

**Country Gardens Charter School**  
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**August 10, 2016**

**WELCOME!**

We are glad you chose Country Gardens as the school for your child. If you have any concerns or questions about your child please contact your child's teacher at (602) 237-3741.

**TRUANCY/SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

Any student who is between the ages of six and sixteen must be in school. Truant means a child who has missed school for at least five school days/periods within a school year or exceeds 10% of the school days, which is 18 days for our school. There is a \$50.00 diversion fee if students are cited. If students are cited you will need to report to court with your child. Students who miss 20 days of school will be retained. Please help get your child to school. **Students will receive free ice cream on Fridays if they are not absent all week. Please make appointments for Wednesday afternoons so students do not miss school. Call the office by 8:30 AM if your student is absent for the day.**

**PARENTS DRIVING TO SCHOOL**

If you are dropping off/picking up students please pull up to the curb and have your child exit or enter the car quickly. This will help with the flow of traffic. If you need to leave your vehicle you must park in the designated areas. All kindergarten parents need to park to pick up your child. This is for the safety of all students. If your child arrives after 8:00 AM you must check in the office with your child.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Please make sure that your child brings in their school supplies. K-8 students need to buy reading journals. They can be purchased from the office for \$3.00 and are needed for their weekly homework assignments. Students need supplies so that they can complete their class work and homework. All students in grades K-3 must buy a Country Gardens tote for homework. These are available in the office for \$5.00.

**RESUMES OF CURRENT STAFF**

These are available in the office for our current staff. Please notify the Principal if you would like to see them.

**Check the school website for info:www.cgcsaz.com**

**E.E.L.S. PROGRAM**

Experiential Education on Land N' Sea (E.E.L.S. Program) is a program available to all students in grades K-12. To qualify for the trips students must meet the following criteria:

1. Have good attendance and not miss more than 3 days for the first 100 days. That is 97% attendance.
2. No school suspensions.
3. Homework turned in at 90%. Including reading journals.
4. Have a good attitude and be trustworthy.
5. Attend all state testing.

**LABELING STUDENT ITEMS**

Labeling your child's lunch bags and personal items will help if your child loses an item.

**SCHOOL LUNCHEES AND BREAKFAST**

Country Gardens does not offer free or reduced prices for lunches. Students in grades K-2 can eat for \$2.00. Older students should bring \$2.00 - \$3.00 depending on their choice of items. Students can not bring soda to school in their lunches. We do not have microwaves to heat up student lunches.

**STUDENT HANDBOOK**

Students will be bringing home the copy of the handbook for you to preview and sign. Please have your child return the forms to their classroom teacher to attend zoo lab, barnyard, horsemanship and use the computers in class. Due by August 15, 2016.

**TUTORING**

Tutoring will be for students who qualify. Information will be sent home with your child if they need to attend tutoring during the school year.

***Important Dates***

<b>August 29</b>	<b>Clubs begin. No transportation. Gr. 7-12</b>
<b>August 31</b>	<b>Open Conferences 1:30—4:00 PM K-12 To meet with your child's teacher. No appointments. 10 minute conferences.</b>
<b>August 22-26</b>	<b>Dibels testing for grades K-3</b>
<b>September 5</b>	<b>Labor Day No School</b>
<b>September 16</b>	<b>School Pictures—must wear school shirts</b>
<b>September 21</b>	<b>Title I Meeting 5:45 - 6:30 PM Open House 6:30 - 7:30 PM</b>

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Students:

Welcome to Country Gardens! We are glad that you are here to assist with your child's education. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher (s) if you have any concerns regarding your child.

Please take time to review the student handbook with your child. As a reminder all students must wear a school shirt or trip shirt daily unless there is notification of a special event. Jackets must zip unless a trip jacket. Be sure that students are adhering to the dress code in the handbook. Students may pay \$1.00 to wear another t-shirt on Wednesdays all year that is not a school shirt. This money is used for the school trips, playground and structured recreation equipment.

Please assist the office with calling the office for only emergencies to relay to students. Please inform your child if they should ride the bus or be picked up daily before they come to school. If you do not call the office by 3:00 PM your child will be placed on the bus or by noon for Wednesdays.

As a reminder students may not use cell phones on the bus or at school. All students must turn off their cell phones once they enter the bus in the morning. All students turn in their cell phones during the school day. The phones must remain off during the ride home on the bus. They may turn on their cell phone when they exit the bus at the end of the day. Phones in the office will be used if you need to be contacted. There will be suspensions for students who use their cell phones during school hours and on the bus. Please review with your child the importance of turning in their cell phone daily.

Students will be using computers that are placed in each classroom. Remind your child that he/she must adhere to the appropriate use of technology and return the student handbook pages to use a school computer.

For the safety of all students and staff no adults are allowed past the front and middle gates during school hours. We will have these gates open during Open Conferences and special events.

We will be having an Open House Wednesday, September 21 from 6:30—7:30 PM to showcase what the students are learning. A Title I Informational Meeting will be in room 13 to discuss the Title I program at Country Gardens on September 21 from 5:45 - 6:30 PM. This meeting is open to all parents/guardians.

Thank you for your support. We are excited for another great year!

Mrs. Gerber, Principal