

February 1, 2012

After School Tutoring

This is available for all students in grades 1-8 on Tuesdays starting February 7 for math and reading until April 10. This is to assist students with help to pass the state Assessments in April. Students who have not passed the AIMS for the 2010-11 school year will be provided tutoring on Thursdays. Students must attend tutoring if on a retention plan. Tutoring is free and will be from 3:30 - 4:30 PM. Parents must pick up students at the front of the school.

Conferences with Parents in February

We will be scheduling conferences with parents of students who are not at grade level and are being sent letters regarding possible retention. These will be scheduled on February 15. Students need to attend the conferences with parents.

Sadie Hawkins on February 14

On Tuesday, February 14 the students in grades 6-12 will be having a Sadie Hawkins dance from 2:00 - 3:15 PM. Students will need to pay \$3.00 to attend the dance. If they do not want to attend the dance they will be in a classroom doing an alternative activity.

All students K-12 may donate a \$1.00 on February 14 to wear a pink or red shirt that is not a school shirt. This money will be used for a high school fundraiser for the Prom. Students must still wear school shoes. Money will be collected on February 14. No spaghetti straps allowed.

AIMS Testing for 10th Grade

All 10th grade students will be tested on February 28 for Writing and February 29 for Reading. On April 10 students will take the AIMS Math assessment. Students must pass the assessments in reading, writing and math to graduate. Students must exceed in all three areas by the end of their junior year to qualify for the high honors scholarship.

This is the criteria for the scholarship:

1. Exceed all three areas in reading, writing and math by end of their junior year.
2. ACT score of 28-36 or SAT 1 score of 1300- 1600.
3. Complete core 16 courses and must get grades of A or B in all courses.
4. GPA of 3.5 or be in top 5% of high school graduating class.

The scholarship will be to reduce the scholarship amount to 25% of tuition to the three state universities.

Arizona State Testing

All students in grades 2-9 will be tested April 16 - 20. Please do not make appointments during this week. All students must take the state assessments.

Students in grades 2 and 9 will be taking the Stanford 10 and grades 3-8 will be taking the AIMS assessments.

Lost and Found

Make sure you label your child's jackets. Have your child check for missing clothing outside of the front office.

Re-enrollment Forms

These will be sent home for any student who attends Country Gardens at this time on February 8. Please make sure you return these forms by the March 2 deadline so your enrollment can be reserved for the 2012-2013 school year. Open enrollment for new students to Country Gardens will begin on March 12.

Students in 8th grade must finish the school year to qualify for high school enrollment. High school fills up quickly so please get your enrollment paperwork returned by the dead-

IMPORTANT DATES	
February 1	Second Grading Period/Semester Ends
February 3	Report Cards/Grades Go Home K-12
February 8	Reenrollment forms go home, due March 2 Open Conferences 1:15 - 4:00 PM
February 14	Sadie Hawkins Dance Grades 6-12 Valentine's Day Parties K-5/2:30 - 3:30 PM
February 15	Retention Conferences 1:15 - 4:00 PM
February 20	No School President's Day
February 28	AIMS Writing testing for High School
February 29	AIMS Reading testing for High School
March 2	Re-enrollment forms due for 2012-2013
March 7	Open Conferences 1:15 - 4:00 PM
March 9	Deficiency Notices
March 12-23	Spring Break