

# PUSD KidZone

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Dear KidZone Families,

Thank you for reading our very first monthly KidZone newsletter. The monthly newsletter will provide you with updates on current KidZone activities, reminders for important upcoming dates and some awesome pictures of our children in action!

During the month of November, we had a successful EdCamp week during Fall Break. The Arizona Science center came to visit both campuses. Children participated in the Fall Foliage program and the Zombie MD program. Children also participated in apple science experiments, fall sensory activities, pumpkin activities and had discussions about giving thanks and feeling grateful.

Happy Holidays,  
*Ashley Worrell*  
KidZone Director  
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## Bulletin Board Competition

Currently, all classrooms are participating in a holiday bulletin board decoration competition. The children are brainstorming ideas for their boards, gathering materials and decorating their boards. Judging for the competition will take place on December 14<sup>th</sup> and the winners will be announced on December 15<sup>th</sup>. As you visit your child's classroom, make sure you check out their bulletin boards!

## Winter Break EdCamp Activities

We have several special activities and visitors planned for our Winter Break EdCamp. Jungle Jill will be visiting along with her animal friends. The Great Arizona Puppet Theater will be visiting



Picture: Children, at Copperwood, participating in the Zombie MD program with the AZ Science Center.

## Upcoming Events

### December 22

Early Release- **Pack a lunch**

### December 23- January 6

EdCamp Days- **You must be registered and provide a sack lunch.**

### December 26

No EdCamp- **all sites closed**

### January 16

MLK day- No EdCamp- **all sites closed**

### January 17

No School- EdCamp day

### January 30

Late start



KidZone staff attending the annual AZCEA conference.

and performing *Creepy, Crawly, Wild and Wooly*. We will also have guests from Inspirational Martial Arts providing a STEM activity.

## Center Areas

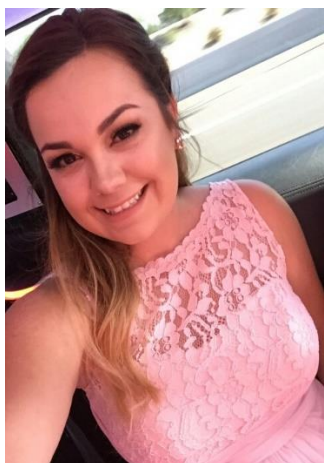
Recently, all classrooms have received sensory tubs. Classrooms have been planning for different sensory activities and experiences, such as, cloud dough, water beads and slime. As the year continues, we will continue to build upon and improve our current center areas, beginning with the art area.

## Important Reminders

- Parents/Guardians must walk their child into the KidZone classroom in the morning and sign their child in.
- Payments are due by the first of the month. There is a grace period until the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. If payments are not received by the 15<sup>th</sup>, it is possible that your child will not be able to attend the KidZone program.
- ParentVue is the most convenient way to process payments. If you would like to set up a ParentVue account, please contact Michelle or Connie Rae.

## Staff of the Month

### Alexis Arias Foothills Site Supervisor



Alexis has worked for the KidZone Program since August 2015. She started as an associate and was then promoted to a site supervisor. When Alexis is not at work, she enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, shopping and spending time outdoors. Thank you, Alexis, for all the great things that you do for the KidZone children and families.

## Space is still available for Winter Break EdCamp

If you are interested in registering your child for Winter Break EdCamp, please contact Priscilla at 623.773.6688.

## In the Community

### Sweets Con and Dessert Expo

Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>,  
9am-5pm

Peoria Sports Complex

### Glitter and Glow Block Party

Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 4-  
10pm

Downtown Glendale

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