



August 11, 2023

Message from the Principal

Happy Friday!

A HUGE thank you to our Altadeña families and community members for such a great start to our biggest fundraiser of the year. The outpouring of support is helping us reach our goals to help provide the best in resources, programming and equipment for our Altadeña. Donations will continue to be accepted through August 18th.

As we dive deeper into the school year, please remember to consistently check parentVUE to stay up to date on your student's progress. We appreciate your communication and involvement in your child's educational journey, as we continue to partner together for a successful school year.

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.



Please remember to mark your calendars for school photos on Monday, August 21st.

Staff Spotlight



I'm Fleur Strongoli, and I am a mom to three kids (two grown girls and one active eight year old boy). I'm a sports fanatic and a fan of the Phoenix Suns, Diamondbacks, and Cardinals. I'm also a sports mom and am scorekeeper for my son's baseball team and cheer for him in basketball and football too. I've lived in Arizona for a long time, but I've also lived in Nevada and Hawaii. I love to run, work out, read, write, and create things during my free time. I am big on learning and growing as a person and teacher. I also enjoy learning about neuroscience so I can use that information in my classroom to help kids learn and retain information.

This is my 18th year with Kyrene and in education. I began at Colina, teaching 1st grade for one year and the rest of the ten years were spent in 4th and 5th grades. This is my 7th year teaching Science at Altadeña and I LOVE middle school! I never thought I would because I remember my own middle school days and how awkward it was. But I absolutely love teaching kids this age and I get to teach them all about Science! I really think it is the best job in the world!

I am looking forward to making this the best year in Science!



This Week in Fall Sports

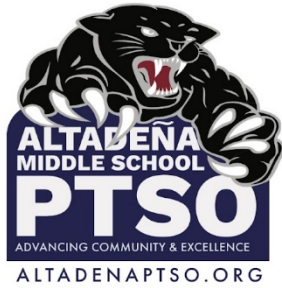
Cross Country had their first tri-meet last Saturday at Akimel Middle School against Akimel and Centennial Middle School. Panther Girls took first place, and Panther Boys took second place! This Saturday we will compete at Altadeña against Pueblo and Aprende!

In Girls Volleyball, teams have been picked and they will have their first games on Monday, 8/14 at Pueblo Middle School beginning at 4:30pm. Good luck to our Lady Panther Volleyball teams!

Night for Kyrene Event



The Kyrene Foundation is excited to host our annual Night for Kyrene fundraising event. Join us at a new location, the Wild Horse Pass Resort, on September 9th for an evening of community building and fun to benefit the Kyrene Foundation! We will have a wonderful plated dinner, dancing to live music from Twin Strings and Picaso, a fantastic silent auction, and more ways to support the Kyrene Foundation. The Night for Kyrene raises funds to benefit the entire Kyrene community - children, families, schools, and teachers. Find out more information about sponsorships, tickets, and tables at www.kyrenefoundation.org. Sponsorships and silent auctions are needed, so please contact NightForKyrene@kyrenefoundation.org if you would like to contribute!



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Upcoming Events for July & August

August 7th - 18th Step It Up Fundraiser - Don't Wait to Register and Send Those Emails!

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

September 8th Watch Dog's Kick Off

September 13th P.T.S.O. Board Meeting 8:30am

Step It Up Fundraiser Update:

As of Wednesday, 8/9 we have had **67%** of students register and sent 10 emails.

WOW!! Fantastic Job, Panthers!! Let's keep going!!!

Our fundraiser runs until next Friday, August 18th **So Don't Wait to Register and Send Those Emails!** We will be accepting donations until next Friday, 8/18. If you prefer not to send out emails, donation checks can be made directly to Altadeña PTSO. Please make sure the student's name & advisory teacher is on the check, drop off your envelope to the front office.

If the student has either sent 10 emails on the website or has donated \$50, they will be included for the "DAY of AWESOME!"

Every day this week we have raffled a Mini Fridge with Cash to one lucky Panther!!

Check social media for the winners. Also, all other prize winners will be notified once the fundraiser ends including the 8th Grade Promotion VIP Seats.

This fundraiser is so important for Altadeña Middle School and to each Panther that attends. The school and students depend on these funds for Student Field Trips, PBIS rewards, Teacher Grants, and so much more.

Any questions or concerns, please email president@altadenaptso.org



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Altadeña Points of Pride

A+ School of Excellence

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No Place For Hate School

Member, National Association of Student Councils

Member, National Junior Honor Society

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