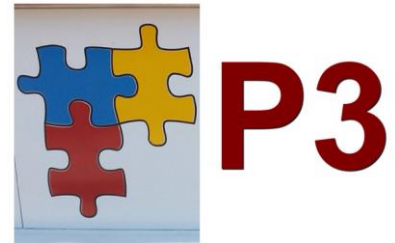


March

2017

A+ ACADEMY Parent Partnership Program



Tempe

Dear Parents of A+ Academy Students,

Thank you to everyone for coming out to our annual Friendship Dance. It was a fun and successful event. Approximately half of our students attended and had a great time!

Many thanks to our teachers and school staff members: Mr. Knowles, Mrs. Floyd, Mrs. Sanetra, Mrs. Kowal, Mrs. Sevier, Mrs. Norman, Ms. Millani Clements, and Mrs. Baltzley. Thank you to Kym Wilbur for all the photos. Thank you to all the P3 moms for all their hard work in planning this event and helping set up the decorations: Kristen Tate, Casey Brown, Rahel Tsehaye and Susan Alonzo.

Thanks also to George Tole from Ultimatesounds (480)-234-3284 for being our DJ for the evening, and Prims Photo Booth 1-855-742-7632 for letting the kids take crazy photos.

And I, especially, would like to thank the parents who volunteered to help us out: Liza Romero, Marla Denham, Kathy Ortiz, Yvonne Elvira, Dominic Oriol, Gilbert Alonzo, Jim Tate, David Chan, Roxann Van Alstine, and Dana Butcher. The tremendous support our P3 receives, makes nights like this possible.

With much appreciation,

Laurie Hopkins

P3 President

Editor's Note: Thank you, Laurie, for getting us organized and able to create such a fun event. We appreciate your hard work and dedication to our school and our students. You make events like this possible!

-Susan Alonzo, Editor

Next A+ P3 Meeting:

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

March 7th

6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Tempe Campus

OR

March 10th

8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Starbucks in Safeway

SW corner Elliot & McClintock

Hope you can join us!



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P3 Update

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7th, 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, March 10th, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Thanks so much to all who participated in these successful fundraisers!

LuLaRoe Ladies Night Out

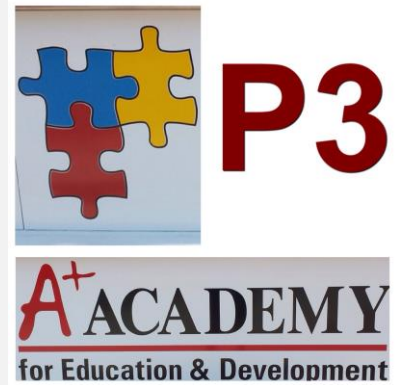


This event, held in February, had quite a few customers show up. P3 made approximately \$300.00 from this fundraiser. P3 members donated food and beverages, along with teachers and students from Mrs. Dille's class made appetizers and desserts. P3 purchased bottled water and paper products.

"Ream Your School" Contest Results

The winner of the "Ream Your School" contest is Mrs. Dille's class with 53 reams of paper. Congratulations on winning a pizza party for your class!

We were able to collect 92 reams in total! So, our school wins, too! Thank you for your participation!



3821 E. Baseline Road J-140

Gilbert, AZ 85234

480 794 1116

<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

Financial Update (as of 1/1/17)

Beginning January bank account balance: **\$2,620.86**

Expenditures:

1. Photo booth for dance: \$300.00
2. D.J. for dance: \$100.00
3. Sensory boxes: \$100.00 (teachers liked items, and boxes have been made and delivered to each class)
4. Teacher's Wish List items, Movie Night expenses, teacher's lunch expenses: \$504.33
5. Money aside to start off next year's P3: \$250.00

P3 account balance as of the end of January is **\$1,366.53**

Items to be discussed and decided:

1. Recap "Friendship Dance"
2. Recap "Ladies Night"
3. Discuss teacher treat for March
4. Discuss PLB Coffee fundraiser
5. Discuss plans for Parent/Teacher Conferences April 5&6
6. Open floor up for any new business

Teacher Treat Day

For February's "sweet token of our appreciation" P3 provided our A+ teachers, teacher's aides and staff members with coffee and doughnuts. Thank you, Laurie Hopkins, P3 President, for pulling this together! Love it! Pun intended!



A+ Academy Spotlight: Christie Hasenwinkel



Welcome to "the spotlight," Christie Hasenwinkel, A+ Academy's PE teacher at our Tempe campus.

Ms. Hasenwinkel attended school at ASU where she received her Bachelor's in Special Education. She has also received her certification to teach K-12 Cross-Categorical Special Education.

Before teaching at A+ Academy, she taught in the public school setting for 6 years. She had a Resource classroom and her students had learning disabilities, emotional disabilities, and autism. She was a mentor teacher at her school and was also in charge of the Response to Intervention program there. In addition, she mentioned, "I coached Special Olympics basketball for two seasons and loved it!"

When asked what do you like most about teaching, she said, "Watching how much students grow and improve throughout the year, behaviorally and/or academically, is my favorite part of teaching."

She added, "I think it's important that our students know that progress is more important than perfection. I also believe each student should know how important they are, that they each have a unique gift that the world is waiting for them to share."

Ms. Hasenwinkel and her husband met in high school and have two children: Tyler (4) and Charlotte (18 months). Ms. Hasenwinkel was born in Arizona, but moved around a lot growing up. Consequently, she has lived in Texas, California, and Colorado as well.

Her favorite hobbies include running, working out, thrift store shopping and spending time with her family.

More favorites:

- Music: Country music
- Favorite Movie and book or genres: comedies and mystery movies; also loves reading inspirational type books
- Color: Purple
- Food or treat: chocolate

Thank you, Ms. Hasenwinkel, 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!

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Parent Partnership Program (P3) – Tempe 2016 2017 Calendar

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

March 7th

April 4th

May 2nd

May 30th

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



Upcoming Important Events at A+! Mark Your Calendars:



- March 4th – Family Fun Event – Jumpstreet, Chandler 9 -11 a.m. **THIS SATURDAY**
<http://www.gotjump.com/arizona/chandler/>
- March 7th – Monthly P3 meeting, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Tempe Campus
- March 9th – School Picture Day
- March 10th – Monthly P3 Recap Meeting at 8:30/8:45ish a.m. at the Starbucks in the Safeway on the S.W. of McClintock and Elliot. Join us for coffee, stay for the meeting recap!
- March 13th – 24th – SPRING BREAK
- March 13th – 17th – Spring Break Camp 2017
- March 27th – Class resumes at A+ Academy
- April 5th and 6th – Parent/Teacher Conferences




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March 9<sup>th</sup> is

# Picture Day

At A+ Academy! Say:



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Upcoming “April is Autism Awareness Month” Fundraiser

Brewing Up Hope

April 10th to 21st

Our students and their art teacher, Amy Floyd, are working on designing our very own label to place on packages of PLB Coffee. More details to follow.



2nd Annual Friendship Dance 2017



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To see more photos of this event, go to this Facebook photo page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/AutismAcademyforEducationandDevelopment/photos/>

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Staff Birthdays at A+ Academy

Denise Sanetra 3/4
Jana Vorhees 3/8
Courtney Rockhill 3/9
Jenny Sevier 3/17
Denise Bullock 3/29
Kailey Sheard 3/29

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
- 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!





Tribal Crossfit

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

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

Any questions can be answered by
Leslie Dille jelly4@sbcglobal.net



Join the Dance Fitness Party!

Adapted Zumba ® will continue on Thursdays, March 2nd and 9th, but will be off during Spring Break. It will recommence after Spring Break on March 31st 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.



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Young Living Essential Oils of the Month

!WARNING!

Side Effects of Using Essential Oils!



- ☒ You'll be happier, which makes everyone happier.
- ☒ You'll sleep better.
- ☒ You'll have more energy.
- ☒ You'll feel better than you ever have before.
- ☒ You'll get compliments on how good you smell (all the time).
- ☒ You'll want ALL the oils.
- ☒ Your kids will turn into "oily kids".
- ☒ All your friends will want them.
- ☒ And your family too.
- ☒ So, you'll make some money for changing people's lives like yours.

Yea, I wouldn't risk it...



For More Information:

Christy Andrews
480-436-2795

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sprout film festival

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2017

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each screening features different films

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This captivating film festival celebrates the diverse lives and creativity of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), while benefiting the advocacy programs of The Arc of Arizona.

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