

West Valley View

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Agua Fria Clothing Bank provides school uniforms

The Agua Fria Clothing Bank, 405 E. Harrison Drive in Avondale, will provide school uniforms for elementary and middle school pupils in low income families who live west of 83rd Avenue and south of Camelback Road.

Sign-up is from 9 a.m. to noon through Friday. Requirements at time of sign-up include the pupil's birth certificate, proof of attending school and proof of address.

Buckeye District offers summer program

The Buckeye Elementary District is offering a full-time summer program for children ages 3 to 12. It will focus on science discovery and feature hands-on activities.

The program is suitable for pupils who are in need of extended school year, and to provide care for children of working parents.

Registration is open. Tuition rates are \$100 a week for full-time participants and \$50 a week for part-time.

For information, contact Sarah Neil at 623-925-3333 or sneil@besd.k12.az.us.

Trinity Lutheran School holding summer program

Trinity Lutheran School, 830 E. Plaza Circle, is holding an academic summer school open to the public. Enrollment is through May 25. A fee is required.

The math program will run from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. June 20 to July 1 and July 11-22. The language arts program runs the same dates from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

For information, call 623-935-4690 or email mcooney@TrinityLCS.org.

Host families needed for 2011-12 school year

A local non-profit exchange program is looking for West Valley families to host international exchange students for the 2011-12 school year.

The teenage students come from more than 30 countries and will attend local high schools. The students have their own spending money and insurance. Host families are responsible for meals, a place to sleep and a nurturing environment.

STS Foundation has an experienced local coordinator who will supervise the student and support the family throughout the school year.

For information, contact Lorie Ray at 480-251-9346 or info@stsfoundation.org.

Goddard School offers kindergarten program

The Goddard School, 4320 N. School Hill Road in Buckeye, is offering a private kindergarten program.

Program hours will be 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, beginning Aug. 8. Half- and full-day schedules will be available.

Pupils will receive individualized instruction from a state-certified teacher, made possible by the small class sizes, which are limited to 15 children.

The Goddard School offers a program for children ages 6 weeks to 6 years, which focuses on building a strong and balanced foundation of emotional, social, cognitive and physical skills for each child.

For information or to schedule a tour of the school, call Nicole Bigham at 623-255-3290.

McDonald's donates money to 9 schools

The McDonald's at 2915 S. 99th Ave. raised \$3,700 for nine local elementary schools in the Littleton, Tolleson, Litchfield and Fowler districts.

The restaurant hosted a "McTeacher's Night Challenge" fundraising event in April and May as part of its grand opening celebration.

Tres Rios Elementary won the challenge by raising the most money with its fundraiser and received an additional \$1,000. The school will use the money to purchase a sun shade for the drop-off area.

Host families needed for French students in July

Local families are needed to host French high school students for a three-week stay in July. The exchange to Arizona is sponsored by ATIL-CCL, a student exchange program based out of Paris and Lyon in France. Volunteer host families (with teenagers optional, but preferred) are needed to provide a true Arizona experience.

The French students want to improve their English, learn about the state, discover the American culture and share in an American family experience.

For information, contact Randy and Frym Hare at 623-561-2656, 623-826-4330 or arizonastudentexchange.com.

EMCC offers summer youth classes

Estrella Mountain Community College is offering a variety of summer classes for young people ages 4 to 18.

Class topics include art, language, music, dance, science, engineering, babysitting and the culinary arts.

Classes begin in June and fees start at \$49. Registrations are open until the day before classes begin, or until the class is full.

For more information, call 623-535-2800 or visit www.estrellamountain.edu/kids. Registration can be done at the EMCC campus or by phone at 623-935-8888. Payment is required at the time of registration.

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