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# December 1, 2020

#### 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. (623)900-2230.

# <u>Tax Credit Donations</u> DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 31, 2020

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, your child's field trip, 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. No headphones are allowed either. Please remind your child to check in their cell phone daily.

#### **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 donated items. All students will be making these December 10. Items are due by December 9. Students will take these home on December 11. Gingerbread houses make a great holiday decoration.

#### **Contact Information**

Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions regarding your child. Teachers check their emails daily. Leave a phone number and best time to call you. Teachers will do their best to reach you within 24 hours.

# Tutoring—last day is December 8 for 2020!

You will receive a letter for tutoring, if your child qualifies to start again on January 19 until March 9, 2021.

# **Deficiency Notices for Grades K-8**

These notices will be sent home on Friday, December 15 if your child is not passing and not completing homework. These are not sent home for all students.

#### **Homework over Winter Break**

All students will have assigned reading and math homework over the Christmas break. Please make sure that your child is reading over the holiday break.

# **Health Checks Daily for Your Child**

As a reminder check your child for any signs of illness and do not send your child to school if they feel ill. Call the office if your child is absent by 9:00 AM.

# Winterfest on December 11

We will be unable to hold Winterfest this year. We want to keep all of our students and families healthy over the holiday season.

# **Distance Learning Studetns**

As a reminder teachers must grade all work for students who are doing distance learning. If you have any questions regarding your child's grade contact your child's teacher (s). Students must be in –person by January 29 for second semester. Please notify the office by January 22 of your decision. Students will continue with packets for distance learning and designated Zoom times.

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| December 9                          | Important Dates Gingerbread house donations due  |
| December 10                         | Gingerbread houses K-12  |
| December 11                         | Students will bring home<br>Gingerbread houses<br>Early Dismissal 1:00 Kindergarten<br>1:30 Grades 1-12    |
| December 14                         | Picture Retakes  |
| December 15                         | Packet Drop off and Pick Up<br>Deficiency Notices Grades K-8   |
| December 18                         | Holiday events in the classrooms<br>1:00 Dismissal K, 1:30 Grades 1-12<br>Last day before winter break     |
| January 4                           | Students return from Winter Break  |
| January 19                          | Tutoring starts until March 9, 2021  |
| January 22                          | Parents must notify the office if students are returning to in –person learning. Students start January 29 |