

A+ ACADEMY Parent Partnership Program

Tempe

Dear Parents of A+ Academy Students,

As parents of children on the autism spectrum, April has come to signify **Autism Awareness Month** with activities and events to raise autism awareness in our communities. Here are just a few:

April 1 -- Light it up Blue -- wear blue for autism



April 2 -- World Autism Awareness Day – wear blue for autism



April 3 -- Suns Game - Autism Awareness Night

April 24 - Diamondbacks - Autism Awareness
(<http://m.dbacks.mlb.com/tickets/info/autismspeaks>)

Through these scheduled activities and events, I hope that more people become informed and compassionate towards the autism community. As you become informed of additional events, please share them on our FB page: www.facebook.com/P3-Parent-Partnership-Program-Tempe-301568803347095/?fref=ts&ref=br_tf

Sincerely,

Susan Alonzo, Newsletter Editor
A+ Academy P3

Next A+ P3 Meeting

Join us for our April Parent Partnership Program (P3) meeting on an earlier-than-usual date: **Monday, April 4th**, 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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A+ P3 Update

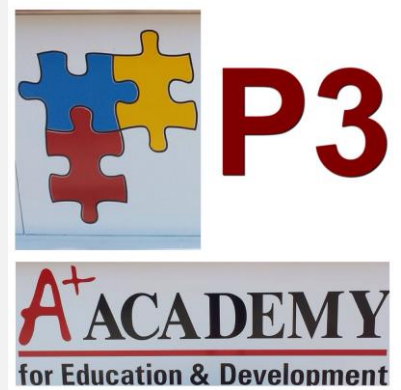
You Can Still Create Your Own: A+ Academy T-Shirts and Water Bottles! It's not too late!

Through the end of April, you can still place your customized order for A+ Academy logo t-shirts and water bottles. Items will be delivered within two weeks of the order date.

Order forms and samples / sizes are available in the lobby of our school. Contact Laurie Hopkins at p3tempe@gmail.com if you have questions.

Thank you, **Krystal Bancroft of Krafty Unicorn**, for doing a wonderful job on our school t-shirts and water bottles!

A Few of Our Happy Customers



In Our Community



Fifth Annual Fly Day Event for Special Needs Kids

April 9, 2016

Lux Air Jet Center
Goodyear Airport
1658 South Litchfield Road
Good Year AZ 85338

All participating special needs children will experience the fun and excitement of flight in a general aviation aircraft. Kid Pilots who are capable may even be allowed to handle the controls.

For more information visit:
www.SkyKidsAZ.org

Welcome to



for kids and their friends.

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Parent Partnership Program - Tempe Presents...

Create Your Own T-Shirt and Water Bottle



We are still accepting orders for **A+ Academy** T-shirts and Water Bottles.

Prices: Water Bottles: \$12.00

T-Shirts: Youth sizes: \$16.00

Women's and Adult sizes: \$20.00

We accept Cash (for exact amount) and Check (made payable to **P3**), and if you'd like to pay by Debit/Credit Card, please contact Laurie Hopkins at p3tempe@gmail.com or 480-289-8695 to schedule a time.

HOW TO CUSTOMIZE YOUR T-SHIRT

1. Select your t-shirt style.
2. Select your shirt size.
3. Select your shirt color.
4. Select you're **A+ Academy** logo.
5. Decide if you want your logo to have glitter.

HOW TO CUSTOMIZE YOUR WATER BOTTLE

1. Select your water bottle style.
2. Select which color you like.
3. Select and **A+ Academy** logo.
4. Decide if you'd like your name add to the backside.
5. Decide if you'd like to add silver glitter to the base of your cup.

IT'S THAT EASY!!!!

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## A+ Academy Teacher Spotlight: Becca Kowal



Welcome to “the spotlight,” Ms. Kowal, our middle school math teacher! She has a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Special Education and is certified to teach K – 12 special education in the areas of cognitive and emotional impairment.

This is her fifth year teaching, but she has been volunteering in schools for over 15 years. Ms. Kowal moved to Arizona in 2011 to start teaching special education classes. She has worked in Coolidge and in the Higley Unified School District prior to coming to A+ Academy. She is originally from Novi, Michigan where she grew up with her parents and two sisters.

When asked what she enjoys most about teaching, she said, “I love instilling a sense of accomplishment and confidence in my students. When they recognize that they have valuable strengths, it makes teaching worth it.”

Her mission at A+ Academy is “to help students here work towards their post secondary goals, emphasize their strengths and skills necessary to be a part of the community after school,” she explained.



This teacher's favorite hobbies and interests include running 5K's and 10K's, just for fun! She enjoys any fitness and physical activities, but also likes to read and travel.

More favorites include:

- Music: Country music!
- Movies and books: Any book by Jodi Picoult
- Type of food or treats: Ice cream – Cake batter from Coldstone is her favorite.
- Favorite color: Blue

***Thank you, Ms. Kowal, 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 – Save These Dates!



4/16 - Movie Night at A+ Academy

4/22 - No School

4/26 - Middle School Science Fair

4/27 - Spring Music Concert

5/06 - High School Science Fair

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# Student Council and the Parent Partnership Program presents....



## Save-the-date:

Saturday, April 16, 2016

Time: 6:45 pm to 9 pm

Where: A+ Academy

Ticket Price: **\$3.00**

Popcorn and water will be included in the ticket price. Student Council will be selling other concessions (more info to come on what and how much). Parent(s) are welcome to stay with their child and watch the movie. Please bring something to sit on: blanket, pillow, chair, etc.

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**Detach and return by Friday April 8, 2016**

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle movie choice: Jurassic World or Goosebumps

**\*\*\* The movie with the most votes will be played that night\*\*\***

Gluten/dairy free: Yes or No (please circle)

If you'd like to help chaperone, please let us know:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info: \_\_\_\_\_

***If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Hopkins at [p3tempe@gmail.com](mailto:p3tempe@gmail.com). Thank You!!!!***

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Making a Change for Autism



Starting April 4th thru April 29th 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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What is the ultimate variety membership?



**Pogo pass!**

Now thru April 29<sup>th</sup> the **Parent Partnership Program** will be participating in a **POGO PASS Fundraiser**.

This fundraiser is done **ONLINE** at [www.pogopass.com](http://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!**



For a one time price of \$39.98/per person, you get 16 different venues you can visit for **FREE**. Most venues you can visit more than once!

*\*\*Please see reverse side 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.\*\****

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

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

| Venue             | Visits/Games    |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| USA's Skateland   | 2 Visits/mo     |
| PHOENIX PATTERNS  | Multiple Sports |
| RATTLERS          | 3 Games         |
| ENCHANTED ISLAND  | 4 Visits        |
| MAKUTUS ISLAND    | 2 Visits        |
| DIAMOND BACKS     | 2 Games         |
| IDEAS MUSEUM      | 2 Visits        |
| Pump It Up        | 2 Visits        |
| Q's               | 1 Visit         |
| PHOENIX ROCKS     | 2 Visits        |
| Goiland SunPlasti | 1 Visit         |
| FatFace           | 1 Game/wk       |
| STRATUM           | 2 Visits        |
| TEMPE CENTRAL     | 1 Visit/mo      |
| Merrill           | 3 Games         |
| phoenixzoo        | 2 Visits        |

Includes **one year of FREE ADMISSION** to all current venues!  
\*VENUES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**YOUR ULTIMATE VARIETY MEMBERSHIP**







**Adapted Zumba continues!** 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.
- 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](mailto:salonzo4@cox.net).

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Young Living Essential Oils of the Month: Gene Yus

My Oily Kids: Gene Yus



GeneYus is an excellent blend to diffuse for young minds that are focusing and concentrating on projects.



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AROMA MAY ENCOURAGE THE MIND

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For More Information:

**Christy Andrews
480-436-2795**

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## **Autism Society of Greater Phoenix is celebrating Autism Mom's**

**April 16<sup>th</sup>  
9 AM - 4 PM  
SARRC  
300 N 18th Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85006**

April is autism awareness month and Autism Society wants to celebrate moms. Autism moms dedicate their lives to helping their children become the best version of themselves. The health and wellness of moms is crucial to the success of their children and family. We want to help YOU take care of YOU so you can take care of your families.

9:00 - 10:30 Cooking for Health and Fermentation - Ashley Hill  
10:30 - 12:00 How to Improve and Maintain Health - Dr. Taylor Hill, ND  
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch is included in this event - There will be a gluten free option  
1:00 - 2:00 Yoga and Breathing for Health - Heidi Bonaroti  
How to Strengthen Marriage and Family - Scott Larson, MC, LAMFT

**Cost is ONLY \$5 dollars thanks to our sponsors!**

**Thank you SARRC for donating the location. Thank you AST for donating coffee and snacks and thank you CARD for helping to provide lunch.**

Register: <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ecdy37ua56591bb9>

 **AUTISM SOCIETY**  
*Improving the Lives of All Affected by Autism*  
*Greater Phoenix*



**Friday, April 22, 2016**

**Pollack Tempe Cinemas**

**1825 E. Elliot Road, Tempe, AZ**

**Inspiring audiences, promoting inclusion and supporting transformative filmmaking as an integral part of social change.**

The Sprout Film Festival focuses exclusively on **films that celebrate the diverse lives and creativity of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD)**, strives to challenge assumptions and breakdown stereotypes. By introducing **powerful, thought-provoking films from around the world** to new and ever-more inclusive audiences, we promote greater acceptance, celebrate difference and light the spark to help make the invisible, visible.

Sprout films feature actors whose lives reflect the joys and challenges their characters face. These are not "star" vehicles for well-known actors to portray individuals with I/DD. Rather, **all roles depicting persons with disabilities are played by persons with actual disabilities.**

The Sprout Film Festival was founded in 2003 and is programmed and supported by Sprout, a New York City based non-profit organization dedicated to bringing innovative programming to individuals with I/DD.

Tickets: <http://arcarizona.org/event/the-arc-sprout-touring-film-festival/>

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