



A+ ACADEMY Parent Partnership Program

Tempe

Dear Parents of A+ Academy Students,

It is amazing how time flies! It's hard to believe that in just a few short weeks the 2015-2016 school year will be coming to an end, and our kiddos will be home ALL DAY LONG! ☺

It has been an honor to have been this year's Parent Partnership Program's (P3) President for the Tempe Campus. I wouldn't have been able to do it without the help of some *awesome* moms: Susan Alonzo, Casey Brown, Rachelle Kinton, Vicki Ruiz, Kristin Tate, Rahel Tsehaye, and Kym Wilbur. I would, also, like to take this time to say **THANK YOU** to ALL the parents. Without your support and extreme generosity throughout the year, we wouldn't have been able to accomplish any of the things we have done.

This year your kids have enjoyed our "Harvest of Fun" event, Friendship Dance, Movie Night, and a Fun Friday event coming in May. Also, we held two contests... "spare change" and "paper ream" donations, and the winning classes earned a pizza party. We were also able to buy the music department xylophones and boom whackers. The art department wanted printing plates, and we were able to purchase these for them. And, for the teachers, we purchased document cameras, lunch during parent/teacher conferences, and special treats for Teacher Appreciation Week.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and fun summer filled with lots of great memories. We hope to see you all back at the end of July when the 2016-2017 school year begins.

Sincerely,

Laurie Hopkins, President

A+ Academy P3

Next A+ P3 Meeting

Join us for our April Parent Partnership Program (P3) meeting on date: **Tuesday, May 10 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!



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P3



Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2nd - 6th.

Our A+ Academy P3 Parents Partnership Program at our Tempe campus has the following activities planned for this special week to let our A+ teachers know how appreciated they truly are:

- Monday – Flower Day – teachers and staff receive a flower
- Tuesday – Lovely Lunch Day – lunch provided to teachers and staff.
- Wednesday – Chocolate Day for a mid-week pick-me-up.
- Thursday – Gift Card Day – each teacher will receive a gift card. And, teachers and staff will be provided a munchable sweet treat.
- Friday – Bagels Brunch Day with cream cheese, fruit platter, and juices.

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Check out their FB page for  
information regarding  
their upcoming  
**Annual Art Jam** on May 7th.





**Thanks to all who attended and participated in making Movie Night a success!**

Thanks to our student council and Ms. Landis, their sponsor, we had plenty of sweet treats to go with our freshly made, buttered popcorn. Thank you Laura Newcomb and Shannon Henley for all that wonderful popcorn! Many thanks to the following parents for helping make this such a fun event: Gia Lopez, Roxanne Lopez, and Nicole Mitchell.

Our students enjoyed watching the movie they voted on, "Goosebumps," as the feature film. About 20 students were joined by 20 more family, friends and staff to chill out and view this "scary" movie!



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A+ Academy Teacher Spotlight: Susan Floyd



Welcome to "the spotlight," Ms. Floyd, our school's math and life science teacher. She is a graduate of the University of Tennessee with a Bachelor's in Math Education.

Prior to coming to teach at A+ Academy, Ms. Floyd taught math in a public school for 6 years and also, taught the Bible in a school in Russia for another 6 years. In addition, she was a house parent in a boy's home for 3 years.

When asked what do you like most about teaching, Ms. Floyd responded, "Being able to work with kids and help them be successful academically and in life." Her purpose for teaching here at A+ is to help students feel confident about themselves, be successful at school and help them realize that they can achieve their own personal goals.

Ms. Floyd was born in New York and lived there until she was 16. Her family then moved to Tennessee where she graduated from highschool in Knoxville, TN. She went on to attend and graduate from the University of Tennessee. She is married to her husband, Rick and they have 3 children, Elijah, Nathan and Abby.

Her favorite pastimes include running (marathons) and watching football . . . especially Tennessee football! More favorites include:

- Music: Christian music or 80's rock
- Movies and books: Any sports movies; favorite books – Bible and WWII novels
- Type of food or treats: Pizza and brownies
- Favorite color: Orange and white (Tennessee colors!)

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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## Upcoming Important Events at A+ Academy



5/2 - 6 - Teacher Appreciation Week

5/6 - High School Science Fair

5/10 - Parent Partnership Program meeting at 6:30

5/12 - Half day: Teacher Work Day

5/13 - Spare Change Collection Deadline

5/16-19 - Career Week

5/20 - 2016 Tempe Campus Olympics & P3 Fun Friday Pie Day!

5/25 - 8th Grade Graduation

5/25-26 - Half days of school

5/27 - ★ Last day of school ★ half day



7/29 - ★ First day of school ★

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**School
Olympics**

2016 Tempe Campus Olympics

May 20th – 2 sessions

8:45-10:00 – Middle School (Sevier, Norman, Gordon)

10:00-11:15 – High School (Landis, Floyd, Dille)

11:15-12:15 – **P3 Fun Friday Pie Day!**

Get ready for a morning of fun and friendly competition!

Activities will include an obstacle course, basketball race, shot put (with water balloons) and sponge/bucket relay—yes, there will be water in that bucket! We'll also have a water balloon toss! All this fun will be followed by a "pie in the face" to the three teachers who have collected the most **SPARE CHANGE**. Afterward, everyone will enjoy pizza supplied by P3.

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## Making a Change for Autism



**Please note: Extended through May 13<sup>h</sup>**

The Parent Partnership Program (P3) is hosting another **SPARE CHANGE** Collection Contest. This time it's not which classroom can collect the most **SPARE CHANGE**...It will be which teacher!!!

Located in the front office will be jars. Each jar will have a teachers' name on it. The student, simply, puts their change in the jar of the teacher they'd like to see get hit by a pie.

The three teachers with the highest amount collected will be hit with a pie.

*All the proceeds collected, will be used for a "Fun Friday Pie Day" in May.*

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Continues Through May 19th!

This **free** class – from 3:30 to 4:30 pm on Thursdays – is offered to A+ Academy teachers and Aids, Students. Please note: adult – parent, guardian, habilitator – must be present for student to participate and A+ Academy P3 parents.

If you have any questions please contact **Susan Alonzo** at **480 203 4767** or salonzo4@cox.net. Our last class will be May 19th. The following Thursday is a half day. ***That leaves just three more Thursdays in May to move to the music!***

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## Young Living Essential Oils of the Month: Acceptance



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