



► **KID ZONE MISSION:**
To create memorable childhood experiences everyday, through age appropriate enrichment learning, in a safe and nurturing environment.

► **CITY OF TEMPE MISSION:**
Tempe creates outstanding value for those we serve through shared vision, superior service and sustainable practices.

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KID ZONE

Spotlights



★ CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY TO KID ZONE STAFF, STUDENTS & PROGRAMS

PROGRAM SHOWCASE

Kid Zone in the Community

Summer is in full swing and kids, as well as staff, are ecstatic for our jammed packed summer of Kid Zone field trips! With everything ranging from educational to recreational excursions, one thing is for sure: each trip is fun while sticking to our goal of enrichment through memorable experiences.

One of the favorites so far has been the Arizona Museum of Natural History in Mesa. The kids were able to explore the natural and cultural history of the Southwestern United States.

Eager to learn fourth grader, Damian, said “ I liked that you are able to dig up fossils! At the museum, we were able to look into the past to see how dinosaurs looked.” He also added, “I loved to see all the work that the paleontologists have discovered.”

Future fieldtrips include a Diamondbacks game, a show at the Herberger Theater, and USA Gymnastics. At Kid Zone, we try to make our field trips as well rounded as possible to reach all kids’ interests and also to get them to try new adventures!



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL)

SEL is the process through which children acquire the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage **emotions**, set and achieve positive **goals**, feel and show **empathy** for others, establish and maintain **positive relationships**, and make **responsible decisions**. Kid Zone is uniquely positioned to support families and schools with SEL. This fall Kid Zone will be kicking off a new SEL curriculum. Each week the staff will be trained on the SEL objective for the week, ask kids thoughtful guiding questions, and reinforce the objective with a motto of the week. Support our SEL goals by reinforcing the topic at home through family discussion and embracing the motto of the week in your own home. Here is an example of an SEL objective with supporting questions and motto. Try it out at home this week!

Positive Thinking: “**You cannot have a positive life with a negative mind.**”

Positive thinking is linked to lower stress and resiliency while boosting your over health and immune system. Even more important is its effect on your personal relationships.

Questions for youth:

- Name a disaster that turned into a success?
- Do you like to hang out with positive or negative friends? Why?

OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME AWARDS FINALISTS

It is with great pleasure to announce, Kid Zone has two finalists in the Out-of-School Time Awards of Excellence presented by the Arizona Center for After School Excellence (AzCASE).

OUT-OF SCHOOL TIME INNOVATION AWARD

★ **The Kid Zone STEM program**

OUT-OF SCHOOL TIME PROFESSIONAL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

★ **Jordan Pryor- Ward Traditional Academy**

We are proud to be a part of the award winning enrichment taking place for Arizona’s youth in out-of-school time programs!



The winners will be chosen at the AzCASE conference on October 19, 2019.