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January 28, 2022

## Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

We thank you and your family for being our valued partners as we work together to educate our students at Kyrene Altadeña Middle School. As you may already be aware, building social-emotional learning skills is an important goal of ours. At the beginning of the school year, we asked for your permission to have students participate in a social emotional learning survey. If we have consent for a student to participate, they will complete a survey designed to provide school staff data on students' understanding of concepts related to Second Step, which is the social-emotional learning curriculum we are implementing with all students in grades 6-8.

The survey content will ask students to self-reflect on Emotion Regulation, Self-Efficacy, Sense of Belonging, and Teacher-Student Relationships. These topics are related to the content in Second Step and will help guide the implementation of the curriculum and measure its impact over time. The online survey will take place between February 7th and March 3rd. It will be completed at school and should not take more than 20-30 minutes to complete.

Student responses will provide invaluable insights into their experiences and how we can improve and adapt our school to their needs. If a student doesn't feel like they have enough information to answer a question, they will be able to skip the item altogether. The responses to these surveys will be completely confidential.

If you have any questions about the survey, please don't hesitate to contact us at [emodzelewski@kyrene.org](mailto:emodzelewski@kyrene.org) or 480-541-6000

## **In the Classroom**

This week Ms. De Klyen's 6th grade social studies students practiced their geography skills by identifying landforms using GPS coordinates.

Mr. Jordan's STEM students were learning a free web based program called Tinker CAD. Soon they will be designing their own creations.

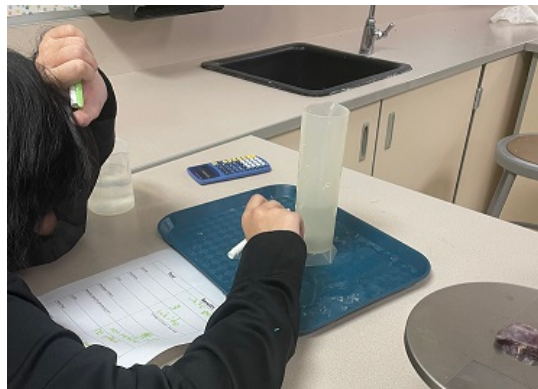
Our 6th grade science classes were diving in to the world of food chains.

With Lunar New Year quickly approaching our Mandarin students are working on various projects.

In Ms. Nunez's 6th grade social studies class students continued to work on a DBQ exercise examining Alexander the Great.

7th grade science classes explored rocks and minerals (see below)

**Erica Modzelewski, M. Ed. | Principal**



# 8th Grade Personal Ads

Parents,

Buy your child an ad space in Everyone's yearbook! Here's your chance to say "I Love You" and "Congratulations" for finishing Middle School. You choose the message and the pictures. The yearbook staff will design an ad that shows off your child's personality.

Hurry!  
Limited Space is Available!

Congratulations!



Love,  
Mom  
&  
Dad

Dear Katie,  
We are so proud to call you our daughter. Good Luck in high school!


















To order an ad or yearbook, go [Walsworth.com](http://Walsworth.com)

Ads are \$20.00 for 1/8 page or \$40.00 for a 1/4 page.

## January Spirit Week

January SPIRIT WEEK      Jan 31<sup>st</sup> – Feb 4<sup>th</sup>

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>Flannel Day</b></p>   	<p><b>Pajama Day</b></p>   	<p><b>Twin Day</b></p>   	<p><b>Dress like your Favorite Teacher</b></p>   	<p>Altadena Colors by GRADE Level</p> <p>6<sup>th</sup> – Navy</p>  <p>7<sup>th</sup> – Maroon</p>  <p>8<sup>th</sup> – White</p> 

## 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.



## Champion Speller Claims Title in 2022 Kyrene School District Spelling Bee

Top spellers from across Kyrene competed in person for the first time in two years at the Kyrene School District Spelling Bee on Thursday, January 27, 2022. Congratulations to District Champion Darius Collins, an 8th grade student at Altadeña Middle School. After 14 highly competitive rounds, Collins correctly spelled *flinders* and then the championship word *cache* to clinch the title.

The 2nd place winner was Penelope Williams, an 8th grade student at Pueblo Middle School. Collins and Williams will both compete in the Maricopa County Regional Bee on February 12, and they won't be representing Kyrene alone. This year, Kyrene is eligible to send its top five spellers to the regional bee, and each of these outstanding students will compete next month.



## Information Worth Repeating

**State Assessment testing dates:** Please note the dates and times your student will be testing to avoid scheduling outside appointments for your student during those times if possible.

All students will be testing with their 6th period teacher. Here are the dates and times that Altadeña teachers will administer the AASA state assessments to all students:

**Feb. 11**            **6th-8th grade Field Writing Test; 1:02-3:05 pm**

**Feb. 14 & 15**    **6th-8th grade Field Writing Test Make Ups 8:15-10:15 am**

**March 31**        **8th grade only AzSCI Part 1; During Science Class**

**April 1**            **8th grade only AzSCI Part 2; During Science Class**

**April 4**            **8th grade only AzSCI Make Ups; 8:15 -10:11 am**

**April 6-**            **6th-8th grade AASA Writing Test; 8:15-11:29 am**

**April 7 & 8**       **6th-8th grade AASA Writing Test Make Ups; 8:15 - 11:29**

**April 11**          **6th-8th grade ELA Part 1 and Math Part 1; 8:15 -11:29 am**

**April 12**          **6th-8th grade ELA Part 2 and Math Part 2; 8:15 am -11:29 am**

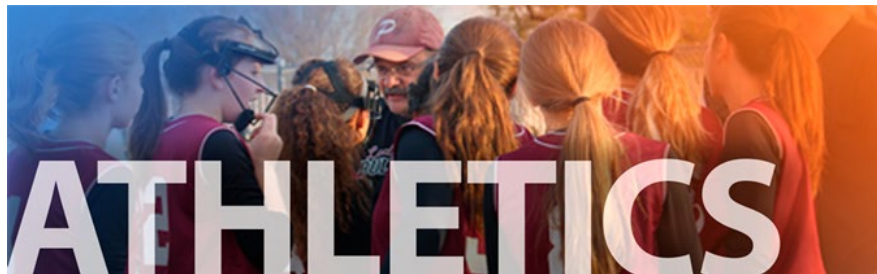
**April 13-14**      **6th-8th grade ELA and Math Part 1 and 2 Make Ups; 8:15- 11:29 am**





## Valentines for Veterans

The Kyrene School District is partnering with Congressman Stanton in collecting **Valentines for Veterans**. We are asking our Altadeña students and families to create a Valentine for a Veteran between now and February 11. Valentines can be handmade or be store-bought but **should be unsealed and contain no candy**. This gives our Altadeña students a great opportunity to brighten the days of our Veterans, thank them for their service and remind them that they are loved and important. Students may bring their valentines to their classroom teacher or the front office. Valentines will be picked up from Congressman Stanton's office on Friday, February 11, 2022. This is a great opportunity for our students to connect in a positive way with our community and to spread a little kindness. Thank you for your support of this project!



## Winter Sports Winding Down

Varsity Girls Soccer beat Pueblo, 2-1 on Wednesday.

JV Girls Soccer beat Aprende, 10-0 on Wednesday.

Varsity Girls Softball lost to Akimel, 10-0 on Wednesday.

JV Girls Softball won against KMS, 26-10 on Wednesday.

Varsity Boys Basketball lost to CMS, 54-55 on Wednesday.

JV Boys Basketball beat CMS, 32-32 on Wednesday.

Congratulations to the Varsity and JV girls soccer teams, the JV boys basketball team and the JV girls softball teams as they have all advanced through the playoff brackets and will compete in their respective championship game on Monday January 31st!

The Varsity and JV girls soccer teams will take fields 1 and 2 at Tempe Sports Complex at 4:30pm to face Akimel.

Our JV girls softball team will face off against Akimel on the Aprende Middle School fields at 4:30pm

The JV Boys Basketball team will tip off at 4:30pm against KMS at the Akimel Middle School gym.

Congratulations to everyone on a terrific season and good luck to our teams in the championship games!

## **Spring Sports Ahead**

Spring Sports Registration is now open!

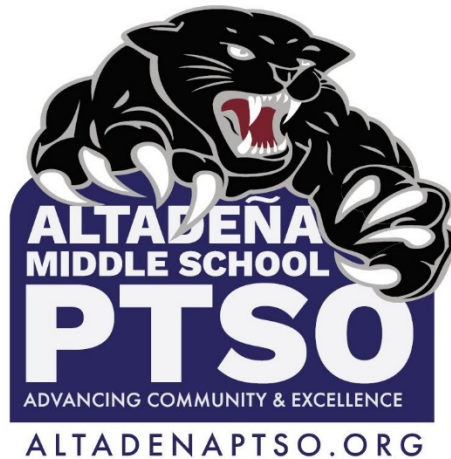
You can access try-out and online registration information from your computer, tablet, or mobile device. To register for a sport please visit <https://az-kyrene.intouchrecepting.com/>

Track and Field registration deadline: March 1, 2022

Boys Baseball registration deadline: February 10, 2022

Girls Basketball registration deadline: February 10, 2022

Please contact Ms. Saccoman, Athletic Secretary for additional details.



## From the PTSO:

We are currently seeing nominations for next year's PTSO Board. Open positions include:

President  
Vice-President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Financial Secretary  
Hospitality Chair  
Family Dinner Nights

If you are interested in any of these positions or would like to learn more about the responsibilities of each role, please visit <https://altadenaptso.org/ptso-board/#boardmembers> or email [president@altadenaptso.org](mailto:president@altadenaptso.org).



# ***SAVE THE DATE!***

**Altadena PTSO General Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 9th at 8:30am**

Altadena Staff Community Room - Check-in at Front Office & Bring ID

- Hear the Principal's Report
- Meet Altadena's new School Resource Officer
- Understand how the PTSO supports Altadena
- Learn how you can become a Parent Volunteer

***Be Involved,  
Stay Informed.  
It's a Win-Win!***



## Contact Us

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**Office Hours:** Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 7:45am - 4:15pm  
Wed; 7:45am - 2:15pm

**School Hours:** Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 8:15 am – 3:05 pm  
Wed: 8:15am - 1:05pm