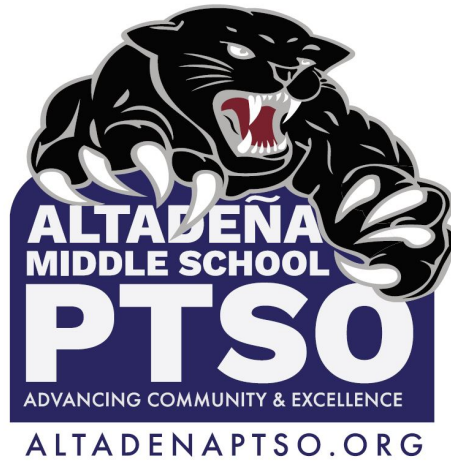
JV Girls Soccer won 9-0 on Wednesday.

Varsity Girls Soccer beat Aprende 3-2 on Monday and beat KMS 5-0 on Wednesday.

Varsity Boys Basketball beat Aprende 50-21 on Monday and lost to KMS 42-45 on Wednesday.

## Spelling Bee Winner

The Altadena Spelling Bee was held in the Staff Center last week. It was a competitive event with several great spellers. The final rounds included Tanner L., Connor T., and Darius C. Congratulations to **Darius Collins** for coming away with the win. The championship word was ballast. Darius will move on to the District Spelling Bee in January.



### Message from PTSO:

A huge thank you goes out to the Huffman Family for sponsoring our December Hospitality luncheon. Thanks to their generosity our teachers and staff were treated to a delicious pasta and salad buffet. Thank you too, to the many families who donated Holiday cookies and sweets - our teachers were overjoyed with the abundance of baked goods and enjoyed an epic cookie exchange.

Remember to use Amazon Smiles this Holiday Season. Make Altadena PTSO your charity of choice and a portion of your purchase will come back to our school. Need instructions? Click here: <https://altadenaptso.org/amazon-smiles/>

Ohana Spirit Wear shirts are still available and make a perfect stocking stuffer for students and parents. Order yours today at: <https://altadenaptso.org/spiritwear/>



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**School Hours: Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri:** 8:15am-  
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Wed: 8:15am - 1:05pm