



July 14, 2022



**First Day of School
Wednesday, July 19th**

**This is a FULL Day of School,
NOT an Early Release Day.**

Message from the Principal

Welcome Back Aprende Families,

We are so excited to begin another year in a few short days! I hope you enjoyed your (short) summer! Please see details below regarding Meet the Teacher Day (e-mail sent last week). I understand it may be inconvenient for working families, but please know if you/your child cannot attend, we have procedures in place to support students on the first day/week. You are also welcome to e-mail teachers and ask for a copy of the presentation they presented. I will also post information on our website Monday afternoon. The reason for the change for this year is because of the short summer that left us only Monday and Tuesday for Meet the Teacher and we did not think the day before school would be an ideal time. Therefore, elementary and middle had to do their Meet the Teacher on the same day. The decision was made for elementary to have the evening slot since the students are younger. Thank you for your understanding and please reach out to me directly if you have questions/need assistance.

In the Jagwire next week, I will share more specific information about the school year (schoolwide procedures and priorities). We are currently in need of volunteers in several areas and would love if you could spread the word and/or think about volunteering some time if feasible. We have two paid positions that are unfilled: Lunch Duty and Day Porter. Lunch duty runs from approximately 10:15-12:30 and we would happily accept personnel/volunteers for any or all lunch duties. Day porter is a full time position and this employee supports our Lead Building Manager (custodian). Details can be found

here: <https://www.applitrack.com/kyrene/onlineapp/JobPostings/view.asp?Category=Facilities&AppliTrackJobId=7463&AppliTrackLayoutMode=detail&AppliTrackViewPosting=1>

In addition, we would love to have parents, grandparents, etc. volunteer to support our 6th grade model. This would involve helping students and teachers with STEM based projects as well as math and science support. Please e-mail me directly if you are interested in volunteering.

Thank you for your continued support. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Renee Kory, Principal

rkory@kyrene.org

Meet the Teacher

Meet the Teacher Information July 17, 2023; 1:00pm

Aprende Families and Students,

During Meet the Teacher, families and students will follow their daily schedule. It is important the schedule is followed in order to limit the number of individuals in any one area at a time. Teachers will be providing presentations during each class period/session.

We will open gates at 1:00pm and have an open house in the MPR (for PTSO apparel sales and informational materials). Classroom buildings will open at 1:20 PM, with the first session beginning at 1:30 PM. During the lunch period on the schedule (3rd for 6th; 4th for 7th; 5th for 8th), families are invited to the MPR to see the cafeteria and pick up any informational materials (athletics, food services, extra-curriculars, PTSO, etc).

The school bells will signal for families to transition to the next class for another curriculum presentation and to meet the next teacher. **Please print or take a screenshot of student schedules from ParentVue/StudentVue prior to attending.** The schedules will be available online the morning of the event. If you cannot access it, please visit our MPR at 1 PM for assistance.

Meet The Teacher Schedule

6th grade	Start time	End time	Minutes	7th lunch	Start time	End time	Minutes	8th lunch	Start time	End time	Minutes
Learning Block 1 (Period 1 & 2)	1:30 PM	1:54 PM	24	Period 1	1:30 PM	1:40 PM	10	Period 1	1:30 PM	1:40 PM	10
				Passing	1:40 PM	1:44 PM	4	Passing	1:40 PM	1:44 PM	4
				Period 2	1:44 PM	1:54 PM	10	Period 2	1:44 PM	1:54 PM	10
Passing	1:54 PM	1:58 PM	4	Passing	1:54 PM	1:58 PM	4	Passing	1:54 PM	1:58 PM	4
Period 3 Lunch	1:58 PM	2:08 PM	10	Period 3	1:58 PM	2:08 PM	10	Period 3	1:58 PM	2:08 PM	10
Passing	2:08 PM	2:12 PM	4	Passing	2:08 PM	2:12 PM	4	Passing	2:08 PM	2:12 PM	4
Period 4 Elective	2:12 PM	2:22 PM	10	Period 4 Lunch	2:12 PM	2:22 PM	10	Period 4	2:12 PM	2:22 PM	10
Passing	2:22 PM	2:26 PM	4	Passing	2:22 PM	2:26 PM	4	Passing	2:22 PM	2:26 PM	4
Learning Block 2 (Period 5 & 6)	2:26 PM	2:50 PM	24	Period 5	2:26 PM	2:36 PM	10	Period 5 Lunch	2:26 PM	2:36 PM	10
				Passing	2:36 PM	2:40 PM	4	Passing	2:36 PM	2:40 PM	4
				Period 6	2:40 PM	2:50 PM	10	Period 6	2:40 PM	2:50 PM	10
Passing	2:50 PM	2:54 PM	4	Passing	2:50 PM	2:54 PM	4	Passing	2:50 PM	2:54 PM	4
Period 7 Elective	2:54 PM	3:04 PM	10	Period 7	2:54 PM	3:04 PM	10	Period 7	2:54 PM	3:04 PM	10

6th grade families, please make certain you arrive on time in order to view a video about the 6th grade model at the start of 1st period (1:30 PM).

Advisory Class- Advisory, which occurs on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday mornings will show up on the schedule as 8th period. Students/parents will **NOT go to the Advisory class during Meet the Teacher Night.

We look very forward to seeing you in person and beginning an outstanding year at Aprende. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please call the Aprende office at 480-541-6200.

Schedule changes will only be considered in cases where a student is scheduled into a class that is an incorrect level or because of a missing class. We will have schedule correction forms available for parents to submit if this is the case. We will not be making any elective changes.

Meet the Teacher Parking

Families are welcome to park in the north lot by the fields or the main lot near Brisas. Carpooling would greatly assist in reducing traffic.

ParentVue Mobile App

The ParentVUE Mobile application helps parents stay informed and connected by providing day-to-day insight into their child's academic experience. ParentVUE Mobile for the iPhone/iPod Touch works with the Synergy™ student information system in much the same way as the ParentVUE web portal, allowing parents to access near real-time information on assignments and scores, attendance, and demographic information. ParentVUE offers parents a single sign-on to view all of their children's information regardless of school.

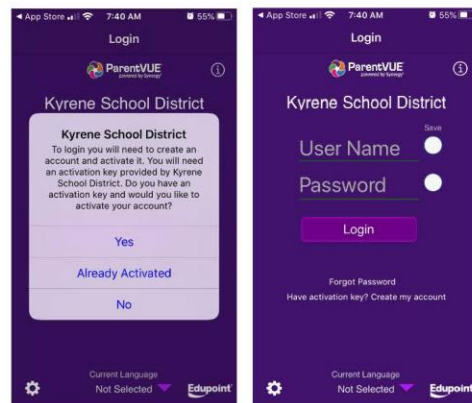
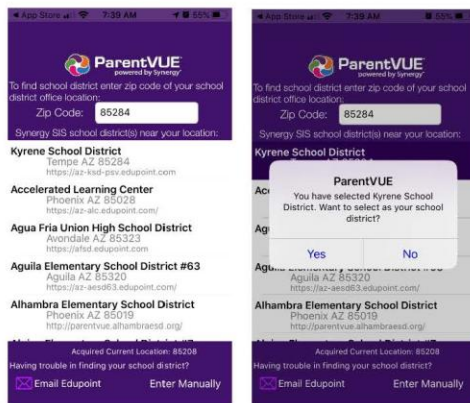
Logging in to ParentVUE Mobile App

After downloading the ParentVUE Mobile App from the App store, follow these directions to log in.

- 1) When opening the app for the first time, you will be asked to connect to your school district. Swipe left to search.
- 2) You can allow the app to use your location to find the nearest school districts by choosing "Allow While Using App" or "Allow Once", or manually enter in your zip code by choosing "Don't Allow"



- 3) Select Kyrene School District from the list of Synergy school districts near you, then click "Yes" to confirm your selection.
- 4) If you already have an active ParentVUE account, click "Already Activated" then log in to your account. **If you do not have an active ParentVUE account, please contact your school for an activation key with directions on how to create an account.*





Back to School Information

Welcome back Aprende Jaguars! We hope you all enjoyed a restful and fun summer break. We are excited to welcome back our returning students as well as welcome our newest students to the Aprende family. Please see important Back to School information below (we realize this is a lot of information, but it is important, so please take time to review). Feel free to e-mail me (Renee Kory, principal) with any questions/concerns: rkory@kyrene.org Please see the important back to school reminders below:

Supply lists have been updated on our webpage. A small number of additional specific supplies may be requested by grade levels/teachers, which will be communicated at Meet the Teacher Night and the first few days of school. Additional supplies may be requested throughout the school year and specifically for some of our elective classes. Thank you for helping to prepare your child for school.

Schedules/Schedule Changes-Schedules will be available in ParentVUE in the morning on 7/17. Please print or copy the schedule for Meet the Teacher/the first day of school. We will not be providing paper copies on those days. When logging in to your account, the schedule can be obtained by clicking the schedule icon on the left-hand side. Please note that no schedule changes will be made (electives, teacher change, etc.) unless an error in the schedule occurs or a student is missing a class.

First Day of School/Bell Schedule-Students may arrive on campus no earlier than 7:50. The first bell rings at 8:15. Dismissal is at 3:05 and students must be picked up no later than 3:15. A detailed bell schedule can be found here.

Transportation- Families can access information regarding Bus Routes and Bus Safety by visiting the Kyrene webpage and looking under the Parent Tab or by selecting the following link.

Athletics/Clubs- For information about registration for Athletics please visit the Kyrene webpage and look under the Programs and Services tab. If you have any questions about Aprende Athletics please visit the Aprende Athletics Homepage or contact Melissa Harris in the front office at 480-541-6203.

Qtr 1 Sports - boys soccer, cross country (non-cut), girls volleyball

Qtr 2 Sports - boys basketball, girls soccer, softball, wrestling (non-cut), cheer

Qtr 3 Sports - girls basketball, baseball

Qtr 4 Sports - track and field (non-cut)

There will be opportunities throughout the year for students to get involved in clubs. Students can find information by way of our announcements, teacher communication, and Jag TV News. Parents can find information in the weekly Jagwire Newsletter which is emailed on Fridays and linked on our school webpage.

PE Uniforms- Can now be purchased through Kyrene's online payment portal. Kyrene School District has a convenient payment portal for parents to pay for everything from athletics to field trips. The [InTouch payment portal](#) will provide parents with digital receipts for all of your transactions. You can even use it to make this year's tax credit donation to the school of your choice. Register once and use the portal all year. (At this time, payments for Preschool, Kids Club and After Hours will still be made through Community Education.)

Traffic Flow Pattern for Entering & Exiting Parking Lots for Student Drop Off & Pick Up at Aprende & Brisas

Below is a map showing some of the signs that the City of Chandler has installed in our school zone. There are also "Do Not Enter Signs" on the Exits to each of our parking lot driveways. Please do not use the North Staff Parking Lot during drop off and pick up times. This parking lot is for staff and buses only during those times. Please review the map - it shows where to drop off and pick up depending on the direction you enter our school zone. Also, there should be no dropping your student off when you are stopped in middle of the road. This is a huge safety concern. We also prefer that you utilize the drop off system instead of parking on the street or at Desert Breeze Park to drop your child off at school as this causes more traffic issues and interrupts the way the flow of traffic is supposed to work.

If you travel from Ray Road you will turn left into the large parking lot in front of Aprende to drop off & pick up, exit right back towards Ray Road. Once you pull into the parking lot and come to a stopping point in the drop off line, your child should immediately exit the vehicle onto the sidewalk and enter the school. This allows you to be ready to move and exit the parking lot when the line moves again. Please stay in the drop off line and wait for the line to move to exit.

If you travel from McClintock you will turn right into the parking lot in front of Brisas, pull all the way forward, and your child will exit onto the sidewalk and walk in front of Brisas to Aprende. You will exit this parking lot by turning left and return in the direction of McClintock. Thank you.

Also, for the safety of everyone, **we need every student and parent** that walks across Desert Breeze Blvd to use one of our cross walks. We have a cross walk at the stop sign at Desert Breeze Blvd and Joshua and another cross walk in front of the Brisas parking lot. We ask that **everyone do their part keeping the students safe** as they make their way to and from school. **No Jaywalking or U-Turns Allowed!** Thank you for putting safety first!



Students Are Not Allowed on Campus Until 7:50am

Please note, in accordance with the [Kyrene Family Handbook](#) and also to promote safe practices, *students will not be allowed on campus until 30 minutes prior to the first bell (7:50 a.m.) and must leave immediately at the end of the school day. We do not have adults on school grounds to supervise students prior to 7:50 a.m. and after 3:05 p.m.* If you need before or after care/supervision for your student, please call our Kyrene Customer Service Dept. at 480-541-1500.



Health Office Medication Policy



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

Over-the-Counter and Prescription Medications:

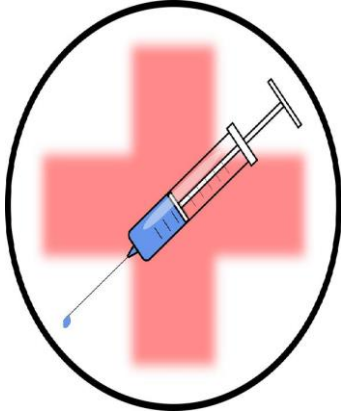
Any medication must be brought into the school health office by an adult and the proper paperwork must be completely filled out. Students are NOT allowed to carry medication on their person at any time, this includes any prescriptions and over the counter meds like Tylenol, Ibuprofen, or cough drops. Prescription medication must be in its original container with a current prescription label. All over-the-counter medications (including cough drops) must be in their original factory sealed container with all warnings and directions intact. If you have any questions, please call the health office at 480-541-6220.

Student Daily/Rescue Medications: If your student requires daily medication during school hours the prescription label must include the time to be given. School health care plans for allergy/asthma/seizure rescue medications can be obtained by contacting Anita Weidner or Christine Jacobs, Aprende Health Assistants at 480-541-6220 or aweidner@kyrene.org or by visiting the front office.

Students requiring an inhaler, epi pen and/or daily medication during school hours:

Please stop by the Aprende Health office table during Meet the Teacher on Monday, July 17th, from 1-4 pm in the Cafeteria/MPR to drop-off medication (see guidelines above) or to speak with the health assistants.

ATTENTION PARENTS - IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS



All enrolled 6th and newly enrolled 7th & 8th grade students are required to provide a record of their 11-year-old immunizations for Tdap and Meningococcal vaccines to the Aprende Middle School Health Office. Please check [ParentVUE](#) to confirm your student's health records are up to date.

Updated immunization records may be emailed to aweidner@kyrene.org or faxed to (480) 541-6210. The Maricopa County health department provides free vaccinations to all children 18 years old and under. They can be reached at (602) 506-6767 <https://www.maricopa.gov/1809/Locations>

If you have any questions regarding this requirement, please contact your family physician or Aprende Health Assistants, Anita Weidner or Christine Jacobs, at (480) 541-6220.



Quarter 1 Sports

Welcome Back!

Below is information regarding 2023-24 Quarter 1 sports.

Online registration opened on July 1st.

Quarter 1 sports offered are:

Boys Soccer

Girls Volleyball

Cross Country (non-cut)

If you have any questions, please contact Athletic Director, Carl Nasuta, aviolette@kyrene.org or Athletic Secretary, Melissa Harris mharris@kyrene.org 480-541-6203

Office hours: 7:30am-4pm

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

P.E. Uniforms

PE Uniforms can now be purchased through the new Kyrene School District payment portal. The [InTouch payment portal](#) will provide parents with digital receipts for all of your transactions. You can even use it to make this year's tax credit donation to the school of your choice. Register once and use the portal all year. (At this time, payments for Preschool, Kids Club and After Hours will still be made through Community Education.)

Apply for Free or Reduced-Priced Meals Starting July 1

Kyrene School District is excited and preparing for the 2023-2024 school year. The application portal for free and reduced lunch will open July 1, 2023. As a reminder, a new meal application is required every year to determine eligibility for the current school year. This message provides some key dates and important information pertaining to our Food Service program for the upcoming school year.

Key Dates:

July 1- Online Application portal opens! [Apply](#) for free or reduced lunch for the 2023-2024 school year.

July 19- First day of school

August 30- Eligibility from 2022-2023 school year **EXPIRES!** Please [submit a new application](#) for the new school year starting July 1, 2023.

Corona Del Sol Choir Workshop



CORONA DEL SOL CHOIR WORKSHOP

Aug 29th, Sept 5th, Sept 12th
4:30- 6 pm



Attention all 4th-8th graders!

Corona del Sol is excited to announce a very special workshop for all those interested in learning about and/or joining the amazing CDS choir program!

*Come meet our awesome choir Director **Mr. Andrew DeValk** and our top choir the **Jaztecs** for this three week workshop on **Tuesday August 29th, Tuesday September 5th and Tuesday September 12th from 4:30-6pm.***

*After the workshop, your student will get to perform in the CDS Fall choir concert on **Thursday September 14th at 7pm** and show you all the fun they had and what they learned.*

*There will be a **\$25** fee that will include a music and materials, a T-shirt and snacks. Please sign up soon to reserve your spot. Looking forward to seeing you there!*



Join us at a new location for an evening of community building and fun to benefit the Kyrene Foundation.

The Night for Kyrene raises funds to benefit the entire Kyrene community; children, families, schools, and teachers.

To purchase tickets and for sponsorship opportunities [visit our events page](#)

Saturday, September 9, 2023

6:00 - 10:00 PM

Wild Horse Pass Resort

Save the Date: Join us at our 11th annual signature fundraiser for a night of socializing and community-building while fundraising for a good cause. This annual event brings together more than 300 Kyrene community members. Gather your friends, family and colleagues together and plan for an enjoyable night of socializing and community building while fundraising for a great organization. Donating locally strengthens our community and ensures that all of our children succeed and meet their potential.

The night includes a plated dinner and cash bar. There will be a spectacular silent auction, a wine pull, and a Fund-a-Need feature during our event. We will also have fun live music throughout the event with a dance floor!

Call for Sponsors: Sponsors are critical to the success of our event, and are a wonderful way for local business to make a significant impact in our community. If you are associated with a business interested in sponsorship of the Night for Kyrene, please email nightforkyrene@kyrenefoundation.com

Sponsorship levels and benefits can be found [here](#).

Individual tickets to our event are \$100 each or \$1,500 for a reserved table. Hope to see you at the Night for Kyrene!

To purchase tickets and for more information (including sponsorship opportunities, or making a donation if unable to attend), please [visit](#).

Important: Sign up for Text Messages

In the event of an emergency, text messages are the fastest and most effective way to communicate information to families. You must opt in to receive text communications! Text “Y” or “yes” to 67587 to begin receiving text messages from our school and Kyrene School District.



Quicklinks

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

Contact Us

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