

# A+ ACADEMY Parent Partnership Program

Dear Parents of A+ Academy Students,

Our school's students have been given an exceptional and very practical work experience opportunity at **Not Your Typical Deli**. <http://nytdeli.com/> On Thursdays, our students from our own Tempe Campus would like to learn real-life job skills. In order for this to happen we need you to order lunch for your student at A+. If we do not have enough orders then, our students will not be able to participate in this fantastic opportunity.

As you may have heard **NYTD** is designed to employ capable adults with developmental disabilities. Their goal is to start chipping away at the 99% unemployment rate that affects adults with developmental disabilities. Their lunch program is an extension of their job creation initiative, **so for every lunch you purchase, you are helping to create jobs and job training opportunities!**

Our students will learn real-life job skills by prepping and preparing food, taking care of a kitchen and learning about restaurant management. Our students will be directly involved with our Thursday lunch orders as they are guided by **Chef W** – an excellent chef as well as excellent teacher -- at **NYTD**. They will drive out to the restaurant, work on our lunch orders and then transport them back to our campus just in time for lunch. **You get a break from lunch prep and your student enjoys a delicious, freshly prepared meal. It's all win / win! Please participate!**

If you have any questions, please contact Kym Wilbur:  
[kwilbur@autismacademyed.com](mailto:kwilbur@autismacademyed.com).

Thank you,

Susan Alonzo  
A+ Academy P3 Newsletter Editor



## Tempe

**Next A+ P3 Meeting:**

**December 6, 2016**

Join us for our upcoming Parent Partnership Program (P3) meeting on:

**December 6, Tuesday, from 7 to 8:30 pm at the Tempe campus.**

**Hope you can join us!**



**November 23 – 25, 2016**



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## P3 Update

### Up and Coming Fundraisers

- **Spare Change Collection** contest will begin later this month. The contest will run from **Monday, November 7th and end on Friday, December 2nd**. The winning classroom will receive a pizza party. There will be a bucket with each teachers name on it, either at the office or in the classroom, for the students to deposit their change in.

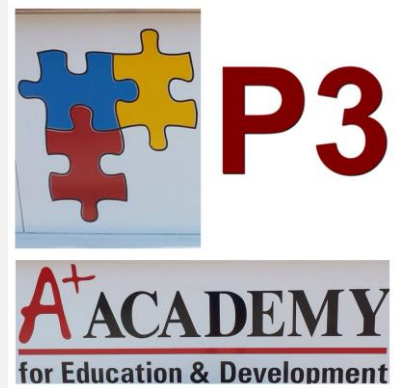


- **Pie Card Sale** – see page 8 of newsletter for details.



### Meeting Highlights

- **Upcoming possible P3 events**
  - **Date Night** for A+ parents at NYTD <http://nytdeli.com/>
  - **Silent Gift Basket Auction** with family event
- **New Fundraising idea possibilities**
  - Schula
  - Chipotle family dinner night – 50% return
  - Panda Express – 20% return
  - Whoos reading



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**Order 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.



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## A+ Academy Spotlight: Ms. Denise Sanetra



Welcome to "the spotlight," Ms. Denise Sanetra, one of our high school teachers.

Ms. Sanetra completed her general education (associates degree) at Oakton Community College in Des Plaines, Illinois and finished her studies at Roosevelt University College of Education, Chicago and Schaumburg, Special Education. She began her masters, earning a Transition Specialist certificate at George Washington University in Washington D.C.

Her teaching experience includes working with students on the autism spectrum for the past 8 years in a private therapeutic school in Palatine, Illinois.

What she loves most about teaching are the students themselves. Her purpose in teaching here at A+ Academy is to aid and support the students to be the best they can be.

Ms. Sanetra has 2 adult children, ages 23 and 21. Her daughter attends Scottsdale Community College currently and her son is working on a music career back in her family's home town of Chicago. She moved to Arizona last November from Chicago, where she was born and lived her whole life. Her hobbies and interests include bike riding and walks.

Favorites:

- Music: Classic rock from the 70's such as Led Zeppelin
- Favorite Movie: "Pitch Perfect"
- Favorite Book: Mysteries
- Color: Black / teal
- Food or treat: Chocolate, ice cream

***Thank you, Ms. Sanetra, 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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## Carrabba's Cares Night

Thank you Carrabba's and Becca Kowal, A+ Academy Teacher, for an enjoyable, delicious and successful fundraising event at Carrabba's!

On the afternoon/evening of October 25<sup>th</sup>, P3 coordinated with the restaurant and received 15% of the revenue generated by A+ Academy friends and family! We were able to raise \$178!

Thanks to all who supported this fundraising event!



Thank you to all the parents and family who volunteered to make this year's **Halloween** party the best one ever! Your support is greatly appreciated! Special thanks to:

Angie Abfalter, Alex Alonzo, Eyama Ba, Satina Collins, Karen Craig, Patty Davis, Kathy Ortiz, Kayla Ruiz, and Alycia Taylor. And, Amy Floyd, for the "tattoo" painting! Plus, all the P3 parents :)



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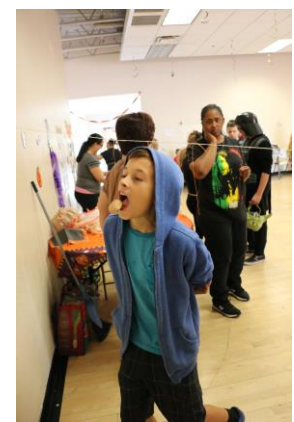
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# Happy Halloween!

## P3 Party Pictures!

Photo Credit: Kym Wilbur!

### Cookie Decorating



### Costume Fun



# Zombie Zumba



Tattoo painting



Scary Sensory



Corn Hole



Waldo Finds Himself!



Tic-Tac-Toe



Scary Sensory



## Pumpkin Decorating Contest Winners



First place most original: Matthew Collins (popcorn theme)

First place most creative: Matthias Ortiz

First place funniest: Samara Maldano.

## Costume Contest Winners

### High School

Best Costume Overall: Josh Butcher

Scariest Costume: Rylie Beckstead

Funniest Costume: Kristen Perreto

Best Homemade Costume: Natalie Tate

Unique Costume: Jaime Brown

### Middle School

Best Costume Overall: Hayden Crawford

Scariest Costume: Matthias Ortiz

Funniest Costume: Leah Coleman

Best Homemade Costume: Kiera Craig

Unique Costume: Clayton Huston

Best Teacher/Staff Costume: Mrs. Susan Floyd

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# A SWEET RETURN



Your **Yummy** Village Inn Pie varieties are:

- \* Cherry \* Coconut Cream \* Country Apple \* French Silk \* Pumpkin
- \* Lemon Meringue \* Lemon Supreme \* Strawberry Rhubarb \* Triple Berry

An additional \$2.00 is required for pies not listed (payable at Village Inn).

**Village Inn Pie Cards** are available

**Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> thru Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.**

The cost is **\$15.00** per card. One card buys one pie.

You may pay by: **cash, check** (made payable to **P3**). If you would like to pay by **debit/credit cards** (Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express), there will be a P3 member available in the front lobby during drop off and pick-up times to assist you in your purchase. Or, you may fill out the form below and send it to school with your child!

**Since they are good at any Village Inn in the United States, your "out of town" family and friends may like some, too!!! ☺**

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

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

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 ea. Total: \_\_\_\_\_

**P3 thanks you for your support, and appreciate all you do for A+ Academy!!!!!!**  
**If you have questions, please contact Laurie Hopkins at either 480-289-8695 or**  
**[p3tempe@gmail.com](mailto:p3tempe@gmail.com)**

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# Parent Partnership Program (P3) – Tempe 2016 2017 Calendar

Meetings: First Tuesday of the month from 7:00 to 8:30 (usually)

2016

2017

**December 6<sup>th</sup>**

January 10<sup>th</sup>

February 7<sup>th</sup>

March 7<sup>th</sup>

April 4<sup>th</sup>

May 2<sup>nd</sup>

May 30<sup>th</sup>

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



Here's an ongoing fundraiser you can start participating in now!



DOWNLOAD this FREE APP on your smart phone...

Here are some examples: (out of over 15,000 qualifying retailers!)

- ✓ Grocers - Kroger, Safeway, Publix, HEB, Food Lion and absolutely any grocery store - including your local mom & pop grocer
- ✓ Supercenters - Walmart, Target, Kmart, Meijer, and etcetera
- ✓ Clubs - Costco, Sam's Club, BJ's and any other club store that sell grocery products (even if you don't buy groceries when you shop there)
- ✓ Drug Stores - Walgreens, CVS, Rite-Aid, Jewel-Osco and any other similar store that sells grocery-like products - even a local drug store
- ✓ Convenience Stores - 7-Eleven, Circle-K, Wawa, Shell, BP and any other convenience store (as long as more than gas appears on the receipt)
- ✓ Dollar Stores - Dollar General, Family Dollar, & Dollar Tree plus many more
- ✓ Pet Supply Stores - PetSmart, Petco, and any others!

Select Autism Academy for Education and Development in Gilbert, AZ as your cause. Take a Picture of Your Receipts. It's that Easy!! If you have questions, please contact the Parent Partnership Program at [p3tempe@gmail.com](mailto:p3tempe@gmail.com)

Check out this video our P3 president put together to promote Shoparoo!

<https://www.facebook.com/laurie.conlonhopkins/videos/pcb.1274071915946075/10206761756954879/?type=3&theater>

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## Upcoming Important Events at A+! Mark Your Calendars:



- November 11 – Veteran’s Day – No School
- November 22 – Half day – pick up at 12:30
- November 23 – 25 – Thanksgiving Break – No School



### Birthdays at A+ Academy



☐ 5<sup>th</sup> -- Amy Floyd

10<sup>th</sup> -- Rebecca Kowal

12<sup>th</sup> -- Misha Johnson

14<sup>th</sup> -- Chad Parlier

14<sup>th</sup> -- Lauren Norman

25<sup>th</sup> -- Laura Newcomb

28<sup>th</sup> -- Kym Wilbur



*Happy Birthday!*





**Autism Academy Family Pizza Lunch**

**Save the Date! Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>**

*Details to follow!*

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**Save the Date! December 15<sup>th</sup> Thursday Evening**

**Details to follow!**

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# Gold Canyon Candle Holiday Fundraiser

It's that time of year again! AAED will be running the Gold Canyon Candle holiday fundraiser from November 15<sup>th</sup> – December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Packets will be sent home in your child's backpack on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Grand Prize will go to the student who sells the most candles!



Every Medium Lumie™ candle features:

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- On-Trend design! White wax with a stylish Lumie in a rainbow of décor colors
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Choose from 15 room-filling, top-selling scents!

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- Cinnamon Vanilla
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- Mulled Cider
- Pomegranate
- Pumpkin Pie
- Rainshower
- Salted Caramel Apple
- Spruce & Citrus
- Sugar Cookie
- Vintage Bayberry



For more information or questions contact:

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## 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](http://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!***



**Adapted Zumba**® is available weekly at A+ Academy 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**

**Susan Alonzo**, licensed **Zumba**® **Basic** and **Zumba**® **Gold** instructor and an A+ P3 mom, has volunteered to lead the class. This one-hour class is easy to follow, yet challenging and fun, while at the same time delivering a great cardiovascular workout! You just enjoy, dance to your heart's content and have fun! Make sure to wear **comfortable clothing, athletic shoes and bring a bottle of water!**

Please fill out a signup sheet and returned before you can start. If you have any questions please contact **Susan** at **480 203 4767** or [salonzo4@cox.net](mailto:salonzo4@cox.net). **Please note: No Zumba November 24<sup>th</sup>. Zumba will recommence on December 1<sup>st</sup>.**

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## CROSSFIT WITH A SPECIAL TWIST!

A special class for ALL ability levels! Individuals with special needs will learn about working out and staying active. The one hour class will progress from simple body weight movements through Olympic weightlifting. Social skills including communication, collaboration with peers and following directions will also be part of each class.

**\*\*Preferably for athletes 9yrs and older\*\***

All participants must have a waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian if under the age of 18. Athletes should wear appropriate workout clothes & shoes. Water bottles are encouraged.



### CLASS INFO

Every Saturday  
12:30-1:30pm

\$10 Drop-in fee  
per class

Coached by a  
Certified Special  
Education  
Teacher/ Crossfit  
Instructor

Parents are  
welcome to but  
are **NOT** required  
to stay for the  
class

### TRIBAL CROSSFIT

6170 W Chandler Blvd  
Chandler, AZ 85226

<http://tribal-fitness.com>

Any questions can be  
answered by Leslie Dille  
[lelly4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lelly4@sbcglobal.net)

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## Young Living Essential Oils of the Month:

### A New Starting Line-Up

BEGINNING NOVEMBER 17TH

*There's a New Starting Line-up!*



THE PREMIUM STARTER KIT NOW INCLUDES

MELALEUCA  
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THIS EXCITING CHANGE WILL FREE UP INVENTORY TO ALLOW MEMBERS ACCESS TO PEACE & CALMING AND VALOR IN REGULAR AND ESSENTIAL REWARDS ORDERS!

For More Information:

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## HOPEDOG Challenge



**HopeDog Challenge is an exciting day of outdoor dog sports competition for kids and teens with autism. HopeDog Athletes work hard to gain genuinely challenging skills that they can be proud to share with their family and friends.**

### IMAGINE THE WAYS YOUR KIDS WILL LEARN AND GROW

The games are fun! Your child will learn how to play with highly skilled sport dogs and develop important physical, social and emotional skills. Kids and dogs will join together on training days to learn a range of games using Frisbees, tunnels and jumps. They'll take these skills to Competition Day and win points for themselves and their team

#### **HopeDog Challenge 2016**

December 3<sup>rd</sup> at ARCH

1550 West Colter Street, Phoenix 85015 (15th Ave & N of Camelback)  
Please join us as a spectator (all athlete spots are full). Admission is free!

Sign up now for **HopeDog Challenge 2017**

Game Day is April 1. Intro Mtg is Jan 21, 9-11.

Until then, attend small group practice at our **HOPEDOG PLAY DAYS**. Only 3 spots per hour  
Fridays at 4, 5 and 6 at Steele Indian School Park. **Next one is November 18<sup>th</sup>.**

To learn more, visit: <http://www.hopedogchallenge.org/home.html>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HopeDogChallenge/?ref=ts>

Wendi Faircloth, Training Director 602 653 4087, [Wendi@RaisingHopeDogs.com](mailto:Wendi@RaisingHopeDogs.com)

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