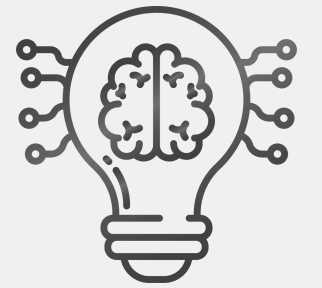


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# The ATO Academaniac Circuit




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## Exciting Updates from ATO Academy!




From the Desk of Coach Peaches



 Life Skills & City Navigation Experience Coming January 2026!

At The Outlet, Inc. is excited to announce a special presentation from a Valley Metro Community Relations Coordinator this January! Students will learn how to travel safely and confidently around the City of Phoenix using the Valley Metro bus and light rail system.

As part of this hands-on Life Skills & City Navigation Experience, students will participate in a real-world "Navigate the City" activity using Valley Metro field trip transit passes. During this activity, students will:

-  Read bus and light rail maps to identify routes
-  Interpret schedules and directional signage
-  Practice problem-solving and independence in real-world transit situations

This immersive experience not only builds confidence and independence, but also supports Arizona Social Studies (Geography) and ELA informational text standards, giving students practical skills while strengthening academic learning.

We're thrilled to provide students with an engaging opportunity to explore the city, learn real-world navigation skills, and gain independence in a fun and educational way. Stay tuned for photos and highlights from this exciting program!

## IN THIS ISSUE





## STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

We're excited to launch our Student Spotlight Gallery, a space to celebrate all the amazing achievements of our ATO Academy students! Each month, you'll find a short bullet list of learning objectives, activities, and projects, along with photos that give you an inside peek at everything our students are accomplishing.

From creative projects to hands-on experiments, the Student Spotlight Gallery is your front-row seat to the talent, creativity, and growth happening at ATO ACADEMY! Stay tuned each month to see what our students are learning, creating, and achieving!

In November, our ATO Academaniacs were busy being....

- performers/hosts (3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Family Fun Festival)
- cultural explorers (learning about Native American History in AZ)
- compassionate humans (Christmas Cards for Hospice)
- missionaries (Coach Tae's Baptism)
- thankful citizens (Robson Elementary Veteran's Day Assembly)
- courageous (auditions and callbacks for community theatre)
- sports enthusiasts/athletes (Phoenix and Valley Suns Anthem Buddies)

and most importantly, problem solvers and great scholars!

We are so proud of our Academaniacs!







INSIDE PEEK of the Heard Museum – Phoenix, AZ

## NOVEMBER FIELD TRIP

Heard Museum – Phoenix, AZ

Our field trip to the Heard Museum was a powerful day of reflection, inspiration, and cultural learning. From the moment we arrived, students were immersed in stories, art, and histories that encouraged them to pause, think deeply, and honor the living cultures of Native communities.

As we explored the exhibits, students saw how artifacts, artwork, and first-person voices connect the past, present, and future of Arizona. They reflected on empathy, cultural understanding, and how shared innovation helps us coexist respectfully and uplift every community's contributions.

The HOME exhibition took students on a vivid journey through the American Indian Southwest with nearly 2,000 cultural treasures, immersive environments, and interactive learning spaces. The Sky-Dome experience in Substance of Stars invited them into a breathtaking world of Indigenous sky knowledge, landscapes, languages, and spiritual traditions that have guided communities for generations.

Students were especially moved by October Art: The Collection of Delores Browne Abelson and the retrospective of Bob Haozous, whose work challenged them to view art as social commentary, cultural expression, and a form of truth-telling. These exhibits highlighted how one person's passion or one artist's voice can influence generations.

By the end of the visit, students shared that they felt more connected to the land, more aware of the histories they inherit, and more committed to honoring the cultures around them. This experience was not just a field trip, but a meaningful journey through story, identity, resilience, and art one that will stay with them for years to come.

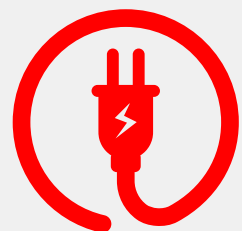


## Upcoming Events:

- ⚡ APS Parade — 12/6
- ⚡ Hospice Card and Candy Canes — 12/17
- ⚡ Monthly Field Trip — 12/18
- ⚡ Merry Mixer — 12/19
- ⚡ Winter Break — 12/18–1/4/26



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