

Country Gardens Charter School
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PERFORMING PLUS SCHOOL

Thanks to all of the students at Country Gardens. We are a Performing Plus school. We scored enough points to be Excelling but must have a certain percentage of students each year for three years to exceed in the areas of reading and writing to be an Excelling school.

TITLE I MEETING OCTOBER 27 AT 4:30 PM

There will be a Title I meeting for students who qualify for Title I intervention services on Thursday, October 27 from 4:30—5:30 PM. We will discuss the student selection process, purpose and goals of the program, the rights of the Title I student, activities related to Title I, communication and opportunities for feedback and input about the program, and strategies to support your child's education. Students will be supervised in another classroom so that you can attend the meeting.

BOOK BLAST

All students in grades K-12 are encouraged to participate in Book Blast on Monday, October 31. Students need to wear a costume of their favorite book character to school. This costume must be school appropriate. Students in the class will guess which character your child has chosen. Supplies for the cake decorating for the cover of their class book is due October 28. Students will decorate a cake and then eat the cake at the end of the day. All students in grades 3-12 will do oral book reports of their character. Students will be graded on their report and character costume. Students who do not dress up must be in school uniform.

LABELING STUDENT ITEMS

Please remember to label student lunch bags, coats and other items. Students must wear a jacket that zips up and may wear a solid color long sleeve shirt under their school shirt as the weather gets cooler. Students must wear a school shirt and black or brown shoes with brown or black shoe laces daily.

INTERVENTION AFTER SCHOOL

Due to funding cuts we will only offer assistance after school for math and reading on Thursdays until 4:30PM. October 24 is the last Monday.

AIMS TESTING FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Students who need to pass the AIMS assessments in 11th and 12th grade will take these tests on October 25 –27. Please make sure your child is on time to school for these dates. Students who graduate in 2012 and qualify will receive a full in state tuition scholarship. Any student who qualifies in 2013 and beyond will receive a 25% in state tuition scholarship. Students must exceed all three areas of the AIMS assessments in reading, writing and math and maintain a B average in all coursework. A passing score on SAT or ACT is needed for graduates 2013 and beyond.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

You will soon receive notices on attending parent teacher conferences on November 21 - 22. Students will get out of school all week November 21 - 23 at 1:00 PM. We will try to accommodate your requests and schedule multiple children after each other. Please plan to attend these conferences so that you can help your child at home.

RACE DAY

Mark your calendars for November 18. Parents/Guardians are invited to attend.

| <i>Important Dates</i> | |
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| October 25 –27 | High School AIMS 11th and 12th |
| October 27 | Title I Meeting 4:30 - 5:30 Room 6 |
| October 26 | Open Conferences 1:15 - 4:00 PM |
| October 31 | Book Blast No Intervention After School |
| November 2 | End of First Grading Period |
| November 4 | Report Cards Home Grades K-8 |
| November 11 | Veteran's Day No School |
| November 21 - 22 | Parent Teacher Conferences Dismissal at 1:00 PM |

