

CGCS Newsletter

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VALENTINE'S DAY ACTIVITIES ON FEB. 14

Class parties for grades KG – 5th during the last hour of the day. Students are encouraged to bring a valentine for each student in the class – teachers will be sending home class lists with FIRST NAMES only. You may also send in snacks/candy but it must be store purchased and unopened. Please do not send RED drinks of any kind.

VALENTINE DANCE FEB 16

Valentine Dance is for all grades. Students will attend with their class. \$5 to attend the dance with concessions and fun items sold too. Students can dress up as long as clothing is school appropriate.

SPRING TUTORING HAS STARTED

Spring tutoring has started. Letters inviting students to attend tutoring when home the week of Jan. 22nd. If your child received an invitation to tutoring, please send that invitation back signed so your child can stay or the tutoring program. The last day of tutoring is March 7th.

RE-ENROLLMENT FORMS FOR 23-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Re-enrollment forms will be going home soon and will need to be turned in as soon as they are received. These forms ensure a spot for your child in our 23-24 school year. You must complete a re-enrollment form for each student planning to return. If you are unsure if your child is returning, we recommend still turning in a form to hold their spot but notify us as soon as a decision is made so that we can release that spot if necessary.

EELS (EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION ON LAND N' SEA)

Our high school students are leaving for Costa Rica on Feb. 2nd. For 3 weeks our students will be experiencing the food, culture, and customs of Costa Rica while also studying the plant and wildlife of the Costa Rica Rain Forest at our Country Gardens Research Station.

Other big excursions this year:

3rd & 4th – Grand Canyon

5th – 7th – Bus trip to Northern Arizona and New Mexico

8th – 12th – Bus trip to the Pacific Northwest

Letters of invitation went out to all eligible students in the last few weeks. If you are at all interest in your child attending one of these trips, it is time to start putting down deposits. Space is limited. Trip costs are outlines in the letters sent home with eligible students.

ECAP (Education and Career Action Plan)

Every high school student has developed a plan for post high school. Visit <http://www.azed.gov/ecap> for helpful links, interest inventories, and scholarships. Speak to Mr. Jones if you have any questions regarding your child's ECAP plan.

APRIL IS STANDARDIZED TEST MONTH

The first 2 weeks of April

Grades 3-8 will take Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment – AASA. Our school will be doing paper/pencil testing for the AASA.

Grades 5, 8, and 11 will take the Arizona Science Test - AzSCI

Grade 11 will be taking the ACT Parts 1 and 2. Our school will be doing computer-based testing for the ACT.

Grade 9 will be taking the ACTAspire. Our school will be doing computer-based testing for the ACTAspire.

Please make sure that you provide a healthy breakfast for your child during testing. We will still serve breakfast on test days but the café will close right at 8AM so that students can get to class on time to test. Students will be taking assessments in writing, reading and math for AASA. Alpha Society members must maintain passing scores and new students must pass these assessments to qualify for Alpha Society. Lunches will work on a modified schedule and students will not be able to get money from siblings during testing, make sure each student has their own lunch or lunch money.

Important Dates

Feb 2	Students Leave for Costa Rica
Feb 2	Movie Madness K-1 & 2nd-3/4 class
Feb 9	Movie Madness 4/5 class – 8th Free Game Day Gr. 9-12
Feb 14	Valentine's Day Parties Gr. K-5
Feb 16	Valentines Dance – All Grades \$5
Feb 23	Students Return from Costa Rica Movie Madness 9th-12th Free Game Day 5 th – 8th