

# 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 and appropriate public education it provides other children. If your family situation had **changed** to one of the following situations, please contact Mrs. Way; living in a motel, campground, car, park, or doubled up with another family due to loss of housing or economic hardship.

## ALPHA SOCIETY

Students in grades 5-12 can qualify annually for Alpha Society. Students must pass the AZM2 exams in ELA and Math and AzSCI if applicable. Any new students to CGCS who come from out of state, need to provide test results to qualify. Students may have monthly activities/field trips for qualifying. A passing grade is a grade of Proficient or Highly Proficient on their exams. Way to go Alpha students!!

## SCHOOL ABSENCES

Make sure your child is attending school daily. Your child must attend 75% of the day to be counted for attending school. Students must be in school from the ages of 6-16 by Arizona law. **If your child is absent, please call or email the front office before 10AM.** Please make appointments on Wednesdays after 1:30 dismissal time. Wednesdays are early release but are still very important for your child to attend as we do regular assessments to make sure your child is performing at grade level. Students arriving late need to be signed in by a parent.

## DRESS CODE

Students need to be in a school T-shirt and school appropriate attire every day. **White shoes and mostly white shoes are not allowed and students are required daily to participate in activities that may involve dirt and/or mud so please do not send them in shoes that cannot get dirty.** No hoop earrings, only studs, and please no pants with skin showing above the knee.

## BUS RULES & STUDENT CONDUCT

Remind your child of the bus rules and student conduct while on campus. If you have not already done so, please read over the student handbook so that you and your child are aware of our policies in regards to conduct.

## TUTORING STARTS SEPTEMBER 20th

Tutoring is available to **invited** students beginning on September 20th for grades 1-11. You will receive a letter on the 13th if your child is invited to the fall tutoring sessions. There is no transportation provided for tutoring and your child must be picked up by 4:40 PM. Tutoring is from 3:30 – 4:30 on your child's invited days. Grades 3-8, 9, & 11 participate in state testing.

## OPEN HOUSE SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> – NEW DATE

Open house is an evening event for students and their parents to come see our campus. It will be held from 6-8:30PM and we will have tours of our Barn and ZooQuarium as well as your child's classrooms.

## TITLE I MEETING SEPTEMBER 12th

There is a Title I informational meeting on Monday the 12th of September from 6 PM to 6:30 PM for all families that wish to learn how Country Gardens participates in the States Title I programs.

## DEFICIENCY NOTICES

These will be sent home with your child on Tuesday September 13th. If your child is not working at grade level and/or not completing homework they will receive a deficiency notice.

### *Important Dates*

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| September 1, 2, 5 | No School – Labor Day Break                         |
| September 8       | Open House 6-8:30PM                                 |
| September 8       | Movie Madness: grs. K-1 and 2-4                     |
| September 9       | Movie Madness: grs. 9-12 and 5-8                    |
| September 12      | Title I meeting 6 PM                                |
| September 13      | Deficiency notices go home                          |
| September 15      | Hearing & Vision Screening                          |
| September 16      | Game Day – FREE – 8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> |
| September 20      | Picture Day   |
| September 22 – 28 | Costa Rica Turtles Trip                             |
| September 23      | Game Day – FREE – 5 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> |
| September 30      | Splash Down Pool Event                              |
| October 10 – 21   | Fall Break – No School                              |