PROGRAM SHOWCASE

Kid Zone Sites Receive State Accreditation

Three current City of Tempe Kid Zone sites have been awarded full accreditation status from the Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence (AzCASE). Sites include Aguilar, Fuller, and Wood from the Tempe Elementary School District No3. AzCASE is proud to promote accessible, high-quality expanded learning opportunities for all Arizona children and youth. As part of their efforts they developed a rigorous set of state standards for out-of-school time programs with a related assessment tool and continuous quality improvement planning process. This commitment to quality was embraced by the administrators and staff at the Kid Zone Enrichment Program. The years of commitment have paid off — making these sites the first accredited sites in the state. Not only did all sites pass the rigorous standards needed to become accredited, they did so with flying colors. Please join us in congratulating Kid Zone and the staff at these stellar sites.

Kid Zone’s commitment to quality does not stop there! Eleven new Kid Zone programs have just completed the accreditation orientation and are on track to receive their accreditation visits this school year. Standards were created to make sure that kids get the most out of their time in Out of School Time programs. Kid Zone’s commitment to this process is all about the kids!

STAFF AND KIDS SHINE

An independent panel of judges has selected the following individuals and programs for the 2018 Arizona Out-of-School Time Awards of Excellence! 

COMMITMENT TO QUALITY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Kid Zone Enrichment Program

OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROFESSIONAL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mrs. Mary Bosen

OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME NEW STAFF MEMBER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mr. Marley Massour

INNOVATIVE PRACTICES AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Kid Zone Gardening Program

Winners will be announced at the annual Out-of-School-Time conference on Oct. 20th. Kid Zone has been informed that at least one of the finalist is a winner! Please join us in congratulating the programs and staff.

KID ZONE COMMUNITY

Tempe Strategic Priorities

Tempe City Council has set strategic priorities that are important to our community, such as safe and secure communities, quality of life, strong community connection and more. Since that time, City of Tempe staff has worked to create measurable goals that feed into those priorities and help us achieve them. Kid Zone currently has ownership to two goals under the safe and secure communities strategic priority.

The first goal looks at enrollment in community programs, specifically Kid Zone. National research shows that quality Out of School Time (OST) programs keeps youth safe, builds social skills, and reduces adverse behaviors now and in the future. Kid Zone goals are set to serve all Tempe youth who needs a program. To find out more about strategic priority 1.18 visit Performance.tempe.gov.

The second goal specifically looks at reducing juvenile crime in Tempe. The hours of 3-6pm is a peak time for juvenile crimes. Students in a positive structured environment like Kid Zone are 95% less likely to be a victim or commit a crime! Kid Zone also integrates programming on workforce and character skills that deter adverse behaviors in the future while supporting school behavior and building the employees of tomorrow!