



February 24, 2023

## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 27: PTSO Meeting

March 1-2: Parent/Teacher Conferences- both Wednesday & Thursday are early release at 1:05pm

March 2: Panda Express Fundraiser

March 3: Snack Shack

March 10: End of 3rd Quarter

March 13-17: Spring Break

March 20: Teacher Day - NO SCHOOL

[View Full Calendar](#)

## School Quality Survey

Aprende Families,

We are almost to spring break, which is difficult to believe! This year is flying by. Our students continue to do amazing things and our extra-curriculars, like Performing Arts and athletics (and all the clubs) are continuing to have high participation and engagement. As we look to prepare for next year (students completed course selections this past week), we really value your feedback to make improvements and to also continue practices that are successful. The School Quality survey went out this week (you would have received an e-mail from the district), and we currently only have 3% participation. We would really appreciate you taking time to provide your feedback, as we do use it to impact any necessary change.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are next week. Information/links was provided by grade level administrators. Please reach out to them if you missed it and would like to schedule a conference. You are always welcome to reach out to teachers via e-mail as well. We appreciate your continued support and partnership. If you need anything or have questions/concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. Have a great weekend!

Respectfully,  
Renee Kory, Principal



Many students are bringing items to school which are becoming extremely distracting and disruptive to the class and the learning environment. Items such as or slime, stink bombs, etc **ARE NOT ALLOWED** and we respectfully ask that ALL students leave these at home.

If your child requires a fidget in accordance with their IEP or 504, we are happy to make this accommodation, but also respectfully ask that the fidgets are appropriate for school and not deemed a toy. However, all other students should not be bringing fidgets/toys to school.

Please discuss this issue with your child to ensure that they are not bringing unnecessary items to school.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Fundraiser for

### Aprende Middle School AVID Club

20% of event sales will be donated

The group are students participating in a college and career readiness program.




**When**

**Thursday, March 02, 2023**  
**Time: 9:30 AM to 9:00 PM**

**Where**

**Panda Express located at:**  
**2905 West Ray Road Chandler AZ 85224**  
**(480) 917 - 0945**


**How to Order**



**Online**

**PandaExpress.com or the App.**  
**Enter 343407 in the fundraiser code box**


or



**In-Person**

**Bring paper flyer or show it on your smartphone**

**Order ahead or on the event day Thursday, March 02, 2023**



**Health and Safety**

Committed to your health and safety. Panda Express is recognized as **America's safest restaurant brand.**

Participating fundraiser guests are required to present a valid fundraiser flyer (paper copy or digital image) with each order to receive credit towards the fundraiser. Flyers may not be distributed inside or within the vicinity of the restaurant including, without limitation to, the restaurant parking lot before or during the fundraiser. Panda Restaurant Group reserves the right cancel any and all fundraiser events, if the Panda Restaurant Group Fundraiser Guidelines are not followed. Panda Restaurant Group will donate 20% of all purchases made, pre-tax and before fees, at the designated date, time, and your Panda Express location when purchased with your unique code at check-out or when a copy of this flyer is presented. Purchase(s) of gift cards do not count towards the fundraiser, but purchases made with gift cards will count. No portion of purchase is tax deductible.

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The National Junior Honor Society chapter of Aprende Middle School is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in five areas of evaluation: scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character. Standards for selection are established by the national office of NJHS and have been revised to meet our local chapter needs. Students are selected to be members by a 5-member Faculty Council, appointed by the principal, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school each year.

Students currently in grades six or seven are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a **cumulative** GPA of 3.8 or better on a 4.0 scale after **3 consecutive quarters** at the same school. **On April 10, 2023**, those students who meet this criterion are invited by Kyrene email to join the NJHS Candidate Class in Google Classroom to complete the Candidate Information Form. This required Form will provide the Faculty Council with information regarding the candidate's leadership and service. A history of leadership experiences and participation in school or community service is also required. The 2023 - 24 Faculty Council uses the following standards to determine a candidate's membership into NJHS:

A completed Candidate Information Form that has at least **two** of the **four** sections filled in thoughtfully. *The candidate demonstrates effort to complete the Form to the best of his/her ability and takes each criterion seriously, even if all four sections could not be fully completed.* Taking this into consideration, the Faculty Council sees fit that proving more than just Scholarship will meet the criteria for this organization. Please be aware that ***elementary school opportunities will not be considered*** as examples of a student's *current* leadership, service, or honors/awards.

A completed letter of intent that demonstrates to the best of the candidate's ability that he/she will fulfill the obligations and requirements of membership in NJHS. The letter may not be longer than two pages as stated on the Candidate Information Form.

To help evaluate a candidate's character, the Faculty Council first reviews school disciplinary records. Second, the Candidate Information Forms and personal letters are carefully reviewed by the Faculty Council to determine membership. A majority vote of the Council is necessary for selection. Candidates are notified regarding selection or non-selection according to a predetermined schedule found on the Aprende Middle School master calendar. Following notification, a formal induction ceremony is held at the school to recognize all the newly selected members. Information about NJHS and the selection process may be found on the 2023 NJHS Candidate Google Classroom page.

Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance (or better) in all five criteria that led to their selection. This obligation includes regular attendance at chapter meetings and leadership opportunities held throughout during the school year and participation in the chapter service projects. Hours of individual service during the school year must be documented and submitted each year of membership, as well. Students or parents who have questions regarding the selection process or membership obligations can contact Tonia Deer at [tdeer@kyrene.org](mailto:tdeer@kyrene.org) or Amy Furman at [afurma@kyrene.org](mailto:afurma@kyrene.org).

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Any student that has  
**PERFECT ATTENDANCE**  
in February will receive FREE  
Diamondback tickets!!!



## Spring Sports

Next Week:

Co-Ed Track & Field  
2/28 vs ALT @ APR

Boys Baseball:  
3/6 - Varsity & JV vs AKI @ APR  
3/9 - Varsity & JV vs KMS @ APR

Girls Basketball:  
Varsity:  
3/6 vs AKI @ APR  
3/9 vs KMS @ APR

JV:  
3/6 vs AKI @ APR  
3/9 vs AKI @ AKI

Please see the [Aprende Athletics webpage](#) for more information.

If you have any questions, please contact Athletic Director, Carl Nasuta, [cnasuta@kyrene.org](mailto:cnasuta@kyrene.org) or Athletic Secretary, Melissa Harris [mharris@kyrene.org](mailto:mharris@kyrene.org) 480-541-6203



Office hours: 7:30am-4:00pm

Address: 777 N. Desert Breeze Blvd., East #2, Chandler, AZ 85226

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For any Family that carries AHCCCS or KidsCare...It is Time to Renew!

**What is the Public Health Emergency (PHE)?**

When the COVID-19 pandemic started, the federal government announced a Public Health Emergency (PHE). This means that anyone with AHCCCS or KidsCare would remain eligible for Medicaid during the PHE regardless of any other eligibility requirements.

**Why is this important?**

When the PHE ends, you may need to renew your AHCCCS eligibility. If you don't renew, you may be at risk of losing your coverage. The new re-enrollment requirements will begin in April or May.

[PHE Member Flyer](#)

[PHE Member Flyer Spanish](#)

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**Kyrene Positive Parenting - March Presentations**

The Kyrene School District is pleased to continue the successful Positive Parenting Series this school year, focusing on issues that affect families both at school and at home. We hope you can join us.

## Mar. 8 - Raising Responsible Teenagers

### Raising Responsible Teenagers

In this class, parents will learn strategies to help teach teens to gain and promote responsible independence skills.

**Presenter:** Sarah Davis

#### Date and Time

March 8, 2023

6:00-7:00

[Registration Link](#)

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### SCHOOL HEALTH OFFICE MEDICATION POLICY

The Aprende Health Office does NOT stock Advil, Motrin, Tylenol, Benadryl, Hydrocortisone cream, Antibiotic ointment or cough drops. However, if your student requires over the counter medication please click here for the [Kyrene District policy.](#)

## Returning to School After an Injury

To provide the safest environment during the school day, any student returning to school following a serious injury, prolonged illness or surgery must provide a signed medical release form (discharge paperwork if seen by ER/Urgent Care) to return to school.

Written permission, by a licensed medical provider, must be provided for all students requiring a wheelchair, knee scooter, crutches, etc. All equipment will be provided by the parent/guardian.

Please contact the school health office for any necessary health support at 480-541-6220. For more health services information, review pages 11-14 of the [Kyrene Family Handbook](#).



## Tax Credit Donations

**MAKE A  
TAX CREDIT  
DONATION  
TODAY!**



Youth Academy- Chandler Police Department



Our amazing SRO Loranda Miller will be in charge of The Chandler Youth Academy for 2023 for her department. There are four total dates to include one in March, two in June and the last one in October. If you have a student who would be interested, please sign up asap as it fills up fast. It's a lot of fun, great food and she hopes to see you there!

Registration opens February 13th at 9am.

<https://chandlerazpd.gov/about/school-resource-officer-unit/youth-academy/>

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## Art Contest

We are excited to announce our 5th year of the ESS Art Contest 2023.

<https://library.ess.com/artcontest>

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# 2022-2023 YEARBOOK

We have a limited number of yearbooks for sale!!  
Click [here](#) for yearbook purchase information.

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We have blocked out some dates for School Tours for New Incoming Students to Aprende.

Please contact our Registrar, Grace Paek for scheduling. [GPaek@kyrene.org](mailto:GPaek@kyrene.org)

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**TISSUE DONATION:**

Winter season brings sniffles.  
We are IN NEED of tissues. If you're able to donate, please drop it off in the front office.

**PBIS Store:**

Bags of Jolly Ranchers  
Full sized candy bars  
Soda (cans only)  
Rubber Bracelets, lanyards  
Large jar of movie theater pickles  
Bags of small sized candies (individually wrapped)

Thank you!



# SAVE THE DATE

## 2023-24 School Year



1st Day of School  
Wednesday, July 19

Meet the Teacher  
Monday, July 17

Middle Schools  
1-4 p.m.

| Elementary Schools  
5-6:30 p.m.

Digital Download Orders only available through June 30, 2023  
[Fall Picture Ordering Instructions](#)

## Funding will waive reduced-price meal fees for qualifying families through School Year 2023-2024

[Free & Reduced Meal Application](#)

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## Gifted Testing- 6th & 7th Grades: Gifted Child Assessment Notice.

[www.kyrene.org/gifted](http://www.kyrene.org/gifted)

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**TUTORING:** Free virtual tutoring available to Arizona students through the AmeriCorps STEMM program, skilled tutor mentors provide free online math tutoring and support to K-12 students. Use [this link](#) to view the schedule of tutoring sessions and access live tutoring links.

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**Clubs/Activities:** Aprende offers a variety of clubs, activities and organizations. Click [here](#) for Club/Activity information.

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**Traffic Safety:** Click [here](#) for information.

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**Attendance:** Click [here](#) for more information.

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### Quicklinks

- [School Website](#)
  - [Breakfast/Lunch Menu](#)
  - [Calendar of Events](#)
  - [ParentVue and StudentVue](#)
  - [PTSO Information](#)
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## Contact Us

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Chandler, AZ 85226

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**Wed:** 8:20am-1:05pm

**Office Hours:** 7:30am-4:00pm

**Phone:** 480-541-6200  
**Fax:** 480-541-6210  
**Attendance:** 480-541-6201

**Wed:** 7:30am-2:00pm

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