



August 18, 2023

Message from the Principal

Welcome to the end of another busy week!

I want to thank all the families and community members for your amazing support of our Step It Up! fundraiser. Today is the last day of the event, so there is still time to check your donation amounts to secure the prizes your student earns.

Please know that your generosity will result in activities, field trips and grants benefiting teachers and students throughout the year.

I understand that our Panther community members have busy lives and commitments, so it was especially heartwarming to see how so many of you "stepped it up!"

Believe it or not, we are halfway through the 1st quarter! We encourage parents and students to check ParentVUE and StudentVUE often to monitor grades and check in with their teachers to make sure they are on track.

Have a great weekend,

Juliet Riffenburg

Principal

* Please scroll down for important information.

School Photos Reminder



Some Reminders

Parents, please remember that the Altadeña campus gates do not open and there is no adult supervision until 7:50am daily. Students should not be on campus prior to 7:50am.

Each year, families are required to review their child(ren)'s address, emergency and health information that is on file. We appreciate all families taking the time to complete this request by September 8. If you have questions and/or need assistance with accessing your account, please call the school office at 480-541-6000.

Clubs and Activities at Altadeña

Altadeña offers a variety of clubs, activities, and organizations for students.

Please visit [Altadeña's website](#) for a complete list. We will be highlighting our clubs in future newsletters.

All club participants are required to present signed permission slips to the club sponsor, prior to attending meetings. Permission slips can be obtained from the club sponsor or in the school office.

Staff Spotlight



My name is Tami Anderson and I am the registrar here at Altadeña. This is my 2nd year at Altadeña and 14th year with Kyrene. I was born and raised in Texas, got married and had my babies in Oregon, and finally settled in Arizona. My previous career life was in the medical field as a Histologist but after working with Kyrene kids, I'll never go back. I love working in the office and getting to know the kids, staff, and parents. My goal every day is to brighten at least one person's day. I'm excited to be here this year helping the office run as smoothly as possible.

This Week in Fall Sports

Cross Country

Last weekend the Altadeña CC team played host to the Pueblo Bulldogs, Aprende Jaguars, and the Kyrene Traditional Academy Tigers. Both Altadeña boys and girls came out on top. Boys scored 31 points with Ryan J. coming in first with a time of 8:45.1 and Carter F. second with a time of 9:14.8. Girls scored 16 points with Fiona P. coming in first with a time of 9:57.7, Kendyl T. in second at 10:12.5, Bailey O. in third at 10:19.4, and Jocelyn P. fourth in 10:20.5. All runners did a great job on a difficult 1.5-mile course. Altadeña heads to Pueblo this Saturday.

Girls Volleyball

JV Girls Volleyball opened their season on Monday night with a win against Pueblo Middle School, defeating their opponents 25 to 7 in the first match and 25-8 in the second. It was a balanced effort from the Panthers as they relied on their strong serving to carry them to victory.

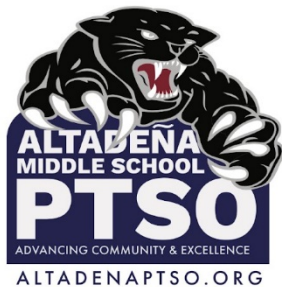
Girls Varsity Volleyball started the season on Monday night with the Panthers on the road to take on the Pueblo Bulldogs. The Varsity girls team came away victorious, winning in two sets, but not without difficulty. They got off to a shaky start battling back and forth

with the Bulldogs in the game one but eventually pulled away and won 25-16. Game 2 was a battle of wits. The Panthers were sluggish and allowed the Bulldogs to take an 11-6 lead, but the Panthers did not give up. Pueblo continued to lead 18-14, but a couple of good serves from Piper G. pulled the Panthers to an 18-18 tie. Mia M. had a huge block that helped the Panthers take the lead and from there, the Panthers didn't look back. They went on to win 25-21. All around it was a good experience. Each player had a hand in the win.

Altadena JV Volleyball improved their record to 2 and 0, with a win over Kyrene Middle School on Thursday night. Miranda N. served 14 straight points in the first game and Ava Z. served 12 straight points in the second game. Great job Panthers!

The Varsity volleyball team took on the KMS Scorpions on Thursday night. Game one got off to a quick start with the Panthers taking an 11-8 lead. Avery G. had a huge block that seemed to stun the Scorpions causing them to falter a bit. The Panthers continued to dominate in the back row, digging up everything the Scorpions hit at them. Piper G. went on a serving run of six straight before KMS responded and would side out. Altadena took game one 25-17. Game two was a slow, back and forth nail biter until the end. The game stayed within a two-point difference for either team most of the game. Nylah R. got hot and went on a streak of three straight kills on big swings pulling the Panthers ahead 19-16, but the scorpions were relentless. The Panthers never gave up and some heads up, scrappy plays by Brooklyn G., Luna P., and Hayley H. allowed the Panthers to pull off the win 25-23 to win the match.

The Panthers travel to Centennial on Monday.



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



Upcoming Events for July & August

August 21st	Picture Day!!!
August 23	Family Dinner Night at Bahama Bucks
September 4th	Labor Day (No School)
September 8th	Watch Dog's Kick Off
September 13th	P.T.S.O. Board Meeting 8:30am
September 18th	Staff Hospitality Luncheon - Sign Up Genius coming soon!
September 20th	Family Dinner Night at Zzeeks Pizza

Step It Up Fundraiser Update:

This fundraiser was so important for Altadeña Middle School and to all our Panthers. The funds collected are used for Student Field Trips, PBIS rewards, Teacher Grants, and so much more. We want to THANK our wonderful community for supporting our fundraiser! We far exceeded our student participation, with **77%** of the students participating.

HUGE SHOUTOUT TO OUR PANTHER COMMUNITY!!! YOU LEVELED UP!!

Our fundraiser website will be open to receive only donations until Thursday. Today is the last day to send out emails.

All the students who have either sent 10 emails on the website or has donated \$50, they will be included for the "DAY of AWESOME!" on November 8th. (We have scheduled the date for students to be outside in cooler weather!) This is also the day when the Awesome Prizes will be handed out.

Congratulations to all the winners of the Mini Fridges with Cash and our Grand Prize - Apple Watch! Winners were called to the front office during the last 10 minutes of class to be cheered on by our Amazing Front Office! These winners have been posted on social media.

Check your website for your total donations, then use this graphic to determine your prizes.

DAY OF AWESOME & AWESOME PRIZE PICK UP

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH



!!AWESOME PRIZES!!

ALL REWARDS ARE EARNED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS, NOT ON A COMBINED FAMILY TOTAL



THE FIRST 40 8TH GRADERS TO DONATE \$200 WILL GET
2 "VIP SEATING" TICKETS TO THE 8TH GRADE PROMOTION



COLLECT \$50 IN DONATIONS

MYSTERY WALLET!



SOME HAVE A
MYSTERY PRIZE INSIDE!

COLLECT \$150 IN DONATIONS & ADD

FROZEN MAGIC CUP!



COLLECT \$250 IN DONATIONS & ADD

PENGUIN PAL



COLLECT \$400 IN DONATIONS & ADD

LIGHT UP CHAIR!

120 DIFFERENT COLOR SCHEMES!



COLLECT \$600 IN DONATIONS & ADD

MINI FRIDGE!



COLLECT \$750 OR MORE IN DONATION AND EARN AN

AMAZON GIFT CARD!

THESE LEVELS ARE NOT CUMULATIVE.

COLLECT \$750 = \$25 AMAZON GIFT CARD | COLLECT \$1,000 = \$50 AMAZON GIFT CARD | COLLECT \$1,500 = \$100 AMAZON GIFT CARD
COLLECT \$2,000 = \$200 AMAZON GIFT CARD | COLLECT \$2,500 = \$300 AMAZON GIFT CARD | COLLECT \$3,000 = \$500 AMAZON GIFT CARD

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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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Wed: 8:20-1:05pm