The Kid Zone Enrichment program is working with the Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence (AZCase) to develop, pilot, and implement the first Out-of-School time Accreditation program following the State Quality Standards. Five programs will be visited by a highly trained independent endorser to ensure that Kid Zone sites meet or exceed state benchmarks for quality programing. The Accreditation process will look at Kid Zone’s implementation of the seven Quality Standards including Positive Relationships, Equity and Inclusion, Intentional Programming and more. Kid Zone has been accredited through other national accreditation programs and is assisting AZCase in developing a high standard for State Accreditation. Once fully implemented, Kid Zone plans to become the first completely Accredited program with the Arizona State Quality Standards for out-of-school time programs.

KID ZONE COMMUNITY

Free community events showcases Kid Zone Quality
Kid Zone is committed to providing the highest quality program to all 3000 students we serve each year. In addition we love to bring our energy and passion for youth enrichment to City of Tempe events. In the past two months Kid Zone has been represented at Tempe Comicon, Tempe PlayDay, and Tempe STEAM Festival Geeks Night Out. Event season kicks off with Tempe Comicon where the Kid Zone STEM team presents superhero science. Next comes the largest event, the Kid Zone Experience at PlayDay, where staff and youth volunteers ran fourteen booths ranging from Angry Birds STEM launch to the fan favorite Build Your Own Salsa bar. On March 1st Geeks Night out invited youth to come and Experience the Science” where Kid Zone showcased gardening and high powered microscopes with site grown bacteria. Kid Zone staff had so much fun showcasing what happens everyday in the Kid Zone Enrichment Program!

STAFF AND KIDS SHINE

Each year Kid Zone staff and kids work together on the Kid Zone Cares Food Drive. The community service project takes place in the month of February collecting items for Tempe’s CARE 7 Crisis Team. The program teaches youth about serving other’s needs, teamwork, marketing, and other life long skills. This year over 2200 items were collected and delivered to the CARE 7 pantry! We are so proud of the staff and students for making a difference to the Tempe Community. Shout out to Mariposa Kid Zone for collecting 645 items!!!