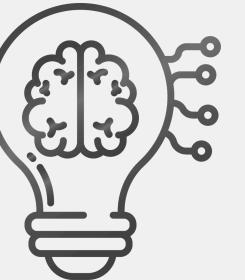


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From the Desk of Coach Peaches

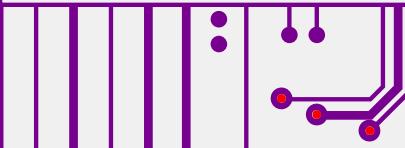


We are thrilled to share some exciting opportunities on the horizon as we step into the new year with momentum and purpose! Our students have been invited once again to perform a halftime show for the Arizona Rattlers a huge honor for our program. This upcoming performance will serve as a FUNdraiser in support of our Amplify the Arts: Global Celebration, an event we are proud to be hosting largely in part through a City of Phoenix Arts & Culture Project Grant. The halftime performance is tentatively scheduled for late March or early April, giving our students another chance to shine on a professional sports stage while supporting a meaningful cause.

Beginning in January, we will launch committee meetings and sponsor planning sessions to build a strong execution timeline for the Amplify the Arts celebration. These meetings will bring together coaches, community partners, artists, and supporters to collaboratively plan an impactful, high-energy experience that uplifts creative expression and global artistry.

Our goal is to host the Amplify the Arts: Global Celebration in May, creating a dynamic platform that celebrates the arts, culture, and community while providing performance and leadership opportunities for our students.

🌟 We are energized by what's ahead & grateful for every supporter who continues to help us amplify student voices, talent, & creativity on and off the stage.



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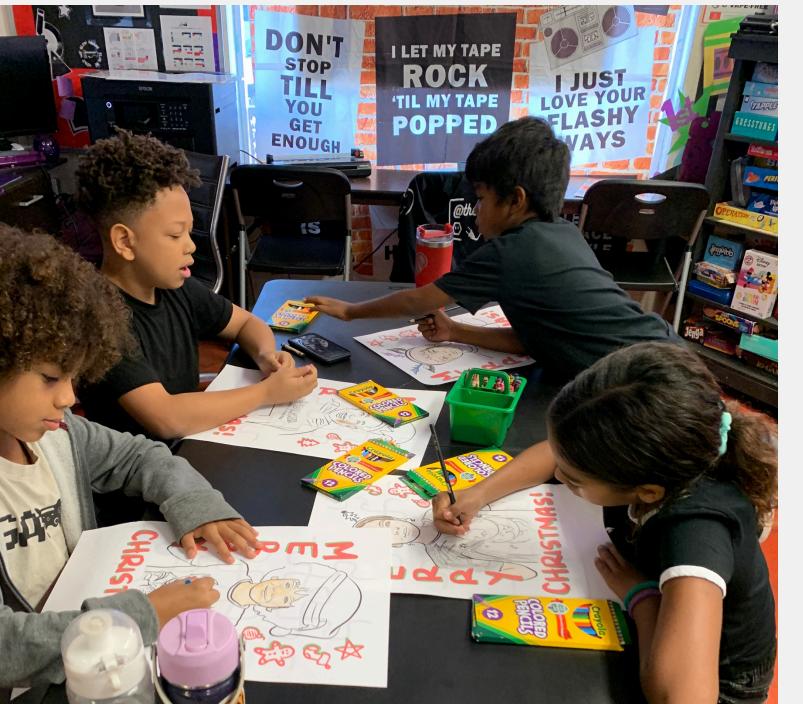
December was nothing short of electric for our ATO students, and they closed out 2025 shining brighter than ever!

Our students made an unforgettable debut at the 38th APS Electric Light Parade on December 6, 2025, a major milestone for our program. With 50 participants, our team proudly marched, cheered, danced, chanted, drummed, and spread holiday cheer by giving away candy canes and ATO merchandise to the crowd. The parade was broadcast live on ABC15 and will be rebroadcast twice on Christmas Day, giving our students a moment to shine on a citywide stage. One of the night's biggest highlights was the official debut of Sparx, our energetic mascot! Designed and handcrafted by Coach Sha, Sparx brought her branded logo to life and quickly became a crowd favorite, hyping up spectators and representing the heart and spirit of ATO.

To wrap up Quarter 2 and our 2025 season, we hosted our first-ever Game Night Merry Mixer a festive celebration of gratitude and connection. During the mixer, we honored our attending board members, donors, sponsors, volunteers, and interns for their continued support. The evening was filled with laughter and fun through games, Christmas Carol Karaoke, and an Ugly Sweater Contest. Every guest went home with a small token of appreciation as a reminder of how much they helped us shine this year.

Our students and volunteers also gave back in meaningful ways by creating handmade Christmas cards that were distributed to Valley of Hospice residents and staff, along with candy canes—spreading warmth, encouragement, and holiday joy to those who needed it most.

★ We are incredibly proud of our Academaniacs!



INSIDE PEEK of our 1st Annual Merry Mixer – Phoenix, AZ

1st Annual Merry Mixer

Thank You for Making Our 1st Annual Merry Mixer Game Night So Special 🎄🌟

On December 19, 2025, our hearts were truly full as At The Outlet (ATO) hosted our 1st Annual Merry Mixer Game Night, welcoming over 45 students, families, coaches, and community supporters for an unforgettable evening of connection, celebration, and holiday cheer.

As we wrapped up Quarter 2 and kicked off winter break, families came together to laugh, play, and simply enjoy one another, exactly what the season is all about. The energy in the room was joyful and electric as we rotated through card games, video games, football, dancing, Christmas Carol Karaoke, and plenty of festive fun. Warm hot cocoa, spaghetti or hot dog dinner, tasty treats, and s'mores kept everyone cozy as smiles filled the space from start to finish.

Adding an extra layer of celebration, we were honored to celebrate Coach Prince's 50th birthday, making the night even more meaningful and memorable. 🎉

One of the evening's most special moments came courtesy of Coach Ray, who hosted an exclusive screening of the APS 38th Annual Electric Light Parade short film. Reliving those parade moments together felt like the cherry on top, as we honored everyone who participated in the parade and those who continue to show up and shine within our ATO community.

We were also excited to share small tokens of gratitude with our stakeholders and volunteers:

- All stakeholders received a 2026 wall calendar featuring a photo gallery of highlights from our 2025 season
- Students received festive goodie bags with sensory glitter-filled light bulbs, thanking them for helping us glow bright all year long
- Adult volunteers were gifted succulent plants housed in student-painted terracotta pots, symbolizing how their care and support helped our programs and our students grow throughout the year

This night was more than a game night. It was a reminder of the power of community, joy, and togetherness. We were sincerely touched by the opportunity to let our hair down, celebrate the season, and create memories that will carry us into the new year.

The coaches of ATO are truly blessed, and we extend our deepest thanks to every family, student, volunteer, and supporter who made our Merry Mixer Game Night so special. We look forward to an even more impactful, creative, and joy-filled 2026 ahead.

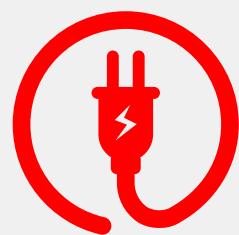
Here's to continuing to make the season and every season merry and bright. 💡❤️

Upcoming Events:

- Plug School Resumes 1/5
- Plug Monthly Field Trip – 1/16
- Plug MLK Jr. Holiday – School Closed – 1/19
- Plug Valley Metro Presentation – 1/23
- Plug NSCW Music Video Shoot – 1/25
- Plug Homeschool Field Day – 1/30



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