



August 4, 2023

Message from the Principal

Happy Friday, Panthers!

On Monday, August 7th, Altadeña PTSO launches our biggest fundraiser of the year! This program will bring Fun and Funds to Altadeña. We are excited to celebrate our students, school and community.

This year, we are raising funds for benefits and programs for teachers and students, fun activities for our Altadeña families, help to acquire new equipment and resources to help Altadeña continue to thrive.

Staff and Students will be attending a kick-off assembly presenting all the fundraiser fun on Monday. Stay tuned: your student will be bringing information home on Monday after school.

Have a great weekend!

Juliet Riffenburg
Principal



PARENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORMS

We need your help! Every school year we have important KSD forms that are required to be reviewed and acknowledged at the beginning of the school year. If you have not already done so, please go to [ParentVUE](#) to review and acknowledge all beginning of the year forms (Family Handbook Acknowledgement, Technology Agreement, etc.) as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please call our office at 480-541-6000. We are here to help.

Mark your Calendars

School Photos will be taken on Monday, August 21st.

Cooking up a storm in Culinary Arts Class

Cooking labs have started and students in Mrs. Riggle's Culinary Arts Class whipped up some tasty Rice Krispy Treats.



Staff Spotlight



My name is Jaime Brennan, and I am excited to begin my 10th year of teaching sixth-grade ELA at Altadena. My teaching career started in Scottsdale, and before coming to this wonderful school, I taught fifth grade at Monte Vista for 10 years. While I thoroughly enjoyed my time there, I was always impressed by this school's students, staff, and campus during our yearly fifth-grade rally visit, and I jumped at the opportunity to become a panther when a position opened.

Born in Brooklyn and raised in a small beach community in Queens, I moved to Arizona in December of my senior year of high school.

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was an unforgettable and extremely long "senior trip.") I attended ASU and graduated summa cum laude with a degree in education.

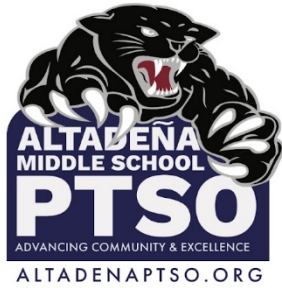
What I love most about teaching is getting to know each student and having fun while learning. The most rewarding part is when former students visit or email and share what they remember from our time together.

I am looking forward to a wonderful 2023-2024 school year!



Fall Sports Update

The Cross Country Team has been practicing all week and they are ready for the first meet of the season on Saturday morning. Tomorrow the Panthers compete against Centennial and Akimel. The meet begins at 7:00 a.m. at Akimel Middle School.



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- **Stay Informed**
- **Volunteer**
- **Donate**
- **Buy Spirit Wear**



Upcoming Events for July & August

August 7th - 18th Step It Up Fundraiser - Special Prize for donating \$200.00 the first 40 8th Grade Parents will receive 2 VIP seats to the 8th Grade Promotion. Students will have a Level Up - kickoff assembly on August 7th to get the students excited to participate. Golden Ticket and Information will be sent home on August 7th.

August 9th 6:00 pm P.T.S.O. General Meeting

Agenda items include Principal Update, Fundraiser Update and more!

August 10th Family Dinner Night at MOD Pizza

August 15th Hospitality Teachers Luncheon - Thank you to all that signed up to volunteer or to bring an item. Drop off for non-perishables is Monday August 14.

August 23 Family Dinner Night at Bahama Bucks

No cost ways to support Altadeña Middle School



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<https://www.facebook.com/altadenaPTSO/altadenaptso>

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Want to Volunteer: Fill out the volunteer form on our website
www.altadenaptso.org/volunteer

Altadeña Points of Pride

A+ School of Excellence

Lead School - Leader in Me

No Place For Hate School

Member, National Association of Student Councils

Member, National Junior Honor Society

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