

CGCS Newsletter

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VALENTINE'S DAY ACTIVITIES ON FEB. 13

Class parties KG–5th: last hour of the day. Students are encouraged to bring a valentine for each student in the class – just have your child sign the FROM portion of the valentine. You may also send in snacks/candy- store bought/unopened. Please do not send RED drinks of any kind.

VALENTINES DAY EVENT FEB 13

Valentines Day Event: KG – 5th: Booths, games, activities.
Valentine Dance 6th–12th – School appropriate music/booths.
\$5 to attend with concessions and fun items sold, too.

All Students are to be in School Uniform – (no dresses/skirts allowed for grades 5th-12th grades!!!)

RE-ENROLLMENT FORMS FOR 26-27 SCHOOL YEAR

Re-enrollment forms will be going home soon and need to be turned in as soon as they are received. These forms ensure a spot for your child in our 26-27 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)

KG – Wildlife World Zoo-April
1st grade– OdySea Aquarium-April
2nd grade– Phoenix Zoo-April
3rd & 4th grades – Tombstone, AZ (The Wild West)-April
5th – 7th grades –Pacific Northwest: April17-24
8th – 12th grades: New York City, New England states, Niagara Falls, Canada and all the states in between!
May 1-May 19
10th-11th grades: Costa Rica Rainforest Feb 10-27th
12th grade: Belize: Mayan Ruins & Coral Reefs
March 31-April 8

Award Letters went home Feb.2-3rd. Space is limited. A \$500 deposit is required by March 6th to secure your child's spot on the trip and additional payments can be made up until two weeks prior to the trip date. Alternates that get in their deposits early, have first chance to take the place of an eligible student that cannot attend. Don't miss an opportunity of a lifetime to explore our great country and learn History, Science and geology. Mrs. Burge and teachers attend all trips for your child's education and safety.

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.

AZ STATE TESTS: MARCH 30-APRIL 10

Grades 3-8 will take Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment – AASA. Our school will be doing paper/pencil testing for the AASA starting March 30th.

Grades 5, 8, and 11 will take the Arizona Science Test – AzSCI the first and second weeks of April.

Grade 11 will be taking the ACT Parts 1 and 2. Our school will be doing computer-based testing for the ACT on April 7.

Grade 9 will be taking the ACTAspire. Our school will be doing computer-based testing for the ACTAspire on April 2.

Please do not schedule vacations, doctor appointments or any other events during this two-week block so that all students can test with their classes. The state requires that all students in 3rd – 8th grade participate in these tests.

Important Dates

Feb 6 Movie Madness K-1 & 2nd-5th grs.
Feb 13 Valentine's Day Event – All Grades
KG – 5th Gr. Class Valentine Exchange
Feb 20 Movie Madness 6th – 8th Gr.
Game Day 9th – 12th Gr.
Feb 27 Movie Madness 9th – 12th Gr.
Game Day 6th – 8th Gr.
March 9-20 Spring Break – No School
March 30 – April 10 AZ State Testing – students need to attend school every day.

College of Science & Education

College Course Scholarships Awarded to:

10th Grade: Wyatt Oliver, Ryder Collins
11th Grade: Jonathan Andrews, Zen McKinney
12th Grade: Evie Velazquez, Gavin Staich, Canyon Smith, Jacob Borst, Carmela Assamoah, and Sara Burbridge.

They will take these college courses on their Costa Rica and Belize expeditions:

Costa Rica-BIO204 Animals In Nature & Lab 4 credits
Belize-ANTH412 Mayan Structures & Rituals 4 credits

\$1700.00 each student-Totaling \$17,000 in College Course Scholarships to Top Achieving Students at CGCS!!!

Congratulations!!!

We are PROUD of you!!!

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