



March 18, 2022

Message from the Principal

Hope everyone had a relaxing and rejuvenating Spring Break.

We started 4th quarter with some celebrations this week. Our Years of Service Celebration honored Altadena employees reaching milestones within the district. The Honorees are:

Jim Schieffer, Self-contained Class Resource Teacher, 15 years

Reina Rodriguez, 8th grade Social Studies Teacher, 20 years

Beth Slosky, Media Technician, 20 years

Lorrie Harris, 8th grade Social Studies Teacher, 25 years

Glenn Nienaber, Multimedia Teacher, 25 years

Debbie Wilkinson, Assistant Principal, District Athletic Director and 8th Grade Administrator, 25 years

Our generous PTSO provided refreshments and we had a slide show including a video from Superintendent Laura Toenjes, congratulating the Honorees.

In addition, our own Nikki Johnson, 8th grade Language Arts teacher, was named one of the best teachers in Ahwatukee. Her recognition is part of the Ahwatukee Foothills News "Best Of Ahwatukee" awards.

Our students have been participating in Passion Projects that were voted upon in their Advisory Classes. Ms. Venus' class collected almost 500 pounds of clothing to be donated to the Phoenix Rescue Mission for their project. (Please see photos below.) More projects from the classes are in progress.

Moving forward Altadena is entering testing season. Here are the dates and times the Altadena teachers will administer the AASA state assessments to all students:

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

8th grade end of year celebration plans are underway. 8th grade students were given a Social Probation Letter to take home and have signed and returned to their teachers. The letter outlines behavior expectations required to participate in end of year celebrations.

Report cards will be posted to Parent VUE on March 21st.

Here's to a successful 4th quarter!

Erica Modzelewski, M. Ed. | Principal



Ms. Venus' class Passion Project, benefiting Phoenix Rescue Mission.



The Altadena Yearbook is no longer able to offer 8th grade ads for the 2021-22 yearbook. However, the yearbook is still on sale for \$35.00. The price of the book will increase to \$40.00 on April 18th . There are only a limited number of yearbooks remaining. Once the online sales are gone, the only yearbooks left to sell will be any overprint the publisher sends us, the number of which we do not know in advance. Those yearbooks will be sold only on the last day of school and cannot be reserved.

To order a yearbook you can click on the link provided on the Altadena website, or go directly to Walsworth.com and click Buy A Yearbook and when prompted enter Kyrene Altadena.

If you have any questions regarding a yearbook purchase, please only email Mr. Nienaber at gniena@kyrene.org.



Dear Families,

In South Sudan, millions of women and children trek for up to eight hours a day to collect water from marshes, ditches, or hand-dug wells where water is often contaminated with parasites and bacteria. The results are sickness, even death.

Help the people in South Sudan by donating to the Altadena Water Walk. The 7th graders will carry two gallons of water while walking around the track, raising money for each lap they

walk. The students are reading the novel *A Long Walk to Water* where one character has to walk half a day to get water for her family. By participating in the walk, students build empathy for the character and those who suffer the reality of not having clean drinking water nearby. We are trying to bring awareness to this cause through this humanitarian activity and creating global citizenship with our students. All money donated is raised to build wells in South Sudan and is donated directly to their website.

In the past four years, Altadena has raised enough money to be a partial well sponsor. Altadena Middle School will be stamped on one of the wells built this year in South Sudan.

This voluntary event will take place on Thursday, March 31st during your child's ELA class.

How can you help?

Donate gallon water jugs! Please rinse out the jugs and have your students bring them to their classroom. You can also drop them off at the school office.

Consider pledging money for each lap your child walks and spread the word about the fundraiser to your community. You can also make a flat rate donation on the website if desired.

Here is the link to the donation page:

https://secure.waterforsouthsudan.org/site/TR/Events/General?team_id=1254&pg=team&fr_id=1060

Thank you,
7th Grade ELA Teachers



This week in Spring Sports

JV Girls Basketball beat Pueblo, 32-27.

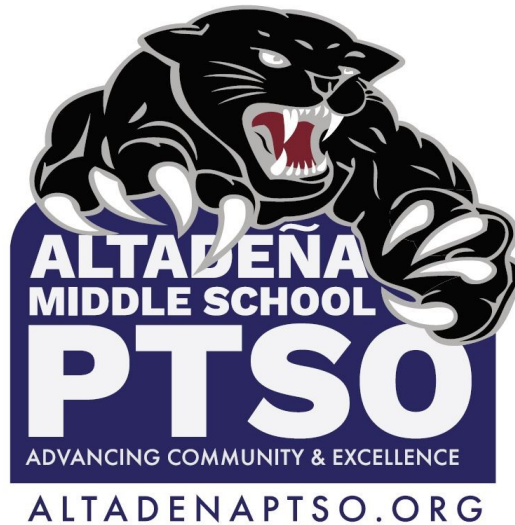
Varsity Girls Basketball had a bye.

JV Boys Baseball beat Centennial, 10-5.

Varsity Boys Baseball won against Centennial, 18-0.

Track & Field on Thursday's meet against Akimel was a success!
The Girls won 72-28 and the Boys were close, but field events pushed them to a win, 55-45.

Go Panthers!



Altadena PTSO Family Dinner Night



Tuesday, March 22nd
ALL DAY, dine-in or carryout

Foothills Native Grill and Wings
1339 East Chandler Blvd (Next to Ace Hardware)

480-283-9600 for carryout/curbside

Order online for delivery/carryout/curbside

order.nativegrillandwings.com

*Please do not order through 3rd party websites such as
Ubereats, Grubhub, Postmates, Door Dash, and Google.*

****All students must be accompanied by an adult!****

Please show copy of digital flyer or
mention you're with Altadena PTSO!

Join us for our next FAMILY DINNER NIGHT on Tuesday, March 22nd at Native Grill & Wings Wings, 1339 E. Chandler Blvd. (Next to Ace Hardware)

Mark your calendars for the 8th Grade Dance on May 13th from 6:30 - 8:30pm. Invitations and tickets sales are coming soon!

Make sure your 8th grader is part of the Dance Slideshow!! Send pictures of friend groups, sports teams, band, chorus and before/after school activities to altadenadance@gmail.com. All photos must be from the current school year and will be edited for appropriateness.

Candy and snack sales to support the 8th grade dance will continue during lunches on:
Monday, March 21st
Monday, March 28th
Monday, April 4th
Friday, April 8th
Monday, April 11th
Thursday, April 14th
Monday, April 25th
Friday, April 29th

All snacks are \$1.

We are still accepting sponsorships to support the 8th grade dance. To make a donation go to: www.altadenaptso.org/donate/

OUR NEXT PTSO GENERAL MEETING IS APRIL 13TH at 8:30AM IN THE STAFF CENTER. WE WILL BE ELECTING NEW OFFICERS. ALL PARENTS ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

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Office Hours: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 7:45am – 4:15 pm
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School Hours: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 8:15am– 3:05pm
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