

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. 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. Please call the office by 8:30 AM if your student will be absent.**

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. Kindergarten begins at 8:30 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 \$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 specials starting August 12.

TUTORING

Tutoring will be every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30-4:30 PM for students in grades 1-High School. This will begin on September 10 and end May 15. Please be on time to pick up your child at the front office.

Important Dates

September 2	Labor Day—No School
September 4	Open Conferences 1:15 - 4:00 PM K-12 for all Parent/Guardians
September 10	Tutoring begins 3:30-4:30 PM No bussing provided. Grades 1-12
September 13	Deficiency Notices for students who are not working at grade level

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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. Be sure that students are adhering to the dress code in the handbook.

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. Red, yellow and purple busses will not be held up so that students can be called to the office for dismissal. These busses must leave on time so that additional routes are on time.

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. Students may use school phones in the office for any phone calls that need to be made during the school day. 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 in September to showcase what the students are learning. Thank you for your support. We are excited for another great year!

Mrs. Gerber, Principal