

# The Phoenix News

**SPEEDWAY ACADEMIES**

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## Home and School Connection

Dear Speedway Academies' Families,

Welcome back to school! Although the summer was rather short, I can ensure you that the staff at Speedway Academies was busy preparing for a successful 2017-2018 school year. Much of my vacation was spent traveling, reading and researching new things to do, learn and experience this year. The theme launched this year is entitled, "The Power of 3". The number three is embedded into much of our everyday life. The racer knows "Ready, Set, Go!" The American citizen knows the power of our colors: red, white and blue. The Christian knows the power of the trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Stoplights have three colors. So many things are created with the principle of three. In order to ensure the success of any child, the unity must be child, parent and school community. I honor that relationship and I know together we can continue to achieve great things this school year. This is only the beginning of the school year and already we have launched a few events as a tool for parents to stay connected with our students' academic success and social and emotional growth.



I was honored to see so many active male role models walk their children, siblings, or even neighbors to school for The Million Father's March. On September 8th, parents were welcomed to come in and have breakfast with me and hear a gist of how important community involvement really is. During our Open Access Day, parents were allowed to sit through a lesson in their child's classroom.

With much gratitude, I would like to thank you for entrusting us to help your child prepare for the culmination of education. Let's stand together as a team and stay connected. 3-2-1-Let's Go!

In Service with Kids,  
Principal Atiba Buckman

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### Upcoming Events

9/27/17	Early Dismissal 1:00 PM
10/5/17	PTO Meeting 9 AM and 4 PM
10/9/17	Columbus Day: <b>School Closed</b>
10/12/17	Parent Academy Course #2 3:45 PM
10/19/17	Class Pictures
10/25/17	Early Dismissal 1:00 PM
10/27/17	K-2: <b>Pumpkin Patch Trip</b> 3-8: <b>Harvest Dance</b>
10/30/17	<b>Spelling Bee</b>
10/31/17	<b>Perfect Attendance Trip to SkyZone</b>



### Breakfast with the Principal

Principal Atiba Buckman extended an invitation for our parents to enjoy a hot breakfast and useful conversation on September 8, 2017. Mrs. Buckman illustrated how parent involvement is a necessity to our children's academic growth. "We can't do it without the help of our parents in the community."

### Million Father's March

On September 5, 2017, male role models in the community walked their loved ones to school. Dads, grandfathers, uncles, big brothers and neighbors stopped at the photo booth outside and had their pictures taken with the students. Some of the men joined our PTO. Thank you again Dads for your participation!



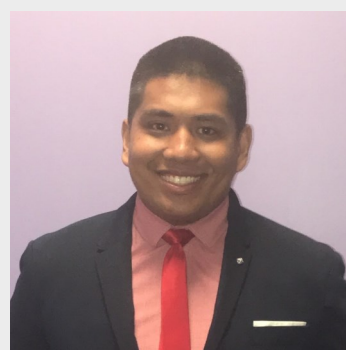
## ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM



**Dr. Adam Kar**  
Vice Principal



**Anthony Dilley**  
Vice Principal



**Michael Cruz**  
School Operations Manager

### Vision Statement

To cultivate a school community that honors the talent and differences of each student, culminating in lifelong learners and productive citizens, competitive in global economy.

### Mission Statement

Speedway Academies will collaborate with our parents, community members, staff, and students to create a safe, supportive, and diverse environment, promoting high expectations and standards through professional development, workshops and rigorous tasks, ensuring that all students meet their potential.

# Healthy Snacks

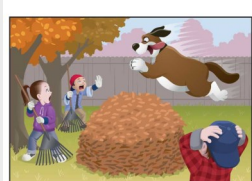
Due to serious health issues, such as obesity and food allergies, students are prohibited from bringing junk food into school. It is difficult for our lunch staff to keep track of students who may share their snacks with other students who may have food allergies. Healthy snacks such as fruit, Smart Pop, 100% juice, and Sun Chips are acceptable. Parents, we would like to thank our parents for your cooperation with our "Healthy Snacks Only" policy.



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

School begins at **8:05 AM**. Students who arrive after **8:15** will be marked tardy. Students who are excessively tardy or absent are more likely to struggle in school than students who are in school daily. We need our students present in order for them to learn.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### Autumn Word Search

W	J	W	O	R	C	E	R	A	C	S	U	K	T	N
E	H	X	S	N	I	K	P	M	U	P	O	M	I	D
R	G	C	J	W	U	Z	J	Q	L	D	H	J	U	K
T	A	E	Y	E	L	L	O	W	K	S	P	U	O	M
I	D	K	G	C	J	L	L	A	B	T	O	O	F	J
S	K	T	I	E	H	X	T	S	I	A	K	A	P	U
D	M	I	D	N	G	C	J	W	E	Z	L	Q	L	C
R	J	U	R	T	G	E	H	Z	T	L	I	A	N	O
U	U	O	M	I	D	R	I	C	J	W	U	Z	O	L
O	C	H	J	N	K	A	S	E	L	P	P	A	S	O
G	S	P	U	O	M	I	D	R	G	C	J	W	A	R
J	Q	L	D	H	J	U	K	T	L	E	A	V	E	S
I	E	G	N	A	R	O	T	I	D	R	G	C	S	W
H	A	R	V	E	S	T	J	U	K	T	N	E	H	X
T	S	I	A	K	S	P	U	O	A	I	D	R	G	C

See how many of these autumn related words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

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|-----------|-------------|---------------|------------|
| 1. Autumn | 5. Raking   | 9. Gourds     | 13. Corn   |
| 2. Fall   | 6. Harvest  | 10. Football  | 14. Maize  |
| 3. Leaves | 7. Pumpkins | 11. Season    | 15. Yellow |
| 4. Colors | 8. Apples   | 12. Scarecrow | 16. Orange |

**H** and at your side

**A**ll eyes front

**L**ips

**L**ocked

**S**traight Line

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE OCTOBER



**MAKE SURE YOU COME TO SCHOOL!**

The Top Homeroom in each Grade Band (K-2/3-5/6-8) and students with perfect attendance will go to the Sky Zone Trampoline Park on **October 31!**

Hope to see you and your class there!

## FIRST ANNUAL SPELLING BEE

Practice your Wordly Wise and compete with your classmates!

Qualifying rounds will happen in each homeroom.

The top 3 students will compete in the Speedway Academies' First Annual Spelling Bee on **October 30!**

## Can you solve the riddles?

1. What is at the end of a rainbow?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

2. I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?

**Answer** \_\_\_\_\_

3. What has hands but can not clap?

**Answer** \_\_\_\_\_

4. Which weighs more, a pound of bricks or a pound of feathers?

**Answer** \_\_\_\_\_

3. A clock  
4. Both weigh exactly a pound.

Answers  
1. The letter W  
2. A pencil