



# JAGWIRE NEWS

September 23, 2022

## UPCOMING EVENTS

September 26: PTSO Meeting/Mix & Mingle  
September 29: End of 1st Quarter  
September 30: No School- Teacher Planning  
October 3-7: No School- Fall Break  
October 10: No School- Staff Development  
October 11: Start of 2nd Quarter

[View Full Calendar](#)

End of 1st Quarter

# Spirit Week

September 26—29, 2022

**Monday, September 25**

**Crocs, Socks, and  
Birkenstocks**



**Tuesday, September 27**

**PJ Day**



**Wednesday, September 28**

**Decades Day**



**Thursday, September 29**

**Jag Spirit**

**Wear your Jag Black and Gold**



## PTSO Meeting and Mix & Mingle

Aprende PTSO Meeting and Mix & Mingle  
Monday 9/26 5:00p - 7:00p  
Garcia's Mexican Grill  
Warner & McClintock location

Hear from Principal Kory, learn about the upcoming Aprende Rocks fundraiser, and all about the amazing fun we have planned for next week's pep rally, and what the PTSO is doing for our students and community.

Come out, meet other Aprende parents, and enjoy appetizers on the PTSO!



### Navigating Social Media Safety for Today's Youth

**Description:** This presentation will equip parents and caregivers with knowledge on the pros and cons of social media use, the most popular applications and how they could be dangerous, the dangers of pornography and sexting, how predators use technology to exploit teens, and strategies and tools to keep teens safe online.

**Presenter:** Dustin Gill

**Date and Time:** September 29, 2022 6:00-7:00 PM

**Location:** Zoom

**[Registration Link](#)**

## Jag Spotlight

Our Jag Spotlight Boards are finally finished! Each month, content area teachers are being asked to nominate students who exemplify outstanding behaviors/skills in their classes. We hope to feature 10 students each month. Our first round of nominations were from the elective teachers. Let's celebrate our first round of Jag Spotlight Students!

### 6th Grade

Annabelle Whitesides  
Blanche Le Faou  
Brooklyn Hampton  
Christopher Scott  
JJ Bogan  
Joslynn Phillips  
Kaiya Ram  
Lilee Ramirez  
Sydney Dresang  
Thomas Warren



### 7th Grade

Amiyah Lane  
Amiyah Thornton  
Benny Bonofiglio  
Berkeley Spencer-Neelsen  
Hannah Hammer  
Harper Hunsaker  
Isabella Thiboutot  
Jace Stewart  
Julia Aprile  
Seth Mullins



### 8th Grade

Ace Kent  
Aiden Rodriguez  
Gabrielle Passante  
Isabella Lewis  
Matthew Richardson  
Miles DuBois  
Monica Mantini  
Nathan Trinh  
Reyna Tokuz  
Trinity Rayzah



## **Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence**

As you may be aware, all Kyrene schools observe a moment of silence as part of our daily routine, along with citing The Pledge of Allegiance and in grades 4-6 reciting a passage from the Declaration of

Independence. Under a new Arizona statute, schools must provide students with the opportunity to observe one to two minutes of silence each day, and teachers and staff are not permitted to give students any direction on how to use this silent time. The statute reserves that right for parents/guardians and requires us to inform you of this right. Please take a moment to speak with your child about how best to use the daily one to two minutes of silence.

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## Gifted Testing- 8th Grade ONLY





# Gifted Testing

Register at: <http://www.TempeUnion.org/Gifted>

## DATES:

September 17, 2022  
October 22, 2022  
November 5, 2022  
January 21, 2023

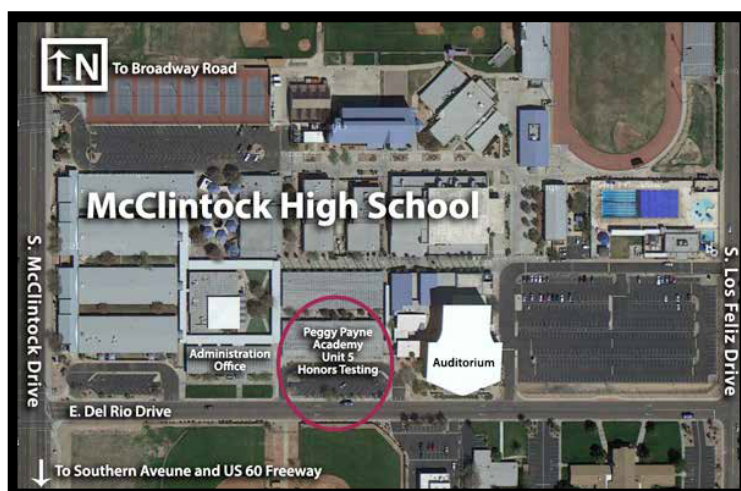
## HOURS:

8 – 11 AM



*All dates are on Saturdays | Students should arrive no later than 7:30 AM | Testing ends at 11 AM*

- Gifted testing is for students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or above. Those who score in the 97<sup>th</sup> percentile or above in verbal, quantitative, or abstract reasoning on the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) will be eligible for gifted services (additional support from guidance counselors) at TUHSD's schools.
- Students who are interested in attending either the [Peggy Payne Academy](#) for gifted students, located at McClintock, or [Pride's Peak Gifted & Talented Academy](#), located at Mountain Pointe, should take this test.
- The registration process begins in early January, so students are encouraged to register for a fall testing session.



## McClintock High School

1830 East Del Rio Drive  
Tempe, AZ 85282

## Testing Services

Phone: 480-752-8696

Fax: 480-752-8690

Email: [kpugh@tempeunion.org](mailto:kpugh@tempeunion.org)

Entrance to testing site is on the south side of McClintock High School campus off of Del Rio Drive.

**Gifted Child Assessment Notice.** All public school districts have an ongoing “Child Find” obligation. This means that the Kyrene School District will identify, locate and evaluate all children within their geographic boundaries who are in need of special education and related services. Kyrene makes gifted testing available for students at school sites three times per year by application. Applications are due for the next round of testing for 2022-23 on October 25, 2022. If you think your child may be gifted, please visit the website at [www.kyrene.org/gifted](http://www.kyrene.org/gifted) for information about gifted education, services, and testing in Kyrene.

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# 2022-2023



We have a limited number of yearbooks for sale. 48% of yearbooks have been sold! Only 335 copies are available and you do not want to miss out! Click [here](#) for yearbook purchase information. School pictures have been scheduled for October 27th. Retakes for absences will be November 10th. More details to follow.

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Parents/guardians are asked to call the 24 hour attendance line 480.541.6201 each day that their child is absent. Please leave a message spelling the student’s name, grade, date(s) of the absence and reason for absence. If a phone call is not received, or if the school has not been able to contact the parent/guardian, the student will be given an unexcused absence.

As a reminder, students who are absent from school the day of an activity **MAY NOT** attend the activity (i.e. classroom party, a middle school dance or sporting event; an after-school enrichment club; or Kids Club care after school).

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# CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

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

An Activity Bus is offered on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 4:15pm.

A pass is required for transportation. Please fill out & bring to the front office for a signature. Students will keep the pass for the entire year. Click [here](#) for Pass/Route Information.



If you would like to donate items to our monthly PBIS store, we are always in need of:

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

Thank you!



**Wag Wednesdays:** Bring your pup to Aprende student drop-off from 7:50 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. for a little treat! Just roll down your window, and Staudohar will pop a Bubba Bite into your pup's mouth!





## Fall Sports

### ONLINE REGISTRATION for Winter Sports Opens on 10/7/22!!!

Winter sports include Boys Basketball (cut sport), Girls Soccer (cut sport), Girls Softball (cut sport), Co-ed Wrestling (non-cut sport) and Co-ed Cheer (cut sport - registration over). Please remember that all online registration forms must be completed and a current physical must be on file in order to try out.

### VOLLEYBALL:

#### Varsity:

On Tuesday Varsity Volleyball took on the "undefeated" KMS squad at home and with the full support of the entire Volleyball family defeated KMS in true dominating fashion. 25-15 and 25-10. It takes the entire Aprende family including some wonderful teachers and staff that came out to support. thank you

On Thursday the girls rocked our special tournament jerseys that we gifted the girls for a wonderful "Serve a thon" fundraiser. JV and Varsity swept CMS Varsity 25-7, 25-12. Both squads are making each other better by switching positions and working on improving their overall skills.

#### JV

JV was off Monday, and last night at Centennial, they won 2-0, 25-17, 25-19. They played some new positions again and worked well as a team and family and pulled the wins out. They're coming together well as we head towards the end of the season and the tournament.



### BOYS SOCCER:

### Varsity:

Boys varsity soccer had another great week. Aprende played KMS on Monday and lost 2-1 after holding onto a tie most of the match. The players were determined and work incredibly hard the entire match. On Thursday, Aprende beat Centennial 9-0 with Aedan and Max getting their first goals of the season. All boys worked in different positions and continued to work together seamlessly. We look forward to facing Altadena at home on Thursday, 09/29, and we know it will be a great match.

### JV:

The Aprende JV boys soccer team is playing improved and inspired soccer. Both of the matches this week were against KMS. Aprende JV came away with two wins and both of the matches were fun and exciting. The boys are looking more unified and are working together to create intentional play development. They continue to work on their individual skill sets, while putting in the effort to become excellent teammates. And it was evident this week that they are trying to create success for each other. Aprende JV will travel to Pueblo for two games next week. Please come out to a game to support both the Varsity and JV boys soccer teams. Enjoy the weekend!



### CROSS COUNTRY:

We have Cross Country Results in for this past Tuesday 9/20/22, identical score for the girls and boys Aprende 38 - Altadena 20 (lowest points win) with many PR's! Training, goal setting and believing in themselves in the making. The kids are learning how to run as a group to close up the gaps. They are on the right path. Last home meet will be next Tuesday 9/27 starting at 4:30pm. Come out wear your school colors and support Cross Country Jaguars. There will be icee's for sale at the meet.

Huge PR'S (personal record best improvement time) came from girls team Violet Kemp and Aliana Castro.

Good Job Jaguars!

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

# CDS MINI CHEER CLINIC

Register  
here



Clinic, Saturday October 1st @8-11am  
kids will perform on Friday at the  
varsity football game Oct 17th

AGES 7-14  
\$45  
INCLUDES TSHIRT



Come support your CDS cheerleaders by becoming a mini Aztec cheerleader

\* Register here, or using the QR <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSdwtXVFSn0Wi6.../viewform>

\* Payment can be done through cash (day of) or venmo @ CdSCheer-PUTS

\* Permission form through Tempe Union will be sent to you via email once registered

Hope to see all the future Aztec cheerleaders

## Jaguar Players

Aprende's Jaguar Players Drama Program Awarded \$1,000!  
Click [here](#) for the video!



10TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON



*Jaguar  
Players*

FALL PRODUCTION PRESENTS:



# GAME OF TIARAS

BY DON ZOLIDIS

PRODUCED BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH PLAYSRIPTS, INC.  
(WWW.PLAYSRIPTS.COM)

## PERFORMANCES:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, 2022 @ 7:00PM  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND, 2022 @ 2:00PM  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD, 2022 @ 2:00PM

LOCATION: MPR AT APRENDE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
777 DESERT BREEZE BLVD., CHANDLER

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\$7.00 GENERAL ADMISSION  
\$4.00 STUDENTS / TEACHERS  
\$20.00 VIP

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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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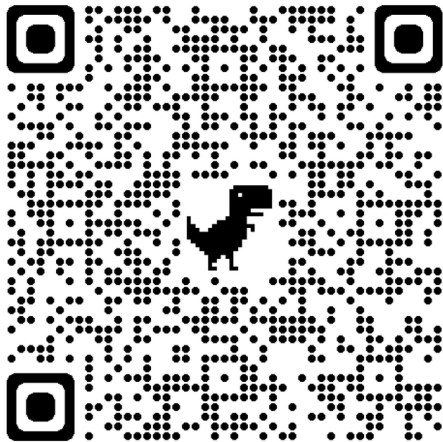


Corona Del Sol  
Helping Hands

# FREE ONLINE TUTORING

Need help with school?  
Fill out the form below  
or scan the QR code

<https://forms.gle/qxoyrYxa4vYnVb3j8>



## 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.

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.)

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## Student Emergency, Address, Health Information

Each year, families are required to review address, emergency and health information that are on file for your child(ren). To complete this annual review and verification process, parents are requested to log into their ParentVue account to complete and submit their **Health, Emergency & Address Information Update** utilizing the Online Registration System. The week of July 25th activation codes were emailed to families that needed to set up their ParentVUE account, if you have not received this, please contact your school office. Please complete this by September 30th, 2022. We appreciate all families taking the time to complete this annual requirement. If you have questions and/or need assistance with accessing your account, please call your school office.

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## Outside Deliveries

Parents, as a reminder, we do not allow outside deliveries of food, flowers, balloons, gifts, etc. If something does get delivered to our office, we will keep it there until the end of the day and students can pick it up then. Thank you!

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## Student Sign-Out



We understand students will need to be signed out for appointments, etc. Please try to avoid signing out your student after 2:55pm. The last 10 minutes of school tend to be hectic and we appreciate your understanding.

Also, please try to limit the amount of items being dropped off in the front office (water bottles, lunches, sweatshirts). Every time we need to call a classroom, it is disruptive to the class.

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## Traffic Safety

This is a friendly reminder about traffic safety. It is critical that you watch for and take direction from staff members both in the parking lot and at the crosswalks. It's also important that everyone pay close attention and adhere to all traffic signs in school boundaries, especially when children are present near schools. We ask that you consider every child as important as your own child and consider their safety when moving through the parking lot and adjoining streets. We appreciate you reading through the traffic safety reminders below.

**Curbside Drop-off & Pick-up** - We encourage families to use curbside drop-off and pick-up. The parking lot in front of the school is NOT accessible to parents to park in during drop-off and pick-up times; only staff and authorized visitors should be parking

**Crosswalks** - I cannot stress the importance of using the designated crosswalks at all times. We have staff managing these crosswalks for your and your child's safety. Using curbside access is our preferred method for pick-up & drop-off.

**Handicap Parking Stalls** - It is very important to have a visible handicap placard when parked in the handicap parking stalls. We have families that require these handicap stalls, so please do not park in these stalls without a visible handicap placard.

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Middle school is a tough time when it comes to friendships.

It is often the first time that students have truly mingled outside their peers in elementary homeroom classes. Adolescents are working to navigate who they want to be friends with and who they don't.

So why does it seem there is often a theme similar to the popular movie "Mean Girls"?

The following is a link to an article that explains the phenomenon and how to help your daughters struggling with friendships, on either side of the picture.

[https://www.newportacademy.com/resources/empowering-teens/why-are-teenage-girls-so-mean/?utm\\_source=pardot&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=09\\_22\\_22\\_na\\_resources\\_mean\\_girls&utm\\_content=1st\\_img#block\\_6327d54317aeb-1](https://www.newportacademy.com/resources/empowering-teens/why-are-teenage-girls-so-mean/?utm_source=pardot&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=09_22_22_na_resources_mean_girls&utm_content=1st_img#block_6327d54317aeb-1)

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## OUR MISSION AND PURPOSE

EYECARE4KIDS™ PROVIDES PROFESSIONAL EYE CARE TO LOW-INCOME, VISUALLY-IMPAIRED CHILDREN AND UNDERSERVED FAMILIES.

[WWW.EYECARE4KIDS.ORG/ARIZONA-EYE-EXAM/](http://WWW.EYECARE4KIDS.ORG/ARIZONA-EYE-EXAM/)

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EYE EXAMS DETERMINE IF A CHILD HAS VISION PROBLEMS AND NEEDS CORRECTIVE LENSES. EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF THESE ISSUES CAN BE CRUCIAL TO A CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CALL OR EMAIL US AT :

602.242.5828 EXT 4319  
[ASHLEE@EYECARE4KIDS.ORG](mailto:ASHLEE@EYECARE4KIDS.ORG)





## **2022 AHCCCS and SNAP Enrollment Assistance**

Enrollment Specialist will be at the Family Resource Center once a month.

*Please call Irma Horton at **480-541-4772** to schedule an appointment (habla Español)*

**Thursday's 9:00am – 1:00pm**

September 1

October 13

November 4

December 2

### **Kyrene Family Resource Center**

1330 E. Dava Dr.

Tempe, AZ 85283

**CWA**

# A message from the Communications Workers of America

## AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

### WHAT IS IT?

The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC program that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service.

### The benefit provides:

- Up to \$30/month discount for internet service;
- Up to \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; and
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

A household is eligible if one member of the household meets at least one of the criteria below:

- Has an income that is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guide lines;
- Participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC, or Lifeline;
- Participates in Tribal specific programs, such as Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal TANF, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations;
- Is approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school break fast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating broadband provider's existing low-income program.

### TWO STEPS TO ENROLL

**1**

Go to **ACPBenefit.org** to submit an application or print out a mail-in application.

**2**

Contact your preferred participating provider to select an eligible plan and have the discount applied to your bill.

Some providers may have an alternative application that they will ask you to complete.

Eligible households must both apply for the program and contact a participating provider to select a service plan.

### LEARN MORE

📞 Call 877-384-2575, or  
🌐 Visit **fcc.gov/acp**

**CWA**

## Un mensaje de Communications Workers of America

### Programa de Descuentos Para Internet (ACP)

#### ¿QUÉ ES?

El Programa de Descuentos para Internet es un programa de la FCC que ofrece ayuda a los hogares con problemas para pagar sus servicios de Internet.

#### Este beneficio te proporciona:

- Máximo \$30 de descuento al mes para tu servicio de Internet;
- Máximo \$75 de descuento al mes para hogares elegibles en Territorios Tribales;
- Un descuento único de hasta \$100 por una computadora portátil, computadora de escritorio o una tableta electrónica a través de un proveedor participante.

#### ¿QUIÉN ES ELEGIBLE?

Un hogar es elegible si uno de sus miembros cumple, por lo menos, con una de las siguientes condiciones:

- Tiene un ingreso igual o menor al 200% de las pautas federales de pobreza (Federal poverty guidelines, en inglés);
- Participa en ciertos programas de asistencia, como SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC o Lifeline;
- Participa en programas dirigidos específicamente a territorios tribales, como la oficina general de asistencia (Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance), Tribal TANF o el programa de distribución de alimentos en reservas (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations);
- Está aprobado para recibir subsidios del programa de desayunos o almuerzos gratuitos o a precio reducido, incluso bajo la disposición de la USDA Community Eligibility Provision para los años escolares 2019-2020, 2020-2021 o 2021-2022;
- Recibió una beca Federal Pell Grant durante el año actual de premiación; o
- Cumple con las condiciones de elegibilidad para el programa de bajos ingresos de alguno de los proveedores participantes.

#### INSCRIPCIÓN EN DOS PASOS

**1**

Ingresa a **ACPBenefit.org** para enviar una solicitud o imprimir un formulario para enviarlo por correo.

**2**

Contacta con su proveedor participante preferido para seleccionar un plan elegible y pedirle que el descuento se aplique a su cuenta.

Algunos proveedores podrán usar formularios de solicitud alternativos que le pedirán llenar.

Los hogares elegibles deben hacer dos cosas: presentar su solicitud al programa y contactarse con un proveedor participante para elegir un plan de servicios.

#### AVERIGÜE MÁS

📞 Llame al 877-384-2575, or  
🌐 Visite **fcc.gov/acp**





Last call for Night for Kyrene ticket & table sales!

[Purchase yours now](#) before they sell out!

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

Saturday, September 24, 2022

6:00 - 10:00 PM

Arizona Grand Resort & Spa

Enjoy a fun evening of community building with live entertainment, a wonderful silent auction, wine pull, fund-a-need, plated dinner, and cash bar, all while hearing about the impact that the Kyrene Foundation makes within the Kyrene community. Join [Mathew Blades](#) as our emcee and hear music from [Guillaume Alvin](#) during our cocktail hour, Todd Hoover during dinner, and [Picoso](#) to wrap up the evening.

Hope to see you at the Night for Kyrene!



#### Quicklinks

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

## Contact Us

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777 N. Desert Breeze Blvd. E. #2  
Chandler, AZ 85226

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

**School Hours:** 8:20am-3:05pm  
**Wed:** 8:20am-1:05pm

**Office Hours:** 7:30am-4:00pm  
**Wed:** 7:30am-2:00pm

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