

A+ ACADEMY Parent Partnership Program

Dear Parents of A+ Academy Students,

Our Saturday night Friendship Dance is one of the main reasons it is so gratifying to be a part of our school's PTSO. Our fundraising efforts throughout the year allow us to provide our students with wonderful school life experiences, such as this dance. We had a great turnout of almost 40 students . . . more than half our students were present. And, they let us know they had a great time!

Many thanks to all who participated and brought your children to this extracurricular and extra special event. Our P3 PTSO would also like to take this opportunity to thank the fantastic **D.J. George Tole of Ultimate Sound Satisfaction** who volunteered his services for our event: great music based on our students' requests and awesome lighting!

Thank you, parent and family volunteers: **Rahel Tsehaye, Melody Sieckman, Crystal and Carin McKinnon, and Mr. and Mrs. Breitzman, Casey Brown, Kristin Tate, Kym Wilbur and Jeanne Lukaska.** And, our bouncer/greeter, **Alex Alonzo.**

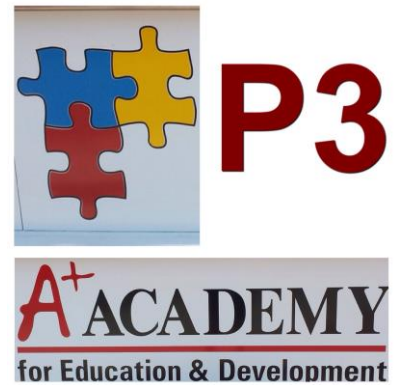
Thank you to **Shannon Henley** and all the faculty members who were on hand to help out: **Ms. Sevier, Ms. Floyd, Ms. Landis and Ms. Norman.** And, a special thanks to **Laurie Hopkins**, our PTSO president, for doing such an amazing job of getting us all organized!

We'd also like to thank **Flipside** for donating a Family Fun Pack for Four, **Pollack Movie Theater** for donating two Movie Passes for our raffle. See page 3 and 4 for pictures and more information.

The dance was a hit! If you couldn't make it this year . . . there's always next year!

Sincerely,

Susan Alonzo, Newsletter Editor
A+ Academy P3



Tempe

Next A+ P3 Meeting

Join us for our March Parent Partnership Program (P3) meeting on an earlier-than-usual date: **Monday, February 29** from 6:30 to 8 pm at the Tempe campus.

An A+ aid has volunteered to provide child care here at the school during the meeting. Please contact Kym Wilbur, 480-447-3997, at the school's front office and let her know you plan to attend and how many children you will bring.

Hope you can join us!



March 7 – 18, 2016

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A+ P3 Update

Orders due before Spring Break!

Create Your Own:

A+ Academy T-Shirts and Water Bottles!

Through **March 4th**, you will be able to place your customized order for A+ Academy logo t-shirts and water bottles. Items will be delivered after Spring Break.



Water Bottles and T-Shirts



Color Logo



Color Glitter Logo



White Glitter Logo



Black Logo



Flip Top



Straw Cup
Colors: Green & Pink



Pop Top
Colors: Pink, Mint, Blue,
Clear, Smoke, Aqua, Purple & Pink



Colors: Green, Pink, & Orange



Youth: Crew Neck
Sizes: S, M, L, XL



Crew Neck
Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL & 6 XL



Women's V-Neck (fitted)



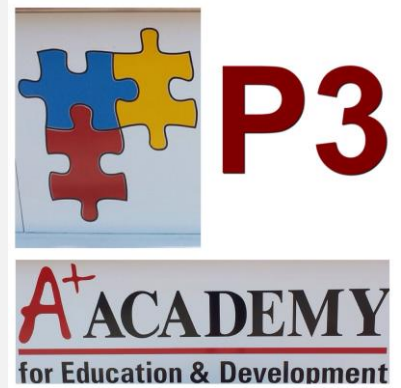
Sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL & 2XL

Shirts Color Choices are: White, Light Blue, Grey & Black

100% Cotton Hanes T-Shirts

Order forms are attached. ****If you have any questions regarding products, please contact Laurie before ordering because there are no exchanges or refunds. Her email is: p3tempe@gmail.com**

Place your orders soon if you have not already done so. The deadline to order is **March 4th** which is the last day before Spring Break! See flyer sent home in backpack/folder for details.



In Our Community



1st Annual Autism Expo

Free event with free informative workshops available each hour beginning at 10 am.

Presented by the
Autism Coalition
Saturday, March 19, 2016
9 am – 1 pm
Ability 360 Center, Phoenix, AZ

See page 10 for more details!



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Friendship Dance 2016





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Business Contact Information

- **D.J. George Tole of Ultimate Sound Satisfaction** – donated time, talent and equipment **(480) 234 – 3284**
- **Flipside --** donated gift card for raffle
- **Pollack Movie Theater** – donated gift card for raffle
- **Arizona Bounce Around** – (stanchions and red velvet rope) 480-874-3470
arizonabouncearound.com
- **Prims Photo Booth rental** – 1-855-742-7632 primspphotobooth.com

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**Remember: Half Days for Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for March 2 & 3, Wednesday and Thursday. Friday will also be the usual half day. Pick up at 12:15.**



**Spring break begins Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> and goes through Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Classes will resume on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Have a safe and relaxing break!**

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A+ Academy Teacher Spotlight: Amy Floyd



Welcome to "the spotlight," Ms. Floyd, our school's art instructor! She is a graduate of Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Painting. She brings 9 years of experience with her here to A+ Academy. She has also worked several years as a hairdresser!

What she likes most about teaching is hearing the funny comments the students say. As our school's art teacher, her goal is provide our students with a well-rounded art education.

And, Ms. Floyd is local from Scottsdale. Her whole family was born here. "We are desert rats," Ms. Floyd commented with a grin.

This teacher's favorite hobbies and interests include art, art and then, art, again! Ms. Floyd also enjoys gardening, reading and going to the movies. In her spare time, she sells her artwork and loves to paint, draw, sculpt and photographs everything. She also enjoys making jewelry, printmaking and working.

More favorites include:

- Music: Alternative, folk, 60's
- Movie and book: Dark comedies, twisting suspense movies, spy movies
- Type of food or treats: Cake, cake, cake, chocolate
- Favorite color: Red-violet, turquoise

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



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Wondering what to do with your kids over the spring and summer breaks?



Try a Pogo pass!

Starting **February 24th thru April 29th** the **Parent Partnership Program** will be participating in a **POGO PASS Fundraiser**.

This fundraiser is done **ONLINE** at **www.pogopass.com**

Use promo code: **a+academy** at the above web address to receive **60% off** and our school will earn **\$5 per pass!**

The **cost is \$39.98/per person**

***The total value of this card far exceeds the price of these passes.***

***\*\*Please see the flyer on the following page for participating venues\*\****

#### **HOW TO PURCHASE YOUR PASS:**

- A. Go to **www.pogopass.com**
- B. Select Phoenix, AZ  
(after you have looked through their website)
- C. Select either **"BUY NOW!"** or **"GET YOUR PASS NOW!"**
  1. Enter **name of person** pass is for  
(Skip step 2 unless you want to purchase a gift card for someone.)
  3. Enter **a+academy** then select **"APPLY NOW"**
  4. Enter your payment details

***\*\*These passes are good for one full year from the date of purchase. Pass is only good for the person whose name is on it.\*\****

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**Pogo Pass** Phoenix

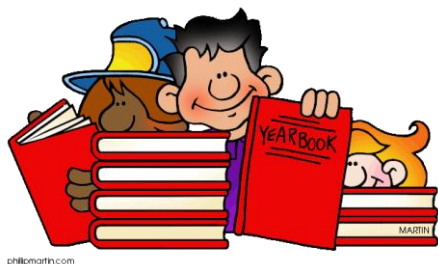
Use promo code: **a+academy**  
at [www.pogopass.com](http://www.pogopass.com) for **60% off** today!

~~\$99.95~~ **NOW ONLY \$39.98!**

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| <b>USA's Skateland</b><br>2 Visits/mo                                                                                | <b>Special Partner of the Devil Stadium</b><br>Multiple Sports | <b>RATTLERS</b><br>3 Games     | <b>ENCHANTED ISLAND</b><br>AMUSEMENT PARK<br>4 Visits                  | <b>MAKUTUS ISLAND</b><br>A Family Fun Center<br>2 Visits       | <b>DIAMOND BACKS</b><br>2 Games |
| <b>idea MUSEUM</b><br>2 Visits                                                                                       | <b>Pump It Up</b><br>2 Visits                                  | <b>Roller Games</b><br>1 Visit | <b>PHOENIX ROCK GYM</b><br>2 Visits                                    | <b>Go!land Sunsplash</b><br>1 Visit                            | <b>KatLac's</b><br>1 Game/wk    |
| Includes <b>one year</b> of <b>FREE ADMISSION</b> to all current venues!<br><small>*VENUES SUBJECT TO CHANGE</small> |                                                                |                                | <b>STRATUM</b><br>BASEBALL AND FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT CENTER<br>2 Visits | <b>TEMPE FOOTBALL</b><br>ARIZONA FOOTBALL LEAGUE<br>1 Visit/mo | <b>Motortown</b><br>3 Games     |
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**YOUR ULTIMATE VARIETY MEMBERSHIP**

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Order Your 2015-16 A+ Academy Yearbook

If you have not ordered your yearbook it is not too late.

Order a yearbook today by filling out a form recently sent home in backpacks.

Last day to order is April 1st, 2016

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Adapted **Zumba® Gold** will take a break this coming Thursday through Spring Break.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be in session this Thursday. We will recommence when we return from Spring Break. This **free** class – from 3:30 to 4:30 pm – is offered to A+ Academy:

- **Teachers and Aids**
- **Students – Please note: adult – parent, guardian, habilitator – must be present for student to participate.**
- **A+ Academy P3 parents**

A signup sheet has been sent home and must be returned before you can start. If you have any questions please contact **Susan Alonzo** at **480 203 4767** or salonzo4@cox.net.

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## Young Living Essential Oils of the Month: Peace & Calming



Image: Calvin & Hobbes

Peace and Calming can be used by parents when children get upset easily. Since they are too young to verbalize what they need, children turn to tantrums instead and no amount of explanation can calm them down.

When words cannot pacify a child, use this oil by rubbing it on their stomach. Emotions are settled faster with the fragrant influence of Peace and Calming.

**When words won't work.**

Keep V6 or veg oil handy.



This statement has not been evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration. This product is not intended to diagnose, treat, cure or prevent disease.

**For More Information:**

**Christy Andrews**  
**480-436-2795**

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SPECIAL DAY FOR SPECIAL KIDS



Saturday March 19th will be the 31st Annual Special Day for Special Kids at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park. It's a fun day full of free train rides, food, activities and fun for our special needs families across the valley. Place the date on your calendars and go to www.specialdayforspecialkids.org for more info.



East Valley Autism Network (EVAN) Meetings

EVAN is a parent-led support group providing hope, resources, information, and support for families with children on the Autism spectrum. Meeting time is 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

EVAN welcomes all families who would like to network and help each other get the services and education our children need.

- Location: Mi Amigo's Mexican Grill, 1264 S. Gilbert Road, Mesa, AZ, -- just off US 60
- Upcoming meeting dates: March 22, 2016 and April 26, 2016
- <http://eastvalleyautismnetwork.blogspot.com/> or find them on Facebook



1ST ANNUAL AUTISM EXPO

PRESENTED BY



SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016

9AM - 1PM / ABILITY360 CENTER, 5025 E WASHINGTON ST, PHOENIX

Sponsored by: TRUMPET
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

AUTISM EXPO is a **FREE EVENT** for families

Door prizes for attendees provided by vendors and sponsors

Free Event Directory with Provider and Vendor listings

Sponsor, Advertising and Vendor Tables available

Informative workshops available each hour including:

Top 10 IEP Tips
Hope Kirsch and Lori
Kirsch-Goodwin, Kirsch-Goodwin
& Kirsch, PLLC, Arizona Special
Education Attorneys

**Autism 101-How to Access
DDD Services**
Cynthia Macluskie, Vice President,
Autism Society of Greater Phoenix

Transition Planning
Vanessa DiCarlo, M.Ed., Susan
Marks & Advocates, PLLC, A Law
Firm for Disability Related Issues



Click here to RSVP to the Autism Expo!



EXHIBITORS

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