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August 5, 2022

## Message from the Principal

Congratulations, Panthers, for a successful first full week back to school!

Teachers and Students hit the ground running this week. Students were provided with Student Agendas, where they can plan and organize all things classes, activities and assignments. Please have your students share their agendas with you so you can see how they are honing organizational skills.

All grade levels had Pod Chats this week, where students were introduced to grade level administrators, behavior expectations and logistics surrounding the school day. Having this information helps to familiarize students with what their school year will look like.

A reminder to parents to go into your ParentVUE accounts and electronically acknowledge the various documents for the new school year; technology agreements, Family Handbook, etc. These documents are important and full of information. Examples would include dress code policy, acceptable use of technology and attendance procedures, to name a few. Please complete these acknowledgements by August 11th.

Kudos to students who are adhering to Altadena's cell phone usage policy. Students have been respectful of the policy and are mindful to keep phones turned off and in backpacks from starting bell to dismissal bell.

Wishing our Altadena Community a great, restorative weekend.

Ms. Erica Modzelewski, M.A.Ed.  
Principal  
Kyrene Altadeña Middle School



### Parents/Guardians Focus Group

Kyrene school leaders are looking for 4 parents/guardians from our Altadena school community who are available to participate in a focus group with consultants on Wednesday, August 17th at the District Office sometime between 8:30am and 6:30pm. These parents/guardians would be individuals who are not currently serving on councils or other leadership roles at Altadena. If interested, please email Erica Modzelewski at: [emodzelewski@kyrene.org](mailto:emodzelewski@kyrene.org) to add your contact information to a spreadsheet that will be shared with district consultants.

### Seeking Parent Site Council Members at Altadena

The Altadena Site Council was formed in 1995. It is composed of approximately 7 parents, teachers, community members, and staff. Meetings are held monthly. These meetings occur in the afternoon after school and can be conducted via Zoom or in person. The purpose of the Council is to collaboratively identify goals and strategies for the continuous improvement plan of the school.

Altadena is seeking 1 or 2 parents/guardians to serve on the Site Council for the 2022-23 school year. Please contact Sally Rath at: [srath@kyrene.org](mailto:srath@kyrene.org) if interested in joining the Council.

### From the Health Office

411 is no longer used for COVID-19 reporting or for providing information on when to return to school. We are following the guidelines published by Maricopa County Department of Public Health, which can be found on their website.



## Fall Sports Registration

This is the final week to register students for Fall Sports. The registration portal will close on Thursday, August 11th at 12:00pm. Tryouts and registration information can be accessed from a computer, tablet or mobile device. To register for a sport, please visit: <https://az-kyrene.intouchrecepting.com/>. Please see the Altadena website Athletics page for coaches letters and additional information.

### Fall Sports:

Boys Soccer (cut sport)

Girls Volleyball (cut sport)

Cross Country (non-cut)

### Tryouts:

Fall Tryouts begin 8/15-8/19

Practices for all sports begin on 8/22/23

### Games/Meets:

First games for cut sports: 8/29/22

First Meet for Cross Country: 9/6/22

## Contact Us

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**School Hours:** Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 8:20am-3:05pm  
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