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GREAT JOB ANDREW!

Andrew Mendez is a current junior at Country Gardens. Andrew exceeded the scores in reading, writing and math for AIMS testing in high school. He is the first student at Country Gardens to pass all three assessments with exceeds on the first try as a sophomore! Andrew plans to attend Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff.

HIGH SCHOOL AIMS TESTING

High school students who need to pass AIMS to graduate will take the assessments October 26-28 in reading, writing and math.

TUTORING

This is available each Thursday after school from 3:30 - 4:30 PM for reading and math. Parents pick up students at the front of the school.

SPEECH SERVICES

Marissa Nile is our speech teacher for the school year. Please call the school if you need to reach her for any reason. She is at school on Thursday.

READING JOURNAL

The students need to turn in their reading journals on Wednesday for grades K-8 as part of their homework. Please help raise reading test scores by reading with your child nightly. Journals are available in the office. The cost is \$3.00.

DRESS CODE REMINDERS

Students must wear solid black or brown shoes daily. If students choose to wear two shirts the school shirt must be worn at all times including the bus. The shirt under their school shirt must be a plain color shirt or another school shirt. Students cannot be on campus or the bus without their school shirt. Students in grades K-8 may not color their hair or wear any make-up. Thank you for your support.

BUS BEHAVIOR

The bus is a continuation of the school day. Students will be suspended from the bus for being disruptive. Students need to make good choices and may lose their trip with a bus suspension.

BOOK BLAST/CELEBRATION OF LITERATURE

Book blast is on Friday, October 29. Students can wear a costume to school on this date. The students dress as a character of a book. No weapons are allowed with the costume. Please let students be creative. This is not a Halloween event. Students then decorate a cover of a book on a large sheet cake with their class and display the cake for all classes to see. Students in grades 5-12 do an oral report/dramatization on a book they have read. More information will be sent home on donations for the event. At the end of the day the students get to eat the cake.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Parents are doing a great job of having students exit and enter the cars quickly. Make sure you drive up to the curb or continue to park in the field for pick up and drop off. Please do not leave your car unattended if you are in the red zone. Parents of kindergarten students must park in the field if they are leaving their car unattended.

ATTENDANCE

The school participates in the CUTS program. Parents and students may be cited if your child is not attending school. After 5 unexcused absences notification will be sent to parents.

AUTOMATED CALL SYSTEM

You will be called if your child is absent daily by a new automated system. Please call the office by 8:30 AM if your child is absent. The system will also call if there are any transportation issues. Please call the office with any phone number changes.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences will be held November 22- 23 for all students. School will be dismissed at 1:00 PM on these dates. Come prepared with your questions. More information will be sent home the first week of November.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 11- 15	Fall Break No School
October 20	Open Conferences 1:00 - 4:00 PM
October 29	Book Blast
November 2	School Pictures
November 5	Report Cards Home K-8
November 11	Veteran's Day No School
November 17-23	Book Fair