

EDUCATION MATTERS

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Welcome!

Welcome to the summer issue of Education Matters. This e-newsletter is designed to inform the Tempe community about key educational programs and issues, as well as provide resources that promote educational success.

Throughout the 2011-2012 school year, Tempe schools and school districts celebrated many accomplishments. One was the community collaboration event held in May, where approximately 800 Tempe High School students learned how to perform Cardio Cerebral Resuscitation (CCR). Read more about this life-saving event and other school year successes in this issue, including the launch of new programs, collaborations of communities and greatness achieved by students.

Now that the school year has culminated, many are looking for educational opportunities to keep students active. Tempe has many summer school and camp programs available, and many of these are featured in this issue to help your student find the perfect summer solution.

Reading through this issue, I hope you are encouraged by the success Tempe students have shown this school year. I look forward to August, and the opportunities and relationships that can come from a new school year. Wishing you and your students a relaxing and safe summer.



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Tempe Schools finish successful 2011-2012 School Year

Tempe Elementary School District focuses on 2011-2012 school year accomplishments

In collaboration with our community, parents, employees, Governing Board and District and School Leadership, TD3's New Superintendent, Christine Busch, successfully guided the creation of the Vision, Mission and Goals for the district's future.

Our parents gained a new resource with the launch of Parent Vue, an online resource that tracks student attendance, grades and assignments.

ASPIRE Academy was created for the district's most academically gifted children. We are excited to announce that ASPIRE Academy will open in August. www.tempeschools.org • 480-730-7100



Traditions and achievements celebrated with help from the Kyrene community



In May more than 2,100 eighth graders finished their education in the Kyrene district and are now prepared to move into Tempe Union High Schools. Eighth grade traditions include a dance and promotion ceremony. Many teens cannot afford to celebrate in a new dress so the Kyrene Foundation created "Wishes Come True," and began gathering dress donations from the public. Thanks to the generosity of our community, fifty middle school girls were able to "shop" for dresses, shoes and other accessories and make the end of their Kyrene careers more memorable.

In May, Summer Activity Kits were provided to 925 families of K-3 children in Title One schools. The learning tasks in the kits are teacher-designed to assist the children who are below grade level in their achievement. Thanks to community for help collecting items and assembling the kits.

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Tempe Union celebrates excellence

Tempe Union High School District's mission of Excellence in Teaching and Learning was definitely achieved this past school year. Some of the highlights include 41 National Merit Scholarship Finalists (the leader in Arizona for the past several years), a 93% graduation rate with 84% of the District's graduates attending institutions of higher learning, \$58,500,000 in scholarships awarded to the 2012 class, 22 Flinn Scholarship winners (in six years), 2,412 students enrolled in advanced placement courses and 3 A+ Schools.

Opportunities for TUHSD students to attend specialized academies have increased significantly over the last two years. In addition to more than 100 career and technical education classes offered in over 14 District programs, students have the opportunity to enroll in additional academic programs. These include the H.O.P.E. Medical Academy at Tempe High School, the Peggy Payne Gifted Academy at McClintock High School, ASU's W.P. Carey Business Academy at Marcos de Niza, the STEM Academy at Corona del Sol, the Business and Consumer Science Academy at Mountain Pointe or the Engineering and Fine Arts Academies at Desert Vista. Compadre Academy, "the school of choices," offers blended instruction (online and face to face) and flexible scheduling for students preferring a smaller learning environment.

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Rio Salado graduates off to greatness

Rio Salado recognized the accomplishments of the 2011-12 graduates at commencement May 17 at the Orpheum Theatre in Phoenix. This marks the 33rd graduation ceremony for the Tempe-based college and celebrates the award of more than 4,100 degrees and certificates this year.

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Tempe High School students to learn lifesaving technique

When Tempe High School students arrived on campus on Tuesday, May 8, it wasn't just an average day at school – it was a matter of life and death. That's because about 800 students learned a technique that could possibly save the lives of family members or others they encounter in the future.

The collaboration among the City of Tempe, Tempe Fire Department, Tempe Firefighters 493, Tempe Union High School District, Tempe St. Luke's Hospital and others resulted in a daylong series of training sessions in Cardio Cerebral Resuscitation (CCR).

CCR has replaced Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) as the preferred lifesaving technique among many emergency response organizations. CCR, which also is called "compression-only CPR" or "hands-only CPR," is becoming widely known as a more effective technique that is less complicated and easier to learn and remember. The Tempe Fire Department has been using CCR since November 2008. For more information on CCR, visit www.azshare.gov. (www.azshare.gov)

Kyrene Middle School in Tempe also participated in a similar training on May 10 in conjunction with the American Heart Association where more than 300 7th graders learned CPR.

Summer Opportunities abound in Tempe

TD3 summer opportunities



Tempe Elementary School District's summer school program is among the least expensive in the valley and offers a wide variety of classes for both in- and out-of-district students going into kindergarten through ninth grades. Several new classes will join the list of the popular classes offered last year. For registration information and fees, visit www.tempeelementaryschools.org/summer-school or call (480) 730-7306.

Kyrene summer opportunities



Kyrene's Summer Academy provides students in Kindergarten through 8th grade the opportunity to continue their educational efforts over the summer and avoid "brain drain." Classes include LEGO Robotics, Guitar, Creative Writing, Dinosaur Hunters and more. In addition to the academy, Kyrene offers two summer camps - Kids

Club Summer Camps (1st - 5th grades) and After Hours Summer Camp (5th - 8th Grades). For registration information and fees, visit www.kyrene.org.

TUHSD summer opportunities



TUHSD has ample learning opportunities for incoming and continuing students all summer long, including summer school at Mountain Pointe, a STEM camp at Corona del Sol, Math and Fine Arts Academies at Desert Vista and basketball, softball, volleyball and strength camps throughout the District. For registration information and fees, visit www.tuhsd.k12.az.us.

Kid Zone offers camps in Tempe Schools



Have a blast while exploring a variety of educational and recreational activities within one of Kid Zone's specialty camps. Campers will learn about nutrition and healthy eating habits in cooking class; explore science and technology with engineering instructors; enjoy art appreciation with music and theatre clinics; discover new cultures; and spend time in cheer, dance and sport-specific classes! Camp

includes age-appropriate and theme-related weekly field trips. For registration information and fees, visit www.tempe.gov/kidzone or call (480) 350-5400.

Spend the summer as a Sun Devil



ASU Summer Enrichment provides students in grades 6-12 the opportunity to meet and work with world-renowned faculty in a university environment and begin their Sun Devil Experience years before their college careers. ASU offers two STEM

Summer College for Kids programs on the ASU Tempe campus for students in 6th - 9th grades. 9th - 12th grade students can select to attend Sun Devil Debate Institute, Jury Trial Advocacy and/or Tour of Majors. To view a full listing of opportunities and to register, visit <http://students.asu.edu/summerenrichment>. For questions, contact Collegiate Scholars at (480) 965-9410.

Jump ahead in the higher-learning curve with online summer courses



Many working parents and students find Rio Salado's online classes a convenient, affordable and flexible option for earning a college degree or certificate. There are more than

60 degree and certificate programs available, and classes start every Monday. Credits are transferrable to Arizona's state universities and other colleges and universities across the nation. Learn more about Rio Salado College by visiting www.riosalado.edu



Tempe Opportunities for summer

The City of Tempe has nearly one thousand ways to keep you and your family cool and entertained this summer. Check out the latest edition of the Tempe Opportunities brochure. It is chock-full of new and continuing classes, summer camps, sports leagues, programs and family activities for all ages and stages.

These quality programs are affordable and are offered at convenient times and locations. To view the

brochure visit www.Tempe.gov/brochure or pick up a copy at a City facility or a Tempe Fry's store.

Pre-K summer reading workshops

Early literacy skills can give children a world to explore, enjoy and learn. That's why First Things First starts early and provides a number of different resources to help parents foster a love for reading. This summer, First Things First and Thrive to Five will be offering several workshops aimed at helping parents prepare their young children for success in school. The programs are free, but space is limited and registration is required. For more information about First Things First's resources for families with young children, visit www.azfff.gov. For more information about Thrive to Five programs, visit www.thrivetofive.org or email Amanda Nosbisch at anosbisch@kyrene.org.



Getting out and about 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 the many options and the free Tempe Youth Transit Pass!

Tempe and Valley Metro offer bus service seven days a week. Most Tempe buses run Monday through Saturday until 1 a.m. and Sunday until 10 p.m. METRO runs seven days a week from 5 a.m. to midnight (2 a.m. on weekends). For transit routes and schedules call 602-253-5000 or visit www.valleymetro.org.

The Tempe Youth Free Transit Pass program allows youth ages six to 18 who live in Tempe to ride all Valley Metro bus routes and the METRO light rail free. A parent or guardian must accompany the youth and bring the youth's birth certificate along with proof of Tempe residency when registering for the program. More information, including registration forms, contact the Tempe Transit Store at 480-858-2350 or visit www.tempe.gov/tim.

Valley Metro's school outreach program offers classroom presentations to all grade levels that cover the steps of taking Valley Metro bus/rail/circulators, planning, fares, and other important information at the appropriate level. Students can plan their trips to school by obtaining a Valley Metro Transit Book or by going online to www.valleymetro.com

Using Valley Metro for field trips can be a fun learning experience. An added bonus is that elementary and special needs high school groups may be eligible for a free Field Trip All Day Pass. For information on Valley Metro Transit Education, please call 602.523-6070.



Back to School Drive

Each year, Kyrene distributes about 800 backpacks in late July and early August, so our students in need can start the school year with new materials like their classmates. The East Valley Women's League and many other organizations help meet the goal of 800 backpacks. Starting June 26rd Kyrene kicks off this year's "Stuff the Bus" campaign with a goal of collection 1,000 new backpacks and school supplies. For more information about holding a drive or donating, contact kfvolunteer@cox.net.



Connecting With Kids

Connecting with Kids is a service center funded through the Tempe Impact Education (TIE) Foundation to provide everyday essentials to Tempe Elementary students in need so they can attend school ready to learn. Volunteers process, sort, clean and store clothing and personal articles. Students are in need of: new socks, new underclothes, new or gently used backpacks, gently used clothing, personal hygiene items (such as soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.), school supplies and cash contributions (for purchasing above-mentioned items as well as prescriptions, eye and dental care, etc.). If you would like to make a donation, please call (480) 730-7286.



Tempe Schools Look Forward to Fall

Preparing for the First Day is time well spent!

Run through your morning routine for at least one week prior to the start of school, so the whole family is ready on the first day. By preparing for a week or more before the first day of school, children arrive on the first day ready to learn. Teaching and learning begin on the first day.

TD3 Dates to Remember:

Meet the Teacher Night

Middle Schools	Friday, Aug. 3	3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Elementary Schools	Friday, Aug. 3	4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

TD3 First Day of School – Tuesday, Aug. 7

Kyrene Dates to Remember:

Meet the Teachers Night

Middle Schools	Wednesday, Aug. 1	5 – 6:30 p.m.
Elementary Schools	Thursday, Aug. 2	5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Kyrene First Day of School – Monday, Aug. 6

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