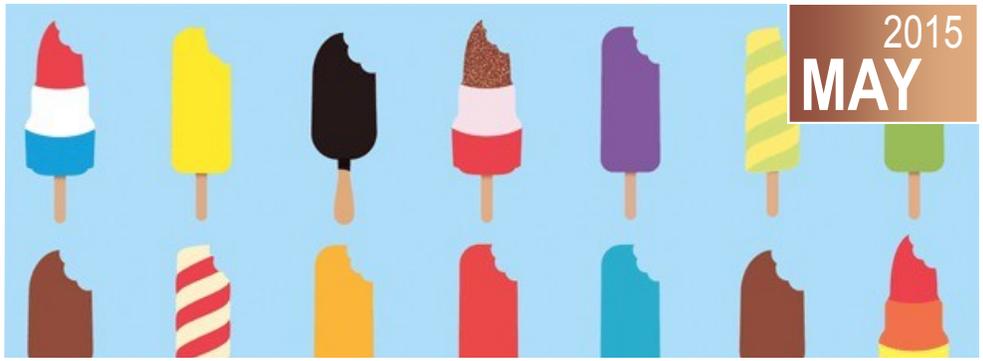


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A monthly insight into reduce, reuse, recycle programs in the Town of Gilbert.

The review



Revisiting "The Review"...

What was that idea again?

Another school year has come and gone, which makes this the 9th edition of the 2014-2015 newsletter! With all that content it's hard to remember the great topics we've covered. What can be even harder is remembering which activities you want to pencil in for next year! Well, grab your planner because here are the staff's picks for stand-out topics:

- **America Recycles Day:** Take a pledge with your class to recycle more! You can host an event or join one, such as the annual event Outreach holds each November.
- **Fall Carnivals:** Does your school host a fall carnival? Add Outreach to your contact list, we'll show up with a fun game and prizes!
- **Earthfest Educators Night:** Hosted in October by Arizona Forward (who does a lot of great [events](#)) this free night is for all teachers to explore environmental education resources.
- **Arizona SciTech Festival:** While the Festival doesn't happen until February & March, AZ SciTech hosts great planning, educational, & networking workshops throughout the fall!
- **ASU School of Sustainability:** Events, conferences, lectures, & more! Special note: The Sustainability Solutions Festival in February.
- **Bench the Bag:** Our most popular program will be back next year! Be on the look out for early registration starting again in October.
- **Treasures 4 Teachers, Household Hazardous Waste/Swap Shop, & The ARC:** These fantastic programs all have materials available for use in the classroom to make your job easier. Explore their websites for more information!

Summertime Science

Teacher Training at The Arizona Center for STEM Teachers



In April Outreach staff was honored with a surprise email from Greg Stafford, physics teacher at Desert Ridge High School. He has invited us to speak at Biosphere 2's Summer Institute, a 13-day journey designed for teachers to enhance & develop their pedagogy and content knowledge in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM). Stafford is on the Educational Committee for the Summer Institute, which takes place on the secluded campus of Biosphere 2. We're ecstatic to share our knowledge on how to engage students & teachers in sustainable education!

If you're not aware of this fantastic opportunity please explore [their website](#) to read more about the program. One of the best parts of this experience is that it comes at no cost to educators. They provide housing, food, activities, etc. Also, all contact hours count as recertification hours, which is about 100-120 for the whole program. It is a hands-on, minds-on inquiry based experience, which is right in line with our vision!

During our portion we plan on expounding on past programs and exploring available resources for sustainable education. Be on the look out this summer for information about our presentation materials being made available online. There's also the potential for a teacher workshop here in Gilbert for our portion for those who are not able to attend!

Make a Splash!

Don't melt the summer away, July is Parks & Rec month

Beat the heat at any of Gilbert's four pools, including the Mesquite Aquatic Center, which is celebrating its 20th Anniversary with a grand re-opening on May 16th! The pool was built in 1994 and has recently undergone some extensive renovation. Celebrations will include free activities, inflatables, and swim lessons for all ages. Other fun events include the Kiddie Carnival at Greenfield Pool, Saturday, June 6th and the Family Pirate Party at Williams Field Pool, Saturday, June 20th.

If swimming isn't your favorite pastime come out and explore the new disc golf course located in Freestone Park! The nine hole course was developed by Gilbert Leadership Class 23. For more information about Parks & Rec Month visit their [webpage!](#)



Don't underestimate the value of
Doing Nothing, of just going along,
listening to all the things you can't
hear, and not bothering.



Pooh's Little Instruction Book,
inspired by A.A. Milne



Treats from Earth Day

Check out how we celebrated our planet during April!



1. Mrs. Tapia's kindergarten class at San Tan Elementary enjoyed a presentation from Outreach about recycling.
2. Houston Elementary's kindergarteners made beautiful artwork for their bulletin board to celebrate Earth Day 2015.
3. Ms. Landers-Mann's class challenged Ms. Flower's class in Earth Day trivia after Coronado Elementary's assembly.
4. Bench the Bag participants received their planters made from recycled plastic bags. We can't wait to see what everyone grows!
5. Outreach held its first annual art calendar contest for 4th grade students. It's going to be hard to choose only 13 winners (one for each month and the cover)!
6. Ms. Lame's class took on Mrs. Braaksma's class in sustainability trivia after Coronado Elementary's assembly, but they both earned some great prizes!

