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TEMPE GOES BACK TO SCHOOL

It's hard to believe that summer break will come to an end for thousands of Tempe youth next week, but it's true. The 2014-15 school year begins on Monday, Aug. 4 for the Kyrene and Tempe Union High School Districts and Tempe Elementary School District commences the following day, Tuesday, Aug. 5.

This week will undoubtedly be filled with lots of activities all designed to help students achieve academic success

- Meet the Teacher Night, shopping for school supplies, Freshman Bootcamp and more! The City of Tempe also wants to help the transition back to school be a smooth one.

Students from kindergarten through graduate school can access tips and information on student safety, educational resources, transportation options and integration opportunities with the community at large by visiting

the [Tempe Goes Back to School web page](#).

Families can learn about [Kid Zone's before and after school enrichment programs](#), the free [Tempe Youth Transit Pass](#), city bus system and the METRO light rail.

Students can find out about online homework and research tools available through the [Tempe Public Library](#) and [Tempe History Museum](#). College students can learn about underage drinking, sexual assault prevention, theft prevention and property maintenance.

Everyone can learn about bicycle and motor vehicle safety including the 3-foot law, which requires motorists to provide at least three-feet between their vehicle and a bicyclist. And those looking to get involved in their community can find a number of volunteer opportunities.



BACK TO SCHOOL START DATES:

[Kyrene School District](#) – Aug. 4

[Tempe Union High School District](#) – Aug. 4

[Tempe Elementary School District](#) – Aug. 5

[Arizona State University](#) – Aug. 21

KID ZONE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

When the bell rings, many students run home from a fulfilling and educational day at school, only to find themselves sitting in front of the television. But at Kid Zone, students find themselves in an active and social after school alternative - playing games, interacting with friends and working on homework.



Kid Zone Before and After School [programs](#) offer a safe and structured environment for Tempe students. These programs operate at 18 Tempe and Kyrene schools, so students can conveniently travel between their classroom and Kid Zone without ever leaving campus. Once students arrive, they have daily homework time where assistance is provided from experienced, educated and dedicated Kid Zone teachers. Students can also spend time with friends playing games and participating in structured and un-structured activities.

Kid Zone integrates social skills, nutrition, physical education, fine arts and more into its Before and After School Enrichment Program to meet the dynamic needs of each participant. This fall, an array of engaging and fun activities have been assembled for Kid Zone participants at each site.

- **Tablet Time:** Students experience creative, hands-on learning with the use of tablets
- **Olé Spanish:** Participants can expand their vocabulary through the weekly Spanish curriculum
- **Yo-Yo Factory Classes:** Kid Zone staffers have been trained by professional yo-yoers and are excited to share this one-of-a-kind specialty instruction
- **Science Kits:** Air rockets, lava lamps and other experiments are used to build excitement and passion for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) programs

In addition to offering out-of-school programming, Kid Zone has its very own [preschool program](#), available for children 3 years through Pre-Kindergarten. Located at Getz School, Kid Zone Preschool gives parents the opportunity to provide their children with early

childhood learning and development. Full and part-time schedules are available.

[Kid Zone](#) is a City of Tempe enrichment program licensed by the Department of Health Services. It is a dynamic community response to changing lifestyles and needs of families in Tempe. The goal of the program is to address the increased number of children needing a safe, enriching place to be in out-of-school time. This is accomplished through before and after school programming as well as camps during school breaks. This summer, nearly 700 students participated in Kid Zone Summer Camps, enjoying sports, science lessons, cooking classes, swimming, bowling and field trips.



To learn more, visit [Kid Zone](#) or call 480-350-5400.

TEMPE EXPERIENCE CORPS HEADS BACK TO THE CLASSROOM

Students aren't the only ones heading back to school this time of year. Volunteers from the City of Tempe AARP Experience Corps program will be hitting the classroom themselves to help students learn and enhance the literacy skills they need to succeed.

Tempe's Experience Corps program is designed to provide support to high-needs schools within the Tempe Elementary District, focusing specifically on struggling students in first through third grade. Students are

recommended for the program through their school's reading specialist.

The city's Experience Corps program engages adults 50+ in the community to volunteer as tutors. Through this generational exchange, children succeed, tutors thrive and communities are made stronger. Tutors commit to an entire school year, meeting with their assigned students on an individual basis for 30-minute sessions that meet twice per week. Approximately 400 students receive tutoring services

each year from 75 volunteer tutors.

To learn more about Tempe's AARP Experience Corps, visit the program's web page at www.Tempe.gov/VolunteerEC, or contact Rebecca Bond, Experience Corps Project Coordinator, at 480-858-2464 or by email at Rebecca_Bond@tempe.gov.



COLLEGE CONNECT

Free workshop series aims to L.I.F.T. your knowledge and preparation for college

High school students and their parents are encouraged to attend free [College Connect](#) workshops from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Nov. 1 and Jan. 31 at the [Tempe Public Library](#), 3500 S. Rural Rd.

The workshops will provide guidance on many topics including college preparation, careers and college majors, funding options for college including scholarship searches and financial aid, essay writing, the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA) form completion and more.

Students attending each workshop will be entered in a drawing to win a \$250 scholarship. Five scholarships will be awarded at the completion of the College Connect workshop series in January 2015.

The City of Tempe has partnered with [Tempe Union High School District](#), [ASU](#), [Grand Canyon University](#), [Mesa Community College](#), [Rio Salado College](#) and the [University of Advancing Technology](#) to create College Connect. The community-based program has been specifically designed to assist young people in fulfilling their dreams of a post-secondary education.

Visit www.CollegeConnectTempe.org for more information and reserve your spot in these free workshops.



L.I.F.T. WORKSHOP SERIES:

LEARN Sat., Aug. 16

- College preparation timelines
- Funding via college savings plans
- Admission testing

INVESTIGATE Sat., Sept. 20

- Careers & college majors
- Getting the most out of college fairs

FUND Sat., Nov. 1

- Funding via financial aid & scholarships
- Scholarship searches
- Essay writing

TRANSITION Sat., Jan. 31

- College Goal Sunday: overview & dates
- FAFSA: overview & completion



BACK TO SCHOOL MEANS BACK TO LEARNING

After a relaxing summer, it can be hard for students to get back into the groove of doing their homework. Fortunately, the [Tempe Public Library](#) offers online tools through [Homework Help](#) to help students of all ages stimulate their brains – and finish their homework.

High school students and their parents might want to check out the [Learning Express](#) link. Resources on this site help elementary, middle and high schools students prepare for tests, boost their

skills in core subjects and get extra help for assignments. Students looking to attend college will find information to help them review and strengthen their academic skills, as well as prepare for placement exams and admissions essays.

Tempe Public Library staff members are available to assist students with their questions. Stop by the concierge desk to learn more about the services offered.

MAKE A SPLASH IN A FREE WATER FITNESS CLASS AT KIWANIS

What do you get when you combine an indoor pool, exercise and a great offer? FREE water fitness classes at the [Kiwanis Recreation Center](#)! Kiwanis will offer 11 complimentary classes through Saturday, Aug. 2 that feature the following four class options:

- **Shallow Water** – Walking, running, jumping and a variety of other aerobic movements are performed in the shallow end of the pool.
- **Transitional Water** – Performed in slightly deeper water, this non-impact class incorporates muscular strengthening, aerobic conditioning and abdominal exercises.

- **Aqua Zumba®** – A challenging, water-based workout that's cardio-conditioning, body-toning, and most of all, exhilarating.
- **High Intensity Interval Training (H.I.I.T.)** – A high cardiovascular workout with low-impact on joints.

Space is limited, so be sure to reserve your spot early. Registration is currently open and can be completed in person at the Kiwanis Recreation Center, located at 6111 S. All-America Way, or online by visiting www.Tempe.gov/Aquatics.

After you enjoy a free week of water fitness classes at Kiwanis, keep up your new workout routine by registering for

classes offered in August! Each water fitness program includes four, 60-minute classes for only \$20. Find out more about these and other great opportunities at www.Tempe.gov/Brochure.



TIMES CHANGE BUT THE WATER RUNS ON AT TEMPE'S AQUATICS FACILITIES

It's been a great summer at Tempe's aquatics facilities and we're happy to provide residents and visitors alike with so many great ways to stay cool. With school starting back up in August, the hours of operation will be changing for each aquatic facility, though they will continue to operate for your late summer enjoyment.

Escalante Pool

The Escalante Pool will remain open on a daily basis through Sunday, Aug. 3. Starting Saturday, Aug. 9, the pool will be open on weekends only through Labor Day. Admission is 75 cents for youth ages

6-17 and \$1.25 for adults ages 18 and older. Children ages 5 yrs. and younger are free.

Kiwanis Wave Pool

Daily Waves concluded on Sunday, July 27. Beginning August 2, the pool will offer Weekend Waves thru Labor Day. Wave pool admission is \$5 for ages 2-12 and \$7 for ages 13 and older.

Splash Playground at Tempe Beach Park

The Splash Playground at Tempe Beach Park will remain open daily from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. through August 3. Starting

August 9, the playground will operate on weekends only through Labor Day from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Admission is free.

Neighborhood Spray Pads

Spray pads will continue to operate daily from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. through Saturday, October 18. Admission is free. Tempe offers three neighborhood spray pads at Esquer, Hudson and Jaycee parks, perfect for families and young children to run around and cool off. Children should always be watched by an adult while enjoying a neighborhood spray pad. No lifeguards or attendants are on duty.



YOUTH CAN GRAB A SEAT AND RIDE FOR FREE IN TEMPE

The more students know about their transit system and alternative modes of transportation, the wiser their transit choices will be. The choices are easier to make in Tempe with many transportation options available, coupled with a free Youth Transit Pass!

Tempe's [Youth Transit Pass](#) program allows youth ages 6 to 18 who live in Tempe to ride all Valley Metro bus routes and the METRO light rail for free. Tempe has started issuing new transit passes to current and new participants of the Tempe Youth Free Transit Pass program. The new passes are valid July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015.

Special on-site registration will be held at the [Tempe Public Library](#), on Saturday, Aug. 16 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free passes are also available at the [Tempe Transit Store](#), from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

A parent or guardian must accompany the youth when registering for this program. Be sure to bring your most recent utility bill (dated within the last 60 days) with a Tempe address, as well as the youth's birth certificate and a valid driver's license/photo ID of parent/guardian. For more information, including registration forms, contact the Tempe Transit Store at 480-858-2350 or visit us online at www.Tempe.gov/TIM.



TEMPE'S HAWK STILL TAKING FLIGHT

Did you know Tempe has two HAWKs? No, not the bird, but unique pedestrian beacon signals called High-intensity Activated crossWalks – or HAWKs. Located at Tempe's Western Canal multi-use path, this signaling system is designed to make crossing easier for pedestrians, bicyclists and other path users while minimizing the wait time for motorists.

The pedestrian beacon signals are located just north of Elliot Road at the Western Canal on Rural Road and McClintock Drive. The signal is designed without a green light and remains dark until a path user activates the signal. For instructions on how to use the HAWK beacon signal, watch our [video](#).

How does the HAWK work? For pedestrians and bicyclists:

- When you approach the signal, a solid "don't walk" symbol will be displayed.
- To cross the street, press the button to activate the beacon signal.
- After several seconds, the pedestrian "walk" symbol illuminates.
- When the "walk" symbol is illuminated, you may cross the street while watching for oncoming traffic.
- After the "walk" time is complete, a flashing "don't walk" symbol will appear and you should finish crossing the street.
- Do not begin to cross the street during the flashing "don't walk" symbol.
- Once the signal cycle is complete, a solid "don't walk" symbol is displayed.

For motorists:

- The beacon signal will flash yellow for several seconds and then change to solid yellow, letting you know that you need to prepare to stop.
- The beacon signal then turns solid red letting you know that you must stop.
- The beacon signal then displays an alternating flashing red light.
- After coming to a complete stop and making sure there are no pedestrians in the crosswalk, you are then allowed to proceed through the crossing even though the beacon signal is flashing red.
- Once the pedestrian is safely through the intersection, the signal will turn off.



WATCH THE DISNEY CLASSICS WITH MOVIES AT THE MUSEUM

Cool off and watch an animated flick during your weekend summer afternoons! Enjoy a presentation of a classic Disney film at 1 p.m. on select Saturdays in August at the [Tempe History Museum](#).

These classic Disney cartoons were once popular in the 1970s through the 1980s. Bring your kids to [Movies at the Museum](#) to experience these timeless animated films.



Aug. 2 – The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh (1977)

Aug. 9 – The Fox and the Hound (1981)

Aug. 16 – The Black Cauldron (1985)

Aug. 23 – The Little Mermaid (1989)



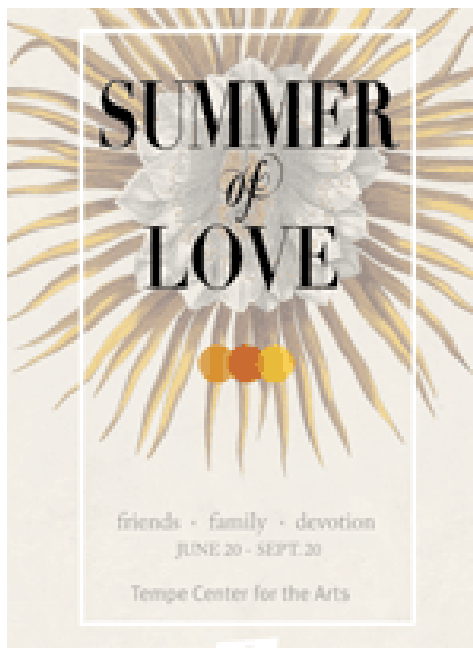
GET CREATIVE WITH TCA'S WALK-IN FAMILY ART WORKSHOPS

The [Tempe Center for the Arts \(TCA\)](#) is hosting a series of Walk-In Family Art Workshops this summer that explore a variety of techniques including collage, illustration and sketchbook-making. All workshops take place from Noon-2 p.m. on select Saturdays in August in the Gallery at TCA. Workshops are free and open to the public. No registration is required and all ages are welcome to attend.

Aug. 2: Steampunk Owls

Aug. 9: This Bouquet is For You

For details about each workshop and guest artists, visit the [Gallery at TCA](#) page.





To receive up-to-date information about exciting events and opportunities happening between Connecting Tempe newsletters, become a fan of Tempe Opportunities on [Facebook](#).

SAVE THE DATE

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| <p>Saturday
Aug. 2</p> | <p><u>Mystery Club</u>
10 a.m.-Noon;
Tempe Public Library – Connections Café</p> | <p>Friday
Aug. 8</p> | <p><u>Free Art Friday – Hawaii’s Statehood</u>
9:30-11:30 a.m.; Edna Vihel Activities Center</p> |
| <p>Saturday
Aug. 2</p> | <p><u>Summer of Love Family Art Workshop – Steampunk Owls</u>
Noon-2 p.m.; Gallery at TCA</p> | <p>Saturday
Aug. 9</p> | <p><u>Summer of Love Family Art Workshop – This Bouquet is for You</u>
Noon-2 p.m.; Gallery at TCA</p> |
| <p>Saturday
Aug. 2</p> | <p><u>Movies at the Museum – The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh</u>
1 p.m.; Tempe History Museum</p> | <p>Monday
Aug. 11</p> | <p>Fall 2014 Registration Begins for Tempe Residents
9 a.m.; www.Tempe.gov/Brochure</p> |
| <p>Monday
Aug. 4</p> | <p>First Day of School –
Kyrene School District & Tempe Union High School District</p> | <p>Wednesday
Aug. 13</p> | <p><u>Great Books Discussion Group</u>
6-8 p.m.; Tempe Public Library – Connections Cafe</p> |
| <p>Tuesday
Aug. 5</p> | <p><u>Authors at the Library – J.A. Jance</u>
3:30-5:30 p.m.; Tempe Public Library – Meeting Room A</p> | <p>Saturday
Aug. 16</p> | <p><u>College Connect L.I.F.T Workshop</u>
10 a.m.-Noon; Tempe Public Library – Meeting Rooms A & B</p> |
| <p>Tuesday
Aug. 5</p> | <p>First Day of School –
Tempe Elementary School District</p> | <p>Monday
Aug. 18</p> | <p>Fall 2014 Registration Begins for Non-Tempe Residents
9 a.m.; www.Tempe.gov/Brochure</p> |