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Avondale Estrella Mountain Community College offers kids classes

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Estrella Mountain Community [College](#), Thomas and Dysart roads in Avondale, is offering classes for ages 4 through 18 this month and in July.

Topics include art, language, music and dance, science and engineering, child-care and baby-sitting and the culinary arts. Classes start at \$49. Registrations will be taken until the day before classes begin, or until the class is full.

To enhance the Kid's College experience, parents/guardians of younger [students](#) (ages 4-12) will be encouraged to escort their student(s) to and from the classroom, and to remain outside the classroom during class.

Details: 623-935-8888 or estrellamountain.edu/kids.

From classroom to real life

Estrella Mountain Community College students of Matthew Healy demonstrated how their classroom learning applies to real life.

Every semester, Healy incorporates service learning into his classes, challenging his students to use the rhetorical concepts they learn in class to design a real-world campaign for social change.

Using student-designed websites, posters, brochures and fact sheets, 16 students in one of Healy's classes recently raised more than \$1,300 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

On May 4, a second class hosted a student-run carnival to raise [funds](#) for Special Olympics and shared learning about discrimination against those with disabilities.

Estrella Mountain Community College is at Thomas and Dysart roads in Avondale and serves 14,000 students annually.

Details: 623-935-8000 or estrellamountain.edu.

Free cat adoptions

Maricopa County Animal Care and Control has lowered the cost of cat adoptions for the summer.

The adoption fee for cats over 1 year old is being waived. Kittens are \$80. All cats are spayed or neutered, given a 3-in-1 vaccination, and a rabies vaccination (if over three months).

Details: pets.maricopa.gov or 602-506-PETS (7387).

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