



February 4, 2022

Message from the Principal

This week Altadena kicked off Black History Month by presenting information to students regarding its origin. Black History Month celebrates the achievements by African Americans and provides an opportunity for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Black History Month was the brainchild of Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard-trained historian. All this month students will be learning more about the achievements by Black Americans like Carter G. Woodson.

Inside the Classroom

Students in Mandarin celebrated Lunar New Year with a class celebration and dumplings. Ms. Badgley's ELA students were using textual evidence to write claims. 8th grade science is currently studying the complexities of DNA and RNA.

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!



To order an ad or yearbook, go Walsworth.com

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

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.



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

Elective Interest Forms for 2022-2023 School Year

Each spring we gather information to complete middle school schedules for the following year. The week of February 7, your student will bring home an elective interest form along with course descriptions for each course. Please review, complete, and sign the paper elective interest form. In the coming weeks, students will complete their online elective interest form with the support of school staff.

Coming soon:

Parent/Teacher Conferences will kick off the week of February 23rd. Be on the lookout for communication from your child's teachers regarding a conference schedule. The conferences will take place via Zoom. Please note: Both February 23rd and February 24th will be early release days with dismissal at 1:05 pm.



Panther Paws Theater Spring Musical

Panther Paws Theater is proud to announce the Spring Musical production of Matilda Jr. There will be an informational meeting on Monday, February 7th after school in Room

305. Auditions will be held on Tuesday, February 8th and Thursday, February 10th after school in Room 305. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Hensley.



Panther Athletes be Proud!

Sports Final Scores this week:

JV Boys Basketball beat KMS, 41-27

JV Girls Softball beat Akimel, 7-3

Varsity Girls Soccer finished their season with an impressive 12 - 0 record, finishing by beating Akimel, 3-2.

JV Girls Soccer beat Akimel, 6-3.

Congratulations to all the Amazing Panther Teams for an amazing season!



Congratulations to Panther Wrestlers

Kudos to Everest Leydecker and Ke Aloha Stovaw for coming in 1st place in their weight classes.

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.intouchreceipting.com/>

Track and Field registration deadline: March 1, 2022

Boys Baseball registration deadline: February 10, 2022

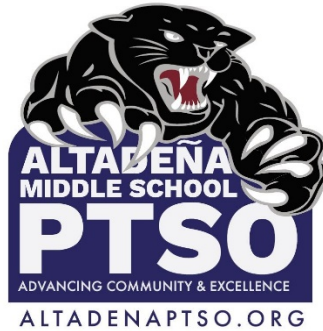
Girls Basketball registration deadline: February 10, 2022

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



Valentines for Veterans

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!



From PTSO

All parents are invited to attend our February General Meeting on Wednesday the 9th from 8:30 - 9:30am. Altadena's new SRO officer, Phoenix Police Officer Bob Sander will give a short presentation on "Kids and Social Media and What Parents Need to Know". We will also be discussing open positions for next year's PTSO Board, voting on spring funding needs, and discussing plans/needs for the 8th grade dance.

Due to the large number of 8th grade parents serving on this year's PTSO, the following positions are open for next year:

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
Financial Secretary
Hospitality Chair
Family Dinner Nights
8th Grade Dance

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.



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!***

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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: 8:15am –3:05pm

Wed: 8:15am- 1:05pm