

# A+ ACADEMY Parent Partnership Program

Dear Parents of A+ Academy Students, As we are well aware, April is Autism Awareness Month. For us as parents, awareness happens every day in our homes.



So, as a parent of a student with autism, I see this as an opportunity to help the rest of the world become more aware of our children's challenges as well as triumphs – both requiring more than the usual amount of support.

For this main reason, I think our organization's fundraiser this month, **"Brewing Up Hope,"** is the **perfect blend** of awareness and support. It gives our community of family, relatives and friends an opportunity to show their support and in return, enjoy a delicious cup of coffee. It includes and celebrates our students' colorful creativity (see pages 8 and 9).

We hope you agree and will participate. All proceeds from the sale of this coffee will go to support our students and their extracurricular activities -- awesome support for our awesome students!

Thank you,

Susan Alonzo  
P3 Newsletter Editor



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## Next A+ P3 Meeting:

Join us for one of our upcoming Parent Partnership Program (P3) meetings on:

**April 4th**

**6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

**Tempe Campus**

**OR**

**April 7th**

**8:30 to 9:30 a.m.**

**Starbucks in Safeway**

**SW corner Elliot & McClintock**

**Hope you can join us!**



**APRIL**  
**IS AUTISM MONTH**

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## P3 Update

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 4th, 6:30 to 8:00 pm**. If you cannot make it to the evening meeting, you're welcome to join us for a recap meeting on Friday, April 7th, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

At this upcoming meeting, we will begin plan to fill the offices of P3 President, Secretary and Treasurer as well as board member seats for the next school year. If you are interested in becoming more involved in our school's very active and awesome parent organization, please attend! We would greatly appreciate your interest, support and commitment for 2017 - 2018.

Plus, there will be a coffee sampling of caffeinated and decaffeinated coffee in support of our April fundraiser: **"Brewing Up Hope."** Join us!

### Financial Update

February's bank account balance **\$ 1,366.53**

Expenditures: **\$ 804.31**

Teacher Treat for February and March, Teacher Wish List items, Friendship Dance, LuLaRoe Night, and "Ream Your School" contest.

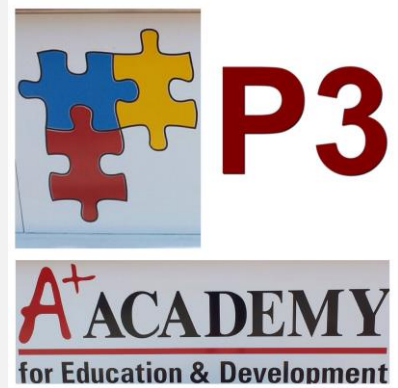
Deposits: **\$ 823.00**

Friendship Dance Tickets - \$235,  
LuLaRoe Night - \$188.00, and a very generous donation from  
Debbie Young - \$400.00

We will be receiving a matching check from LuLaRoe Headquarters for \$188.00...this amount has not, yet, been added to the below balance

P3 account balance as of March 10, 2017 - **\$ 1,385.22**

**Thank you Debbie Young and LuLaRoe!**



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<http://nytdeli.com/>

**Order on-line your student's  
lunch for Thursdays, now!**

Not Your Typical Deli is a full service delicatessen and bakery serviced primarily by adults with developmental disabilities.

Our life skills class has the opportunity to work and learn at NYTD on Thursdays. But, the deli must receive sufficient orders to merit our students traveling to the restaurant to prepare the meals while receiving important job skills training. It's all win/win!

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## P3 Update Continued

### Agenda for Upcoming April Meeting

- Discuss Teacher treat/Secretaries' Day – April 26<sup>th</sup>
- Discuss any new info on our PLB Coffee fundraiser
- Continue planning for Teacher Appreciation week
- Plan Pizza Day for the school
- Open floor up for any new business
- Plan for next year:
  - P3 officers
  - P3 board members

### Teacher Treat Day

For March's token of our appreciation, P3 provided our A+ teachers, teacher's aides and staff members with shamrock cookies, ready to eat or ready to be decorated. We also gave them the gold . . . gold foil covered chocolate coins!

Thank you, Laurie Hopkins, P3 President – for your creativity and organization -- and P3 board for helping to set this up after the last P3 meeting!



## A+ Academy Spotlight: Teachers' Assistants



Mrs. Gordon's class (l to r): Mychelle Gresham, Cheryl Malfese, Meghan Coleman



Mrs. Norman's class (l to r): Carolyn Edwards, Luke Ulrich



Ms. Kowal's class (l to r): Millani Clements, Mary Payette







**Mrs. Sanetra's class (front, left, right): A.J. Zimmerman, Chelcee Avis, Crystal Beltran**



**Mr. Knowles' class (l to r): Lauren Durant, Ashley Harmon**



**Mrs. Floyd's class (l to r): Andrew Durant, Jon Young**





**Mrs. Dille's class (l to r): Misha Johnson, Kailey Sheard, Denise Bullock**



**Mrs. Sevier's class (l to r): Jocilyn Benninger, Lizzie Braman**

**Thank you to all our teachers' assistants! We appreciate your support in our classrooms!**





## Parent Partnership Program (P3) – Tempe 2016 2017 Calendar

Meetings: First Tuesday of the month from 6:30 to 8:00

**April 4<sup>th</sup>**

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>**


**May 30<sup>th</sup>**

Save the dates! \*\* Meetings are subject to change\*\*

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### Upcoming Important Events at A+! Mark Your Calendars:



- April 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> –  Awareness Month
- April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher Conferences – ½ days, student pick up by 12:30
- April 10<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> – **“Brewing Up Hope”** April Fundraiser
- April 13<sup>th</sup> – ½ day, student pick up by 12:30 (No after-school Zumba)
- April 14<sup>th</sup> – No School
- April 20<sup>th</sup> – After-school Zumba resumes

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# Upcoming "April is Awareness Month" Fundraiser

## "Brewing Up Hope"

April 10th to 21<sup>st</sup>  
(On-line through June 30th)

Our students and their art teacher, Amy Floyd, worked on designing our very own labels to place on packages of PLB Coffee for this month's fundraiser. Laura Newcomb and administrators selected the top two pieces of art work for the packages of regular and decaffeinated coffee. Our winners are Madison McGee and Danny Hopkins! Congratulations, great work!



**Madison McGee**



**Danny Hopkins**



P3 hosted a coffee sampling for our teachers and staff in late March. Comments about the coffee ranged from "amazing" to "awesome" and "A+ delicious!"

More samplings to be held at the P3 meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup> ! Join us!

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# April is Awareness Month



Please join **A+ Academy** in our  
“**Brewing Up Hope**”  
fundraiser with Pretty Little  
Bean Coffee!

*Art work created by A+ students: Danny Hopkins and Madison McGee*

The Parent Partnership Program (P3) is teaming up with Pretty Little Bean Coffee for our final fundraiser of this school year. You may purchase your coffee either from the order form sent home with this flyer or by going online to [www.plbcoffee.com/p3aa](http://www.plbcoffee.com/p3aa).

The cost is **\$15.00/bag** with **\$5.00/bag** returning to our school (paper order form) and **\$4.00/bag** (online orders). Your in-state & out-of-state family and friends are welcome to participate in this fundraiser, and have their coffee shipped directly to them 😊

Your 12 oz. coffee choices are (makes approximately 50 cups):

**\*\* Regular Ground or Whole Bean (Medium/Dark Roast)**

**\*\* Decaf Ground or Whole Bean (Dark Roast)**

**\*\*K-Cup Fine Grind (online only)\*\***

Our fundraiser will run from **Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**(paper order forms must be turned in on that Friday with money collected for each order)**

**ONLINE** ordering runs from **Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>** **(WE ASK THAT ALL ORDERS PLACED IN MAY OR JUNE, PLEASE SHIP DIRECTLY TO YOUR ADDRESS)**

As always, P3 thanks you for your support, and appreciates all you do for A+ Academy!!

If you have any questions, please e-mail [p3tempe@gmail.com](mailto:p3tempe@gmail.com) 😊





🌸 Staff Birthdays at A+ Academy 🌸

Leslie Dille 4/16  
Meghan Coleman 4/17

*Happy Birthday!*

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**SEEDS FOR AUTISM SUMMER PROGRAM**

SEEDs for Autism offers summer day camps to youth 15 and older who are interested in learning new skills, while also having fun. SEEDS will focus on social skills, while also providing opportunities to learn a wide range of hands on skills as team players. Each 3 week session is different from the last, so campers can do all 3 or they can select which ones work around their summer break. Projects include some of the following: science, culinary, computers, graphic arts, writing, arts and crafts, drama, field trips, and more.

**To sign up, or learn more- call for information and dates. please call 602-253-4471.**

**[www.seedsforautism.org](http://www.seedsforautism.org)**

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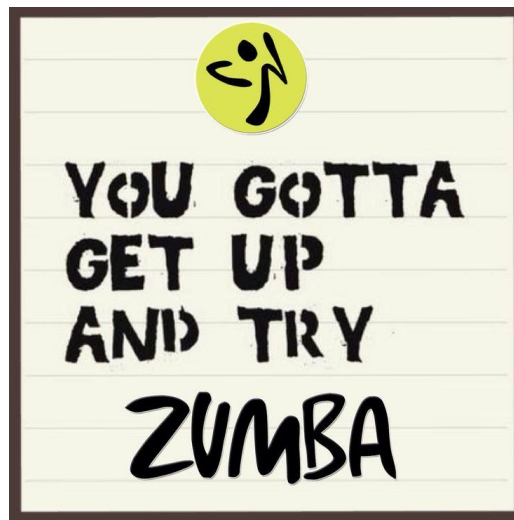
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## Join the Dance Fitness Party!

**Adapted Zumba** ® will recommence April 20<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday's right after school.

This **free class** is offered to: **Students – Please note: adult – parent, guardian, habilitator – must be present for student to participate; A+ Academy P3 parents; Teachers and Aids.** Make sure to wear **comfortable clothing, athletic shoes and bring a bottle of water!** Get ready to have a great time!

A completed signup sheet must be returned before you can start. If you have any questions and/or need a signup sheet, please contact **Susan Alonzo** at **480 203 4767** or [salonzo4@cox.net](mailto:salonzo4@cox.net).



## Young Living Essential Oils of the Month:

### Reconnect Collection for Focus and Emotional Support

Helps to improve focus, maintain mental acuity and release negative emotions.

## Reconnect Collection



## Emotional Balance and Connection

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**For More Information:**

**Christy Andrews**

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