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Congratulations to

Deer Valley USD Community Education

for assessing multiple program sites and striving for quality!

Need assistance with the online Tool?

<u>Contact Us</u> or read our <u>Step by Step Guide!</u>

Survey about Social & Emotional Learning in OST

The @fterschool advisor

March 15, 2016

Spring PD Still in Full Swing!

Our first sessions are over, but we still have plenty of opportunities for you to get high-quality professional development! Gain more hands-on activities and learn newest best practices to work with youth!

Our lineup includes training for everyone: quality assessment and program management for directors as well as trauma help, literacy, and STEM!



Arizona Quality Standards Assessment Tool by AzCASE & Valley of the Sun United Way

1 SESSION LEFT--March 30th!

FREE SESSION

Beyond the Bell presented by Fausto Lopez, American Institutes for Research co-facilitated by Molly Kemp, PVUSD 21st CCLC; Travis Drake, Flagstaff USD; Melissa Kowalski, ICAN 1 SESSION ONLY--April 2nd!

Hands-On Literacy presented by Alice Patterson, Literacy Coach and Educator April 6th, 20th, and 27th!

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) An Introduction & Best Practices for Youth Programs presented by Gordon Brown

1 SESSION ONLY--April 5th!

The Wallace Foundation

is seeking your perspective for a <u>new survey on</u> social and emotional <u>learning (SEL) in the</u> afterschool field.

Your responses will help the Foundation better understand the strengths and weaknesses of OST programs in SEL.

The survey should only take 10-15 minutes of your time, and your responses will be strictly confidential and not attributed to your organization. Please only complete the survey once.

Youth Publishing Math Problems

The PRIME Center has an opportunity for middle school youth to become published authors of MATHadazzles puzzles. They are looking for middle school youth to write math puzzles for fractions and decimals.

Youth will meet on two Saturday mornings, April 2 and 9 to learn how to write the puzzles and then write.

Their names will be included in the book and contributing youth authors will receive 2 free copies!

Complete the application!

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STEM In Out-of-School Time: The Sky's the Limit! presented by Joëlle Clark & Sean Ryan, NAU Center for Science Teaching & Learning April 12th, 13th, 14th

Register now for these limited sessions!

NASA, NAU, and EiE Oh My! Partners to Provide STEM OST Resources

Engineering is Elementary is collaborating with the Northern Arizona University Center for Science Teaching and Learning on a NASAsupported project to bring space-themed STEM resources to OST programs nationwide.

The \$3.4 million project, PLANETS (Planetary Learning that Advances the Nexus of Engineering, Technology, and Science), aims to create OST curriculum modules that are grounded in best practices for STEM teaching and learning, and based on the fundamental questions posed by NASA's Planetary Science Division and to provide high-quality PD for OST educators to improve STEM instruction; increasing youth engagement in STEM in OST settings; and better serving students from populations historically underrepresented in STEM careers.

AzCASE is happy to be a partner to facilitate the professional development to Arizona OST providers!

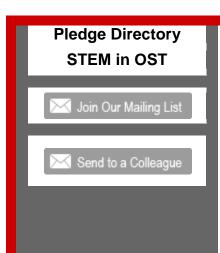
Read more about PLANETS.

STEM and ART Makerspace-STEAM Resource for Valley OST Programs

The Arizona STEAMshop in Glendale recently invited AzCASE over to show off their great resources for area youth and out-of-school time programs--and were we impressed!



The large community center was full of high- and low-tech equipment to facilitate instructor-led and youth-led STEM-art programming! And they would



love to partner with and be a resource for OST programs in the Valley!

From music, performance, recording, rocketry, computers, microscopes, and more, AZ STEAMshop is open to free youth drop-ins, hosts programming, and would like to invite YOU to use their resources at a highly affordable cost!

For more information, contact **Martin Weselowski** at 623.240.2206.

Thank you for your support of AzCASE and all you do for Arizona's youth!

Sincerely,

Courtney, Franny, Caitlin, & Genevieve The AzCASE Team

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