



AUTISM ACADEMY
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Autism News

July 2022 Edition

Look At How We've Grown!

10 years ago, we started small and just keep on growing.

10 years ago we had:

- 1 campus
- 4 teachers
- 10 paraprofessionals
- 24 students

Today we have:

- 5 campuses
- 1 online campus
- 56 teachers
- 167 paraprofessionals
- 637 students and counting!

Autism News is a monthly newsletter for the families and students here at Autism Academy. Beginning in August, it will go out on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

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Click on the image below to see a video celebrating 10 years of Autism Academy!!



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Did you know that 10 years ago, the Olympics were in London and President Obama became the 1st US president to visit the country of Burma?



10 Tips for A Great 1st Day By Shawn Davis

As the summer draws to a close, the back-to-school season begins. It is not uncommon for parents and students to be excited, albeit with some anxiety. As we head back to school, there will certainly be excitement and jitters on the first day. Getting back into the school year routine is always a challenge after enjoying the lazy days of summer. Thus, here are some tips to help you and your child prepare for a successful return to school.

1. Set Expectations; explain to your children that this school year's experience will look different than the year prior. Going into the next grade level comes with unique challenges and brand-new experiences. They may have questions so please set aside time to answer their questions using age-appropriate language and gently let them know that you will be there to help them through the transition.

2. Please take care of any and all doctor and dentist visits.

3. Create a Morning Routine: Please practice the following with your child:

- Create an Evening To-Do-List
- Prepare Lunch
- Pack Your Child's Backpack
- Lay Out Clothes for Next Day
- Set Alarm and Be Consistent

4. Create a Back-to-School Lunch Menu. Students can be very particular about what they choose to eat. To avoid morning and lunch confrontations, ask for your child's assistance in choosing what they would like to eat for the week.

5. Implement an Earlier Bedtime. Students who have an early bedtime function better during the day. When students are tired, they become cranky and difficult to handle. Studies show that children who have an earlier bedtime, have better short and long-term memory, a better attention span, and are able to regulate their emotions better.

6. Send an email to your child's teacher introducing yourself and your child. Let the teacher know of any medications, allergies or important information they may need to know about your child.

7. Limit the amount of technology your child is using in preparation for the new school year.

8. Touch base with classroom friends. Students will feel more confident going to school when they know familiar faces that will be in their classroom.

9. Make arrangements for Before and After Care if needed.

10. Talk about school and Focus on the Positives.



Connect with Us!

Log in to your Parent Portal today for essential forms and copies of your child's AAED records.

<https://azua.siskl2.net/AZUA360x3/login>

Log in to ParentSquare to connect directly with your child's teacher and see updates from the classroom, campus, and district.

<https://www.aed.org/parentsquare/>

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Parent Partnership Program

Looking for a way to be more involved in your child's education or to connect with other families? Join P3!

P3 is an important part of every campus. They meet monthly to discuss ways to support our school and plan campus events.

Need more information? You can email P3 for your campus. We would love to see you there!

Tucson - p3tucson@aaed.org

West Valley - p3westvalleyaaed@gmail.com

Gilbert - p3.gilbertcampus@gmail.com

Tempe - p3tempe@aaed.org

Upcoming Events - Valley

July 27 2:30-3:30pm - Meet the Teacher

July 28 - First Day of School (1/2 Day)

August 13 - West Valley Pool Party

August 14 - East Valley Pool Party

August 16 6-7pm - Curriculum Night

More info to come about our annual pool party events for Valley campuses!

Upcoming Events - Tuscon

August 9 2:30-3:30pm - Meet the Teacher

August 10 - First Day of School (1/2 Day)

August 30 6-7pm - Curriculum Night

More info to come about parties and events for the Tucson campus!



Trivia Time

Autism Academy has 5 locations and an online campus. In what city did we open our first location?

A small gift will be sent to the first 10 families to send the correct answer to autismnews@aaed.org.

Look in our next newsletter for the answer!

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