

CGCS Newsletter

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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 to other children. If your family situation has changed to one of the following situations, please contact our front office; 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

AZ TAX CREDIT DONATIONS

DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 31, 2024 but office hours subject to change so Dec. 20th is last guaranteed open office hours.

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. Donations can be made via cash or check at the front office. Thank you for your donations!

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 a box of graham crackers AND donated decorating items. All students will be making these on Dec. 12th and will be able to take them home after Winterfest on Dec. 13th – *Anyone not bringing items will not participate. Items due by Tues. Dec. 10th.*

WINTERFEST IS DECEMBER 13th – FREE EVENT

This event is for the whole family from 6PM till 9PM. **8PM K-6 Program is FREE.** Prior to program, families will be able to purchase \$20 wristbands to participate in extra games and activities, or for free, walk around the campus and see classrooms. Refreshments will be sold in the café. You can visit the classrooms to see the gingerbread houses and play games set up at each teachers' classroom. **Only families and siblings may attend. No outside guests unless they graduated 12th grade from CGCS. Non-alumni will be turned away at the front gate. Students should be dressed appropriately for their performances and school event.**

DRESS CODE REMINDER

Students are not allowed to wear crocks, sandals, or slippers. Students must have on a school **shirt every day** for school. No PJs or blankets allowed at school. Students may still wear trip shirts in lieu of school shirts but shirt must show a logo of the venue they visited and was purchased on the trip.

PERFORMANCES AT WINTERFEST

Students in grades K-6/7 will perform at Winterfest, along with our Theater Club and Music Club. Booths for the K-6 classrooms will close at 7:45 and all other booths will close at 8PM. Performances will start at 8PM. Students in K-6 need to wear Christmas attire, red, green, or both. (appropriate for event and cold weather)

CELL PHONE REMINDER

Cell phones are not allowed on campus and may not be used while riding the bus or school vans. Bus riders must check their phones in DAILY to the cell phone cart.

Important Dates

Dec 6	Move Madness K-1 & 2-4 class
Dec 10	Gingerbread house supplies due Movie Madness 5-8 Gr. FREE Game Day 9-12 Gr.
Dec. 12	Gingerbread Houses all grades
Dec 13	Winterfest 6PM-9PM Early Dismissal 1PM KG, 1:30PM 1st – 12th
Dec 17	Christmas Event – All Grades
Dec 18	Staff Christmas Party – Office closes At 2PM
Dec 19	Movie Madness 9-12 Gr. FREE Game Day 5-8 Gr.
Dec 20	Christmas Parties K-6, Gift Exchange All Grades Early Dismissal 1PM KG, 1:30PM 1st – 12th
Dec 23 – Jan 3	Winter Break – No School

Enjoy your Winter Break!!
Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year!

See you on Jan. 6th when we return from break.