

**Country Gardens Charter School**  
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**December 1, 2017**

**McKinney -Vento Homeless Assistance Act**

The school is responsible for ensuring that homeless youth have access to the same, free appropriate public education it provides other children. If your family situation has changed to one of the following situations please contact Mrs. Gerber; living in a motel or campground, in a car, park, or doubled up with another family due to loss of housing or economic hardship.

**Tax Credit Donations**

**DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 31, 2017**

In Arizona you can donate up to \$400.00 per married couple to a public school. Single or head of household can donate up to \$200.00. This money will support extracurricular activities such as clubs, field trips, and tutoring. You will be given a tax credit toward your Arizona taxes. Forms are available in the office. You will need to provide the receipt to your accountant. Thank you for your donations!

**Cell Phones**

As a reminder students may not have their cell phone out during the school day, which also includes the bus, before and after school on school grounds. Please remind your child to check in their cell phone daily. If a cell phone is used on campus, or on the bus it will be confiscated for 30 days. Students who misuse cell phones on campus may not bring them back for the remainder of the school year. Only students who ride the bus are allowed a cell phone at school.

**Asbestos Awareness**

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires all public elementary schools to inspect for asbestos containing materials in school buildings and submit a report (Management Plan) to the State of Arizona. The Country Gardens Charter School plan is located in the front office.

**Gingerbread Houses**

Please remember to send in a box of graham crackers and items. K-7 students will be making these December 7.

**Lost and Found**

Make sure your child checks for lost items. Items left will be donated over the December break. Label jackets and lunch bags. There are a lot of clothes in the office. Please check during Winter Fest for lost items.

**Dress Code Reminder** Students must wear a jacket that zips, purchase a CGCS sweatshirt or students may wear a trip sweatshirt.

**Winterfest/December 8**

This event is for the whole family. Students will be able to purchase tickets for 25 cents to play games hosted by classrooms. The classrooms will set up their gingerbread houses. Students may take home their gingerbread houses as they leave. There will be food for sale and pictures with Santa. Students must dress in their school uniforms for the event, unless they are performing. Steel drums will be performing. Grades K-4 will also be performing at Winterfest.

**Only families and siblings may attend. No outside guests unless they graduated from CGCS.**

**Performances at Winterfest**

Students in grades K-4, drama and dance club will be performing at Winterfest. All K-4 students report to the WILDS at 7:50 PM to perform. Booths will all close at 7:50 PM. The performance will begin at 8:00 PM. Gates will open at 7:45 PM for parents.

**Deficiency Notices for Grades K-8**

These notices will be sent home on Friday, December 8 if your child is not passing and not completing homework. These are not sent home for all students.

**Road Closure starts November 27**

As a reminder there is construction until March 2018. Southern avenue will be closed. You must access the school from Baseline or Broadway.

<i><b>Important Dates</b></i>	
<b>December 1</b>	<b>Grades 7-12 Movie</b>
<b>December 6</b>	<b>Grades 6-12 reward for homework</b>
<b>December 8</b>	<b>Winterfest 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM 12:30 Dismissal K, 1:00 Grade 1-12 Grades K-4, Dance Club and Drama Club Perform at 8:00 PM in the WILDS. Deficiency notices for students not at grade level and students not doing their homework.</b>
<b>December 13</b>	<b>Grades K-5 reward for homework</b>
<b>December 14</b>	<b>Winter Wonderland Christmas Dance/Activities \$5.00</b>
<b>December 15</b>	<b>Holiday events in the classrooms 12:30 Dismissal K, 1:00 Grade 1-12</b>
<b>January 3</b>	<b>Students return from Winter Break</b>