

CGCS Newsletter

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PARENT TEACHER STUDENT CONFERENCES

We will have conferences for students in grades K-12 on November 21st & 22nd. All of the conferences will be scheduled based on dates you supplied to the teacher. If you don't know your scheduled time, please email the teacher to find out. School will be dismissed at 1:30 on both days, with conferences starting as early as 1:30. All parents & students will go to the classroom for the conferences at their assigned time. You do not need to check in at the office. Please be on time for your conference as they are scheduled back-to-back every 15 min. All students must attend the conference with their parents. Students in grades 8-12 who are failing or near failing will be scheduled for conferences as well by Mr. Jones.

THANKSGIVING FEAST

On Wednesday Nov. 24, we will be having a Thanksgiving Feast in every classroom. Students will help provide the potluck for the classes. We will take time to share what we are thankful for and spend time as a class building community and a sense of belonging. Please do not send a packed lunch or lunch money that day. All students will eat the Thanksgiving Feast together as a class. Information about donations will be going home on Nov. 8th. This is a memorable event for students and staff, thank you for donating to this event.

WEBSITES FOR STATE TEST PRACTICE

Students in 3rd – 8th and 10th grade will be doing state testing this spring. The website below will help your child prepare for these tests.

<https://home.testnav.com/> - choose Arizona and then click on Mic Check & Sample Tests at the bottom to do practice tests for the new Arizona State Testing AASA and AzSci.

We will be using computers to take the state tests this year so the more practice your child has using a computer to take the tests, the more prepared they will be. We will also be assigning classes time in our computer lab to get familiar with the tools needed to succeed on these tests.

FUN FRIDAYS

Every Friday, students can Dress Down their shirts and shoes for \$1 for each item. Dress Down includes Non-School T-shirts and Crocks or White shoes instead of school regulation shoes. Wednesday Dress Down is limited to shirts only.

SCHOOL TAX CREDIT FORM

Forms are available in the school office. The last day to donate for the 2022 tax return season is December 31, 2022. This is a great donation to help with your child's school and your child's trip at the end of the school year. The limit is \$200 for filing single and \$400 for married couples. Ask friends and family to donate too – the donation is deducted from what you owe the state in taxes or added to what you get back from the state in taxes.

EDUCATION & CAREER ACTION PLAN (ECAP)

All high school students have an ECAP plan that helps each child plan for post high school. Each child has login information with a user name & password. The website is www.azciscareers.org. Juniors should begin to take their ACT or SAT exams this year if they are planning to attend a 4-year college post high school. Dates and places are available on the website and students do take some exams on campus. Contact Mr. Jones regarding any questions related to testing and your child's ECAP plan. Bobby.jones@cgcsaz.com

WINTERFEST – DEC 9

Evening Event for the whole family! Students can buy wristbands for games and activities at each classroom and around campus. Pictures with Santa will also be available. Holiday performances by K-4 classes and some clubs will conclude the evening.

FREE EVENT – PARENT UNIVERSITY – Nov. 15

"Family First Series 1: Tech"[knowledge](#)"

Join us on Tuesday evening, Nov. 15th from 7-9 PM. This is a **FREE** event for parents, no students under the age of 14 allowed to attend. We will explore "Insights into the "tech" world your children are living in today and hidden dangers to be aware of, for their safety and wellbeing"

Parents/Guardians who attend will get \$25.00 off their child's E.E.L.S expedition for grades 3-12, and \$10.00 off K-2 expeditions, OR a free school uniform T-Shirt. (One discount for each parent/guardian who attended).

E.E.L.S QUALIFICATION LETTERS WENT HOME

Trips are happening!!! Start saving your money!!!

Important Dates

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| Nov 1 | Report Cards go home K-8 Picture Retake Day |
| Nov 3,4 | Movie Madness for K-4 and 5-12 students |
| Nov 10 | FREE Game Day 5 th -7 th Early Dismissal KG: 1PM, 1 st -12 th : 1:30PM |
| Nov 11,14 | No School – Veteran's Day |
| Nov 15 | Parent University – FREE EVENT 7PM |
| Nov 17 | FREE Game Day 8 th – 12 th |
| Nov 18 | Western Days Field Event K-12 |
| Nov 21,22 | 9AM Honor Roll Assembly for Q1 Parent/Student Teacher Conferences Early Dismissal KG: 1PM, 1 st -12 th : 1:30PM |
| Nov 24 | Thanksgiving Feast |
| Nov 24, 25 | No School – Thanksgiving |
| Nov 29 | Dance K-12 - \$5 – At the Movies Theme |