

April Newsletter—2017

Autism Academy

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Dear Families,

This year has been a great one! Students and staff are working diligently to make a great ending to an awesome year. We have a lot of activities this month including National Autism Month Activities, please keep an eye out for correspondence from your teacher with activities listed. Also, on April 12th, our director, Shannon Mitchell will be here to discuss with families the current and future status of Autism Academy. This meeting will happen immediately after school from 3:30 until 4:00. This is your opportunity to ask any questions concerning next school term, the high school or any other questions that you may have. Childcare will be provided for this meeting so please plan to attend. Finally, thanks for being such great and supportive parents, it truly makes the difference.

Car Line—Please follow the car line route. This is for your child's safety. We want to avoid children crossing in front of other cars.

Attendance—Reminder, if your child is out sick or needs to leave early, please call the front office.

Before/After Care—MySchoolBucks—Wednesday the week prior to when you need child care is the cutoff day to sign up. Otherwise you will be charged the drop-in rate vs. the scheduled rate for the week. Their website is www.myschoolbucks.com. If you have any issues with signing up or making payment through MySchoolBucks, please give them a call at 1-855-832-5226.

If you would like to meet with your child's teacher to schedule a meeting or convey a message, please be respectful of their families and home life and contact them only between the hours of **8 am—4:30 pm**. We appreciate your understanding and assistance with this.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me, Gena, or any of the teachers at 623-979-9593.

Sincerely,

Shawn U. Davis
Principal

Handbook Reminder

Illness—If your child has a temperature of 100.0 or higher, diarrhea, or vomiting, they must be symptom free for 24 hours without medication before they will be permitted to return to school. If your child is sick, please keep them home. This will help keep the spread of illness to a minimum.

Upcoming Events

April 4—MOD Pizza Fundraiser
All Day Event

April 5 & 6—Parent/Teacher
Conferences
12:15 Dismissal

April 12—Parent Meeting 3:30-4:00

April 13—Half Day

April 14—No School

April 20—Spring Music Program
6—7 pm
Glendale Christian Church
9661 N. 59th Ave
Glendale, AZ 85381

April 22—P3 Rummage Sale

More Information

Shoparoo—If you haven't done so, please take a moment to download the Shoparoo app onto your phone. It's an easy way to help the school raise funds. If you have any ques-

Other Resources

Free—GOALS Soccer for kids with and without special needs. For more information visit kickinggoals.org

Free—West Valley Lego Club
1st Tuesday of the month @ 6:30pm.
See Gena for more details.

Free—The Autism Toolbox. Behavior & Support Workshops
Go to AZANOW.org for details.

2017 Spring Miracle Baseball League Sponsored by the YMCA.
If you would like more information contact Gena.

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

~Nelson Mandela

More Important News

Expressive Language and Comprehension:

Books are a great way to elicit expressive language and comprehension in children. The important thing to remember when reading books with your child is to ask OPEN ENDED questions. This takes some practice but the best way to help children talk more is to ask them a question where they generate their own answers. For example, "What is she doing?" "How is he feeling?" "What's happening in this picture?" These are open ended questions versus yes or no questions or questions with one word answers.



We Need You!

Please consider joining our school parent group P3 as our students can greatly benefit from your involvement and contributions to the school's program and its operations. We seek volunteers to help us with the following activities:

- 1) Teacher-led instructional support, when requested.
- 2) Participating in field trips.
- 3) School-wide events.
- 4) Student recognition events.
- 5) Outreach and recruitment of parent and community volunteers.
- 6) School fundraising options. Download Shoparoo on your smart phone. It's a simple way to help our school raise fund.



WHY WE ARE THE BEST!!!

Autism Academy for Education and Development is the right piece of the puzzle. A puzzle piece only fits in one right place and at Autism Academy we are the right place for your child's education. We offer customized programming designed to meet your child's individual needs and we place your child's education together one piece at a time. Every puzzle piece, like every child is unique at our school! Autism Academy...A school where

