

Country Gardens Charter School
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WELCOME TO COUNTRY GARDENS!

We are a “B” school according to the Arizona Department of Education. Thank you students and parents for making this your school of choice. This will be our 13th year. Please check on the school website for current information about the school.

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.**

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 field. All kindergarten parents need to park in the field for dismissal and use the cross walk. Staff will be present at 7:45 AM to supervise students on campus. School begins at 8:00 AM. 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. All 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.

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.

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%.
4. Have a good attitude and be trustworthy.
5. Attend all state testing in April.

LABELING STUDENT ITEMS

Labeling your child’s lunch bags will help if your child loses an item.

SCHOOL LUNCHES AND BREAKFAST

Country Gardens does not offer free or reduced prices for lunches. Students in grades K-2 can eat for \$1.50. Older students should bring \$2.00 - \$3.00 depending on their choice of items. Your child may eat in the classroom the first few weeks of school until the weather cools down. Students can not bring soda to school in their 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.

TUTORING/CLUBS

Tutoring will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 4:30 PM for students in grades 1-High School. Clubs will be offered on Monday and Thursday. You must pick up your child.

Important Dates

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| August 16 | Open House 6:00 - 8:00 PM; K-12 |
| September 4 | Tutoring begins 3:30-4:30 PM No bussing provided. Grades 1-12 |
| September 3 | Labor Day—No School |
| September 12 | Open Conferences 1:15 - 4:00 PM |
| September 14 | Deficiency Notices for students who are not working at grade level |