

Environmental Services Outreach

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A monthly insight into reduce, reuse, recycle programs in the Town of Gilbert.

The review

For students, families, & YOU...

What's happening?

March 1st-7th

"Marching to the Freedom Dream" Exhibition
-Dan Budnik's photography of three civil rights marches, highlighting the 1965 Selma to Montgomery march.

March 11th, 3:00-5:30 p.m. (or until truck is full)
Shred-A-Thon, Sponsored by Gilbert Police Department

-You're an educator, so we know you have lots of paper! Shred and recycle important documents for free at this event. Donations of \$5 per box is suggested with proceeds going to Special Olympics Arizona.

March 19th-Performer Application Due Date
Global Village Festival (April 11)

-The Festival highlights dance, music, children's activities, arts/crafts, and ethnic foods from across the globe! If your students have a unique perspective or skill they could share, please fill out a form or contact event staff. Don't miss this opportunity to showcase your school's talents!

March 28th, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Ka-POW! Superhero Run

-A costume run for the whole family! Enjoy the outdoors with a kid-friendly course with 20 playful obstacles. At the end have fun in "Gotham City" and enjoy music, festivities, and food!

Spring Break: Rediscovering Arizona

You don't have to leave the state to get a vacation!

While most of us would love a beach resort for spring break, the reality is many of us stay close to home. But that's okay, Arizona is anything but ordinary! There are plenty of parks and organizations to explore, and better still they can provide educational lessons you can bring back to the classroom. The following are some fantastic resources to wow you on your time off. They also happen to promote sustainability! Talk about bang for your buck...

Desert Botanical Gardens

- A living museum with more than 50,000 plants from around the world. Enjoy tours, workshops, seasonal exhibits, special events, concerts, and more!
- Digital learning is available online for teachers and stu-

dents. It focuses on what is a desert, gardening, habitats, creatures, etc.!

Gilbert Art Walk & Farmers Market

- Enjoy the fresh air in Downtown Gilbert on Saturday mornings with these two fantastic events. At the Art Walk many artists display beautiful pieces, including vintage buttons remade into new rings. At the Farmers Market enjoy fresh, local produce, a wide array of sustainable products, and fantastic food trucks.
- Found inspiration for a class project at the Art Walk but don't have the supplies? Check out The ARC, a non-profit that recycles art-worthy materials for education.

Family Campout Program-Arizona State Parks

- A program designed for families with little to no camping experience, State Park staff will introduce you to the great outdoors! You'll learn how to set up a tent, cook outside, plus you can try some fun activities like archery, geocaching, or mountain biking.
- The program provides tents, sleeping mats, all activity equipment, plus daily snacks and treats.

Sometimes recycling on its own loses meaning, we need to experience nature to understand what we're conserving. Even if it's just going outside to read, being outdoors helps students see the whole picture!

What it means to be green...

What color represents for St. Patty's and for bins!



It's hard to think of spring break without St. Patrick's Day and the color green! Whether you have gone to Chicago to watch the river being dyed or consumed any number of emerald edibles, most Americans have donned the green and been part of a celebration. And what would St. Patrick's be without the green? What if one year everyone decided to wear yellow or purple? Well, it would be one confusing disappointment. The same goes for changing out the colors of recycling bins.

When the "green" movement for sustainability began some places switched out their blue recycling containers for new, trendy green ones and got unexpected results: worse recycling habits. The problem is blue has been engrained in our heads to mean recycling so changing out the color of the bin now only confuses people. The same will happen with your students. When recycling at school make sure your bins and signs stay BLUE and you should have a successful program. Now there's something to celebrate!

"The purpose of life is to live it, to taste it, to experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience."

-Eleanor Roosevelt