



July 22, 2022

Meet the Teacher

Meet the Teacher Information July 25, 2022; 5:00pm-6:45pm

Unlike last year we are not dividing the evening into two sessions based on last name.

During Meet the Teacher families and students will follow their daily schedule. This event is NOT an open house. 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.

The MPR will open at 4:30 (for PTSO apparel sales) and classroom buildings will open at 4:45 PM, with the first session beginning at 5:00 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, 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.

6th grade	Start time	End time	Minutes	7th lunch	Start time	End time	Minutes	8th lunch	Start time	End time	Minutes
Period 1	5:00 PM	5:10 PM	10	Period 1	5:00 PM	5:10 PM	10	Period 1	5:00 PM	5:10 PM	10
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Period 7	6:24 PM	6:34 PM	10	Period 7	6:24 PM	6:34 PM	10	Period 7	6:24 PM	6:34 PM	10

We are encouraging students and parents to access schedules in advance through StudentVue and/or ParentVue. Student schedules will be available on Monday, July 25th around 2:00 PM. In an effort to save paper and reduce crowding, we will not be passing out paper copies of student schedules. Please

consider adding the ParentVUE mobile app to your phone for easy access. If for some reason you cannot access your child's schedule through [ParentVUE](#) or StudentVUE please contact the front 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.

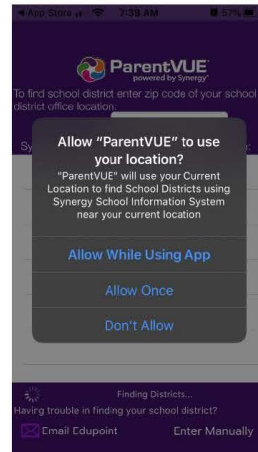
ParentVue Mobile App

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.

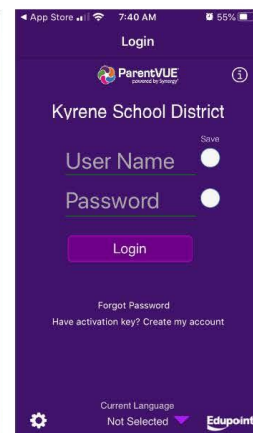
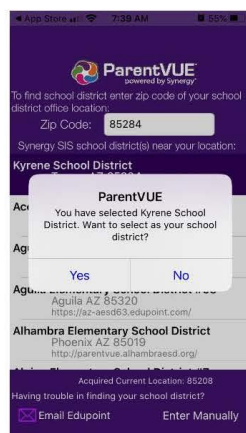
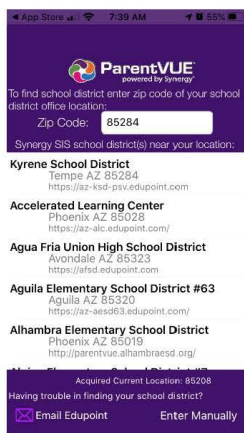
Logging in to ParentVUE Mobile App

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.*



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.



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:

[General supply list](#) has 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.

[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 [Kyrene Athletics Homepage](#) or contact Student Services in the front office at 480-541-6203.

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

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

Spring Sports - girls basketball, baseball, 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.

[Schedules/Schedule Changes](#)-Schedules will be available in [ParentVUE](#) by 2pm on July 25th. 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](#).

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.)

School Breakfast and Lunches- As a reminder, the federal government is no longer providing universal free school breakfast and lunch meals. The universal access to free meals decreased the importance of and need for families to complete the application for free or reduced price meal eligibility. Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, Kyrene will be returning to the pre-COVID meal service model of offering free, reduced price and paid breakfast and lunch. In order to determine if your student qualifies for free or reduced price meals, we ask that all families complete the free and reduced meal application located at family.titank12.com. To begin your application click here: <https://family.titank12.com/application/new?identifier=BSM25N>

Additionally, Kyrene meal prices will remain the same as the 2021-2022 school year. When we return to school on July 28th students will be required to pay for their meals (unless they receive a free lunch), A-la carte items, or additional drinks.

Paid lunch: \$3.10; Reduced: \$0.40

Meal payments can be made on the [InTouch Payment Portal](#) this year. Parents can view meal balances or pay by check/cash at schools. Free & Reduced lunch applications are available at school sites (and will be available during Meet the Teacher Night), or online above. Contact Maribel Olivas at 480-541-1350 if you have questions or to confirm an application status.

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](#).

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!

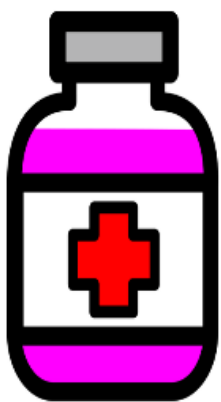


Students Are Not Allowed on Campus Until 7:50 AM

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 Information



2022-2023 SCHOOL 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 policy.](#)

Over-the-counter and prescription medications:

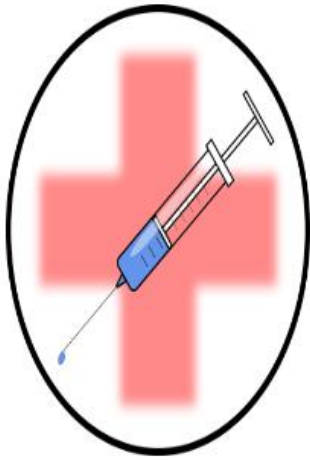
Any medication must be brought into the school health office by an adult and the proper paperwork must be completely filled out. Students are NOT allowed to carry medication on their person at any time, this includes any prescriptions and over the counter meds like Tylenol, Ibuprofen, or cough drops.

Prescription medication must be in its original container and labeled 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 Medications: If your student requires daily medication during school hours or rescue medication for allergies or asthma, please contact Anita Weidner or Christine Jacobs, Aprende Health Assistants at 480-541-6220 or aweidner@kyrene.org

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

Please stop by the Aprende Health office during Meet the Teacher Night, Monday July 25th from 5-7pm with their medication (see guidelines above). The Health office is located in the front office.



ATTENTION ALL NEW APRENDE STUDENT & PARENTS-IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

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

You can have your student bring in their updated immunization record to the front office the first week of school, it may be emailed to aweidner@kyrene.org or faxed to (480) 541-6210.

If you have any questions regarding this requirement, please contact your family physician, the Maricopa County health department at (602) 506-6767 <https://www.maricopa.gov/1809/Locations> or Anita Weidner or Christine Jacobs, Aprende Middle School Health Assistants at (480) 541-6220.

2022-2023

YEARBOOK

Yearbook purchases have begun! This year we have a limited number of yearbooks for sale. Only 700 yearbooks are available and you do not want to miss out! School pictures have been scheduled for this fall! Click [here](#) for yearbook purchase information.



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 seven or eight 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 August 1, 2022**, those students who meet this criterion are invited by Kyrene email to join the NJHS Candidate Class in Google Classroom in order 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 2022 - 23 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 2022 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 events 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 or Amy Furman at afurma@kyrene.org.

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the portal all year. (At this time, payments for Preschool, Kids Club and After Hours will still be made through Community Education.)



Fall Sports

Welcome Back!

Below is information regarding Fall 2022 Sports.

Online registrations opened on July 18 for Fall Sports

Boys Soccer

Girls Volleyball

Cross Country (non-cut)

Click [here](#) for the Parent Online Registration Checklist.

If you have any questions, please contact Athletic Director, Carl Nasuta, cnasuta@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



Night for Kyrene 9/24/2022 - Save the Date and Call for Sponsors

Join us 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 24, 2022

6:00 - 10:00 PM

Arizona Grand Resort & Spa

Save the Date: Formerly "Taste of Kyrene", join us at our 10th annual signature fundraiser for a night of socializing and community-building while fundraising for a good cause. This annual event brings together more than 250 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 cause. 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!

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 contact

Suzanne.rinker@kyrenefoundation.org. Sponsorship levels and benefits can be found [here](#).

To purchase tickets and for more information (including sponsorship opportunities, or making a donation if unable to attend), please visit our [website!](#) Individual tickets to our event are \$95 each or \$1,250 for a reserved table. Hope to see you at the Night for Kyrene!



Quicklinks

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

Upcoming Events

July Events

JULY 26: Meet the Teacher (see above for times)

JULY 28: First day of school

September Events

SEPT 5: No School - Labor Day

SEPT 30: No School - Teacher Day

October Events

OCT 3-7: No School - Fall Break

OCT 10: No School - Staff Development Day

[View Full Calendar](#)

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Fax: 480-541-6210

Attendance: 480-541-6201

School Hours: 8:20am-3:05pm

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

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