

CGCS Newsletter

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STATE TESTING/AASA/AzSCI/ACT

State testing will be in April for Grades 3rd – 8th, 9th, and 11th. Grades 3rd – 8th will be taking the AASA. Grades 5th, 8th, and 11th will be taking the AzSCI. Grade 11 will be taking the ACT and 9th Grade will take the ACTAspire. Our school will be doing computer-based testing for all state tests this year.

*April 3-14 AASA **grades 3rd – 8th**

*April 5th & 12th AzSCI for **grades 5th, 8th, and 11th**

*April 25th ACTAspire for **9th grade**

***Grade 11** will be taking the ACT Parts 1 and 2 on March 28.

Please do not schedule appointments during these weeks. Testing starts first thing in the morning so please make sure your children come to school by 8am and that they have had breakfast. Students arriving before 8am can buy small breakfast items at our café. Students who are NOT ABSENT during testing days will receive FREE ice cream from the café once testing is completed. We need 100% of our students taking the test!!

ALPHA SOCIETY GRADES 4 – HIGH SCHOOL

Students who pass all AASA, AZSCI, and ACTAspire assessments with a proficient or highly proficient will qualify for ALPHA SOCIETY during the next school year. (ALPHA is for 5th – 12th grade) Students must requalify annually.

GRADE ENHANCEMENTS for GRADES 7, 8, & 11.

All students in grades 7, 8, and 11 who take the AASA and or AzSCI can earn one grade higher if they score proficient or highly proficient for AASA or exceeds or meets for AzSCI for final grade (each semester grade for 11th). Be sure your child tries their best. Students must score a highly proficient or exceeds to have a B changed to an A.

HOMEWORK OVER SPRING BREAK

Please make sure your child is completing their homework over the break. Students in all grades need to be reading nightly. Students can go to <https://home.testnav.com/>, click on Arizona and then click on Mic check & Sample tests at the bottom of the page to try some sample AASA test for preparation. This is great practice and a good way to prepare your student for the tests.

SUPER HERO FIELD EVENT – MARCH 3rd

Students can dress up as their favorite super hero on March 3rd. We are having a field event. \$5 wristbands get students into all the activities and bounce houses. We sell yummy concessions too so don't forget your money!!! Students can pay for their wristbands with a credit card but all concessions need to be paid for with cash.

LUCK OF THE IRISH DANCE – MARCH 10

St. Patrick's Day falls during our spring break, but that doesn't mean we can't celebrate early!! Dress in green and spread the luck. \$5 to attend, plus money for concessions and toys. Let's spend the last day before break dancing and enjoying the spring weather.

LOST & FOUND ITEMS

Make sure you label all your child's items (jackets, sweatshirts, lunch boxes). We are finding items all over campus with no names and no way to return to students. If your child leaves items on the playground, lunch area, or in a classroom, once a week the items are collected and placed in lost and found – this is located on the front deck of the log cabin – parents can access this anytime the campus is open, please park and walk over to that area to look for your child's stuff.

E.E.L.S. TRIPS COMING UP!

Students qualifying for the EELS Expeditions received their letters the last week of February. A \$500 deposit is due March 1, 2023 to reserve your child's spot on the bus!!

SPACE IS LIMITED!! So pay and reserve NOW!

April 26th – 30th – Free Seniors Trip to Alpine, AZ
April 12th – 22nd – Seniors Trip to Belize
April 25th – May 1st – 5th/6th Grade Trip to Southwest United States
May 9th – 26th – 7th-12th Grade trip to Yellowstone and Rocky Mountain Region

Important Dates

March 1	Gateway to the Future Event for 8 th -10 th Graders and their parents. 7PM
March 2	Movie Madness K-1 & 2-4/5 class
March 3	Movie Madness 9-12 & 5-8
March 7	Free Game Day Gr. 5-7
March 9	Free Game Day Gr. 8-12
March 10	Luck of the Irish Dance All Grades
March 13 – 24	Spring Break
March 26 – 30	Senior Trip to Alpine, AZ
March 28	ACT for 11 th Graders
March 24	Superhero Field Day Event All Grades