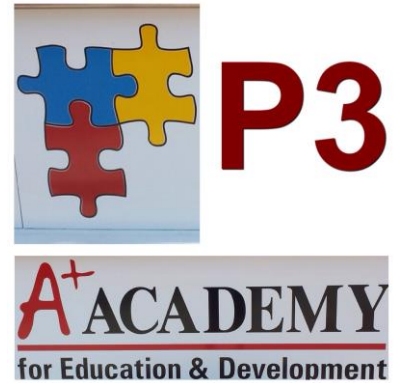


A+ ACADEMY Parent Partnership Program



Tempe

Dear Parents of A+ Academy Students,

As I put together this final newsletter for the 2016-17 school, I am pleasantly surprised by all our organization has accomplished this year.

So far, this school year, P3 has successfully held 7 fundraisers and supported 4 special events for our students while hosting 9 monthly "thank you" teachers events. We're also looking forward to making our teachers feel appreciated during Teacher Appreciation Week this month. And, we're excited to provide our students with another fun school wide pizza day towards the end of the school year.

It takes creativity, organization and dedication to make these events happen, Thankfully, we have a wonderful P3 president, Laurie Hopkins, who gets us all going to the same productive direction.

When we gather for our May P3 meeting, Laurie has invited new incoming parents to join us as well as all returning parents. Our organization is looking forward to planning another successful year. And, our student's benefit when we have everyone's participation and support!

Please join us as we put together plans for another great year for our students. We need parents to volunteer to serve as board officers: president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Or, serve as board members at large. Or just be an active P3 member. Before we break for the summer, please join us for the next two meetings!

Thank you,

Susan Alonzo
P3 Newsletter Editor

Next A+ P3 Meetings:

Join our upcoming Parent Partnership Program (P3) meetings on:

May 9th
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Tempe Campus

AND

May 23rd
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Tempe Campus

Hope you can join us!



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P3 Update

Our next two meeting are scheduled for **Tuesday, May 9th and May 23rd, 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 the Friday morning immediately following the evening meeting: May 12th, and May 26th, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Starbucks in Safeway, Elliot and McClintock, near our school.

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.

Financial Update

Beginning balance on March 10th \$ 1,385.22

Expenditures: \$ 237.42

Teacher treat/potluck lunch, teacher wish list items, coffee taste test, supplies to put our April fundraiser together, and purchased lunch for All City P3 meeting.

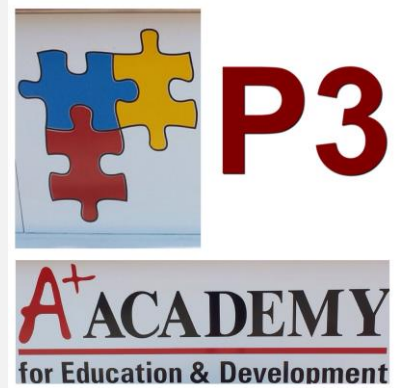
Deposits: \$ 188.00

LuLaRoe Night - \$188.00 matching check from LuLaRoe Headquarters

P3 account balance as of April 7, 2017 - \$ 1,335.80

Agenda for Upcoming April Meeting

- Discuss any new info on our PLB Coffee fundraiser
- Plan Pizza Day for the school
- Plan for next year:
 - P3 officers and P3 board members



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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

Update on P3's 501 C 3 Tax Exempt Status

Representatives from all three AAED campuses met to discuss developments in obtaining a 501c3, tax-exempt nonprofit organization status for our three P3's. All 3 AAED principals, administrators, P3 presidents and board members were in attendance to receive an update and plan how all three P3 organizations will function under the auspices on one 501c3 tax status.

Updated documents have been sent in to the IRS and we are awaiting their response. Each P3 will continue to function independently, but the group did consider that all three organization may join together for one large fundraising event per year. In addition, each school's P3 organization will maintain access to their own bank account,

April's Teacher Treat Day

For April's token of our appreciation, P3 provided our A+ teachers, teacher's aides and staff members, potluck lunches on the two days of Parent/Teacher Conferences.



Thank you to all who supplied so many delicious dishes!

Wednesday's donations: Liza Romero, Rahel Tsehays, Maria Padilla, Tenile Avery, Susan Alonzo, Karen Craig, Stefney Crawford, Amy Breitzman, Katherine Kormanisky, and Laurie Hopkins.

Thursday's donations: Tara Lentz, Kathy Ortiz, Julie Cumming, Glori Nuessle, Katherine Kormanisky, Kristina Hunt, Angie Abfalter, Susan Alonzo, Stefney Crawford, and Laurie Hopkins.

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A+ Academy Spotlight:

Congratulation to Our First Graduates, Class of 2017

Joshua Butcher & Bradley Lentz



Josh Butcher

Welcome to "the spotlight," Josh Butcher, one of our two first high school graduates. After Josh graduates on May 30th, he plans to move with his family to Oregon. Josh is a native of Arizona, but his family has come from a wide variety of places. In the long term, he looks forward to finding a job, perhaps an apartment and eventually, starting college.

After attending A+ for three years, since its doors first opened, Josh explained what he liked most about the school, "I think it's truly the people. . . it's indeed a safe environment. I'll miss everyone at this place."

His skills and talents include cooking and freeze modeling. His hobbies are Yu-Gi-Oh, online gaming and writing stories.

His favorites include: "Back from the Dead" as his fav song; alternative as his favorite music genre; Harry Potter; the color light blue or purple. His favorite treat is an ice cold coke and perhaps, a chocolate chip cookie, too!

Congratulations! We wish you the best, Josh!





Bradley Lentz

Welcome to "the spotlight," Bradley Lentz, one of our two first high school graduates. After celebrating his graduation on May 30th, Bradley will work for a bread company. In the long term, Bradley looks forward to going to college and then, finding a job.

When asked what he liked most about going to school at A+ Academy, Bradley, a three year student since the school first began, commented that he liked, "the learning and the people."

Originally from Pennsylvania, Bradley explained that he grew up thinking family is the most important part of life.

When asked what his talent and special interests include, Bradley replied, "sarcasm, video games and heaving lifting."

His favorites include, for music, energetic blue grass. His favorite books include "The Great Gatsby" and "The Book Thief." Favorite color is neon dark purple. And, fav treats are hot dogs.

Congratulations! We wish you the best, Bradley!



Congratulations and Welcome to High School!



Front row, left to right: Mason Johnson, William Figgeroa-Baez, Fahema Altaee, Jeremiah Ragsdale, Jillian Poppe, Nolan Reynolds, Tyler Wright

Back row, left to right: Jacob Chambers, Amber Gentry, John Velazco, TJ Pennington, Bryon Avery, Matthew Gellai, Luis Nazario,

Not pictured: OJ McCrae, Samara Maldonado, Isaac Jensen

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P3 sends a special "Thank You" to Kathy Ortiz for sewing and making each classroom – 8 classes in all -- weighted lap pads and neck pads along with putting sensory boxes together.

Kathy, your contribution of talent and time is greatly appreciated! Many thanks!





Parent Partnership Program (P3) – Tempe 2016 2017 Calendar

NOTE Meeting date changes. New dates are:

Tuesday, May 9th at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, May 23rd at 6:30 pm (this will be the last meeting of the year)

New 2017-18 incoming parents and returning parents
are encouraged to attend to our meetings this month.





Please join us if you are interested in participating in our school's PTO.

We will be planning for next year as we seek parents to serve as officers and board members.



Upcoming Important Events at A+! Mark Your Calendars:



- May 1st – May 5th –  **Teacher Appreciation Week** 
- May 2nd –  **Teacher Appreciation Day** 
- May 9th – P3 Meeting, Tempe Campus
- May 23rd – P3 Meeting, Tempe Campus
- May 16th -- P3 Sponsored Pizza Day at school!
- May 29th – Memorial Day, no school
- **May 30th High School Performance and Graduation** at 5:30 PM
Life Community Church - 717 W Ray Rd, Gilbert, AZ 85233
Classes Performing: Dille, Santera, Knowles and Floyd
- May 31st – Last day of school, ½ day, pick up by 12/30



Staff Birthdays at A+ Academy

Happy Birthday!



Ashley Harmon 5/9
Justin Cothrun 5/20
Lizzie Braman 5/23
Abby Tims 5/25



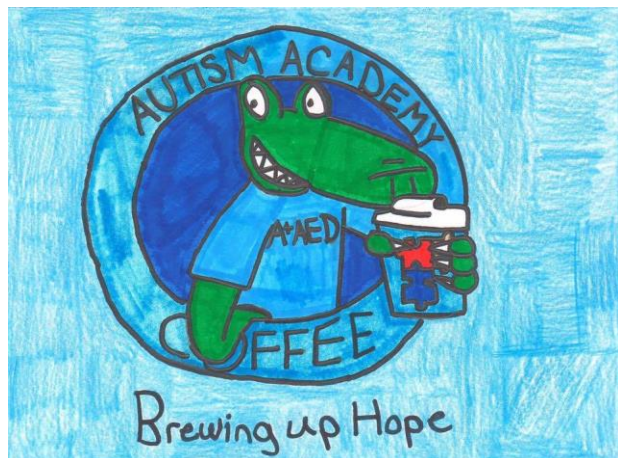
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Carolyn Edwards 6/21
Millani Clements 6/25



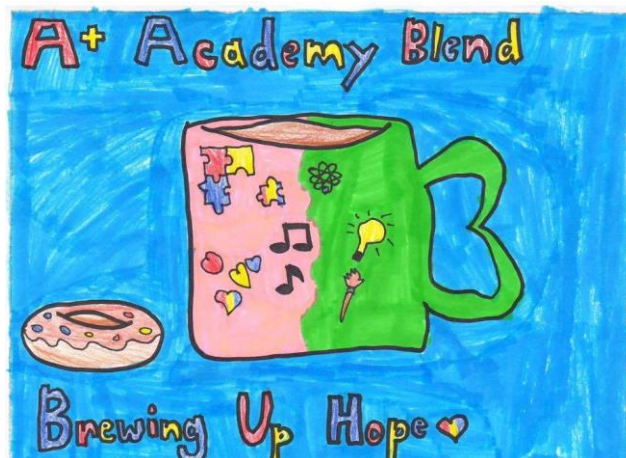
Tyler Knowles 7/3
Karen Durst 7/8
Zach Giovanelli 7/9



We Are Still *"Brewing Up Hope"* Online!



By Danny Hopkins



by Madison McGee

You may purchase your coffee by going online to

www.plbcoffee.com/p3aa

The cost is \$15.00/bag with \$4.00/bag going to P3 for 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 note: grind only, not cups**

ONLINE ordering runs through Friday, June 30th

WE ASK THAT ALL ORDERS PLACED IN MAY OR JUNE

PLEASE SHIP DIRECTLY TO YOUR ADDRESS

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Chandler, AZ 85226
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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

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## Join the Dance Fitness Party!

**Adapted Zumba** ® will continue in May 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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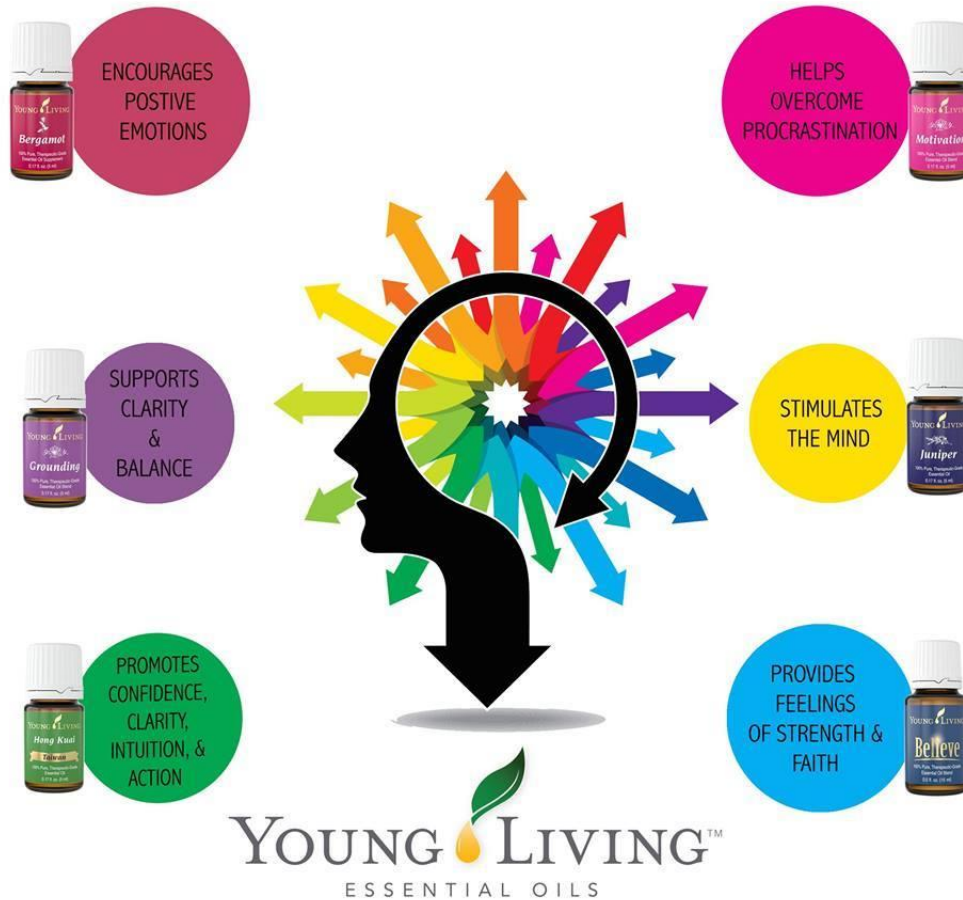
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## Young Living Essential Oils of the Month: Bergamot, Motivation, Grounding, Juniper, Hong Kuai, Believe



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**For More Information:**

**Christy Andrews  
480-436-2795**

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Applying Essential Oils
1 drop of essential oil on our skin:

- Takes 2 minutes to reach blood stream
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- Is metabolized in 2 hours
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