

# The Academy Way

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## All Three Academy of Tucson Schools Receive A-Rating

We are proud to share that all three of our schools received an A-Rating from the Arizona State Board of Education! We are so proud of all of our wonderful students and teachers who made this possible.

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### Middle School Winter Play Captivates Audience

On the evening of Wednesday December 21st, students and parents gathered at the Middle School for the Winter Play.

Theater students performed the play, "It's About Time" in front of a captive audience. The play was a big success!



### Winter Concert Hits All the Right Notes

The evening of Friday, December 9th, students and their family members gathered at Christ Church United Methodist for the AOTHS Winter Concert. The concert was entitled, "All Together We Are Love."

The evening featured performances from the high school's Advanced Women's Choir, Mixed Choir, and the Guitar Ensemble.

High school music teacher, Sinamar Respicio, directed students as they performed a wide variety of songs.

Music is just one of many electives and extracurriculars in which AOT students can participate.



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## Third Graders Receive Dictionaries From Rotary Club

On Tuesday, December 6th, third graders at our elementary school received a special gift. Each student received an age- appropriate dictionary.

The dictionaries were very generously donated by a local Rotary Club.

Rotary Club member, Kirsten Stephens, provided a brief lesson on how to use the dictionaries and practiced looking up words and finding their definitions. Our third graders were very excited to receive the dictionaries and will surely get great use out of them in the semester to come and beyond.



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## Elementary School Trunk or Treat A Scary Good Time

On the evening of Friday, October 28th, elementary school students and their families were invited to attend the school's annual Trunk or Treat event.

Our wonderful AOTES teachers decorated their trunks with fun themes including a rainbow, a monster, sharks, and more!

Costume clad students were able to go from trunk to trunk collecting candy.

There was also a face-painting station where students were able to choose from a variety of options ranging from batman to a skeleton.



## Breakfast with Santa at AOTES a Success

On Saturday, December 3rd, elementary school parents, students, and staff gathered at AOTES for Breakfast with Santa! Though it was a rainy morning, the festivities went ahead as planned.

Students were able to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus and take photos with them.

Attendees were then invited to enjoy a pancake breakfast prepared by parent volunteers. They were able to choose from pancakes, fruit, hot cocoa, and more.

There were several holiday crafts that students were able to choose from including ornament decorating and card making.

Students and parents were able to visit the AOTES Scholastic Book Fair as well.

It was a fun and festive morning for all who attended!



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