

A+ ACADEMY Parent Partnership Program

Dear Parents of A+ Academy Students,

Welcome back to the second half of what promises to continue as a wonderful school year!

The first half was good to P3, our parent organization, thanks to all of you who supported and participated. You make the difference! We have been able to fundraise successfully during the first semester while enjoying a few fun events.

Now, at the upcoming meeting on January 10th, we'll continue planning how we will use our funds to provide the most fun and social events for our students and families. These events will include Family Movie Night, Friendship Dance and more.

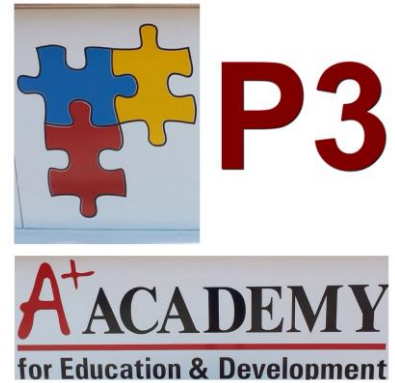
I hope you can join us! Make it a new year's resolution to become more active with our PTO! We need your input and support to create, plan and implement these upcoming events.

Some of you have let us know that it's difficult for you to make it to an evening meeting. Consequently, we have set up a second meeting for January 13th timed with morning drop off: from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Hope one of these meeting dates and times fits your schedule.

Thank you for all you do for our school and our students!

Happy New Year!

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:

January 10
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

OR

January 13
8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Tempe campus

Hope you can join us!



P3 Update

Fundraisers Updates – Great News!

- **Spare Change Collection Contest Raised: \$715.00**
Congratulations **Mrs. Norman's Class** who won first place and a pizza party by collecting \$285.20!

Ms. Kowal \$147.91	Mrs. Sanetra \$34.50
Mrs. Sevier \$117.88	Mr. Knowles: \$15.06
Mrs. Floyd \$93.15	Mrs. Dille: \$21.30

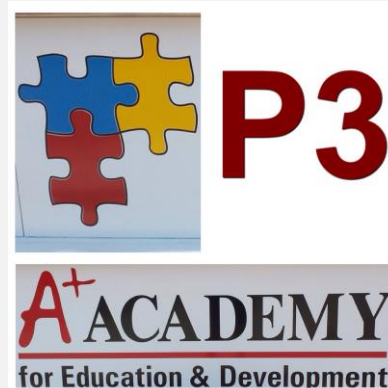
- **Village Inn Pie Card Sale Raised: \$1,201.11**
We sold 177 cards out of a total of 200 cards. Special thank you to **Rachelle Brown (Kinton)** who sold 55 of the 177!

- **Gold Canyon Candles Sale Raised: \$450.00**

Thank you, **Chrishauna Lacy**, for leading this fundraiser. And thank you, **Jonah Kormarnisky**, for selling 26 -- the most -- candles.



- **Chipotle Night Raised: \$85.00 (approximately)**



This **FREE EVENT** is for families to connect with local service providers, support and resource organizations in Arizona

Sponsored by
Arizona Autism Coalition

March 7, 2017
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Ability 360
Sports & Fitness Center
<http://ability360.org/>

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P3 Update Continued

Thanks so much to all who participated in these successful fundraisers! Consequently our P3 bank account has a total of \$2,534. And, this is before adding in the revenues from the Chipotle fundraiser. P3 is looking forward to planning a few fun upcoming events for our students and families!

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10th, 7 to 8:30 pm. If you cannot make it to the evening meeting on the 10th, you're welcome to join us for a recap meeting on Friday, January 13th, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Items to be discussed and decided:

- Plans for Movie Night
- Possible Hot Chocolate Fridays at pick up time
- Plans for the Friendship Dance in February

Future Fundraising Ideas:

- Recycling printer/toner cartridges/cell phones and other small electronics
- Funding Factory and Planet Green Recycle
- PLB (Precious Little Bean) Coffee
- LuLaRoe (clothing)
- Perhaps combine it with a "Mom's Night Out" event.

Other event ideas we've had:

- Date Night at Not Your Typical Deli
- Gift baskets/silent auction

One last note: the "holiday token of our appreciation" P3 gave to each and every teacher, teacher's aide and staff member at A+! Thank you, Laurie Hopkins, P3 President, for your creativity in pulling this together!



A+ Academy Spotlight: Ms. Laura Newcomb



Welcome to "the spotlight," Ms. Laura Newcomb, owner of both Autism Academy schools and A+ Academy (AAED Schools). Ms. Newcomb has her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, Master of Arts in Administration, and Master of Arts in Diverse Learner (At Risk to Gifted). She also has an Autism Specialist Certification and Special Education Certification as well as being a Professional Certified Life Coach.

Ms. Newcomb has taught in Texas, Colorado and Arizona public schools and private schools for a total of more than 25 years. She has also served as a principal for 3 years and a Special Education Director for 12 years.

When asked what she likes most about supervising and managing all three AAED campuses, she responded, "I love the amazing staff and their dedication to our students and I enjoy getting to know the staff personally." And, she added, "I thank God daily for the amazing families and students at our schools."

In response to being asked what her goal is for AAED schools, Ms. Newcomb replied, "My goal has always been to provide the very best education for students on the Autism Spectrum and to make sure that 'Kids First' remains our central focus."

Her hobbies and interests include spending time with family and friends, shopping, watching movies, traveling, decorating, reading and helping others find their passion in life. She is the youngest of her family and "loved every minute of being spoiled" as the baby! She has three adult children and enjoys spending time with them. She is originally from Nebraska, went to college in Wyoming and has lived in Colorado and Texas in addition to Arizona.

Favorites:

- **Music:** loves the oldies, easy listening and Christian music, too
- **Favorite Movie and/or book or genres:** Chick flicks, romance-comedies and romance books
- **Color:** Fuchsia
- **Food or treat:** Pizza, all Italian food, homemade Butterball and noodle soup

Thank you, Ms. Newcomb, for your willingness to participate in this ongoing feature . . . and thank you for all you do to help all AAED students achieve their personal best!





Parent Partnership Program (P3) – Tempe 2016 2017 Calendar

Meetings: First Tuesday of the month from 7:00 to 8:30 (usually)

2017

January 10th

February 7th

March 7th

April 4th

May 2nd

May 30th

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

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Here's an ongoing fundraiser you can start participating in now!



DOWNLOAD this FREE APP on your smart phone...

Here are some examples: (out of over 15,000 qualifying retailers!)

- ✓ Grocers - Kroger, Safeway, Publix, HEB, Food Lion and absolutely any grocery store - including your local mom & pop grocer
- ✓ Supercenters - Walmart, Target, Kmart, Meijer, and etcetera
- ✓ Clubs - Costco, Sam's Club, BJ's and any other club store that sell grocery products (even if you don't buy groceries when you shop there)
- ✓ Drug Stores - Walgreens, CVS, Rite-Aid, Jewel-Osco and any other similar store that sells grocery-like products - even a local drug store
- ✓ Convenience Stores - 7-Eleven, Circle-K, Wawa, Shell, BP and any other convenience store (as long as more than gas appears on the receipt)
- ✓ Dollar Stores - Dollar General, Family Dollar, & Dollar Tree plus many more
- ✓ Pet Supply Stores - PetSmart, Petco, and any others!

Select Autism Academy for Education and Development in Gilbert, AZ as your cause. Take a Picture of Your Receipts. It's that Easy!! If you have questions, please contact the Parent Partnership Program at [p3tempe@gmail.com](mailto:p3tempe@gmail.com)

Check out this video our P3 president put together to promote Shoparoo!

<https://www.facebook.com/laurie.conlonhopkins/videos/pcb.1274071915946075/10206761756954879/?type=3&theater>

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



- January 10<sup>th</sup> – Monthly P3 meeting, 7 – 8:30 p.m. Tempe Campus
- January 11<sup>th</sup> -- High School Social Club at Not Your Typical Deli
- January 13<sup>th</sup> – Monthly P3 meeting recap, 8:30- 9:30 a.m. - Tempe Campus
- January 15<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> – ESA Card Funding - All Campuses
- January 16<sup>th</sup> – Monday -- Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – School holiday
- January 21<sup>st</sup> – Saturday – Tempe Campus – Parenting Seminar
  - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. -- *Becoming an Emotionally Healthy Family: Avoiding the 6 Dysfunctional Parenting Styles*
  - 12 to 1 p.m. Workshop / Lunch -- *Planning for Your Child's Future*
- January 21<sup>st</sup> -- Open House (time to be announced)
- January 21<sup>st</sup> -- P3 Movie Night -- Doors open at 6:30 pm movie will start at 7 pm to 9 pm.



**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is on Monday January 16, 2017**  
**No School. Classes will resume on January 17<sup>th</sup>.**





## Birthdays at A+ Academy



Chelcee Avis – 10<sup>th</sup>  
Mirella Urias – 13<sup>th</sup>  
Cheryl Maltese – 19<sup>th</sup>  
Kimberly Baltzley – 28<sup>th</sup>

*Happy Birthday!*



**Order your A+ Academy T-Shirt: Available Online**  
Check out the new baseball tee, sweatshirt and hoodie!



- The orders can be placed online: [www.etsy.com](http://www.etsy.com)
- In the search box, enter: **KoalaTeeApparel** (all one word)
- Each \$20 T-Shirt sold **brings in \$2.00 to our P3**
- Available in black, gray, white, blue and red
- Sizes in all ranges: women's S to XXL; men's S to XXL; Youth Girls & Boys S to L

***A+ Academy T-Shirts are great to wear when going on field trips & on PE days!***





## CROSSFIT WITH A SPECIAL TWIST

Every Saturday  
12:30-1:30pm

\$10 Drop-In fee per kid/ per class  
Coached by a Special Education  
Teacher/ Crossfit Instructor

### Tribal Crossfit

6170 W Chandler Blvd  
Chandler, AZ 85226  
<http://tribal-fitness.com>

Any questions can be answered by  
Leslie Dille [jelly4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jelly4@sbcglobal.net)



Starts again on **January 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Adapted Zumba** ® is available weekly at A+ Academy 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).



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## Reminder: Please Order Lunch for Thursdays by Wednesday Night

Our students are learning real-life job skills by prepping and preparing food, taking care of a kitchen and learning about restaurant management. Our students are directly involved with our Thursday lunch orders. Unfortunately, unless there are enough orders placed we will not be able to have our students participate in this program, so again please order lunch for Thursdays, by Wednesday night at the latest. You are welcome to order ahead of time . . . for the whole month!

If you have any questions about registering and ordering online, please contact Kym Wilbur at [kwilbur@autismacademyed.com](mailto:kwilbur@autismacademyed.com).

**Thank you for your ongoing support and orders!**



# ❄️ December Events at A+ Academy ❄️

## Organ Stop Pizza Family Fun Event



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## Winter Concert: Memories Old and New, Tempe Campus



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## Young Living Essential Oils of the Month



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natural

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minerals

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moisturize

nourish

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SAFE

soothing

antioxidants

aloe vera

pH balanced



lemon  
cedarwood  
geranium  
sandalwood  
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2ND ANNUAL AUTISM EXPO

PRESENTED BY



Arizona Autism COALITION

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2017

9AM - 1PM | ABILITY360 SPORTS & FITNESS CENTER, PHOENIX

EVENT RSVP + VENDOR REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



AUTISM EXPO is a **FREE EVENT**
for families to connect with local service providers,
support and resource organizations in Arizona

INFORMATIVE WORKSHOPS

each hour beginning at 10:00 am

RAFFLE

for door prizes donated by vendors & sponsors

FREE EVENT DIRECTORY

with vendor listings

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