

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 has **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 AASA 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 quarterly activities/field trips for enrichment. A passing grade is a grade of Proficient or Highly Proficient on their exams. Way to go Alpha Society 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 the front office between 8AM and 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 19th

Tutoring is available to **invited** students beginning on September 19th for grades 1-11. You will receive a letter on the 12th 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.

TITLE I MEETING SEPTEMBER 18th

There is a Title I informational meeting on the 18th of September from 6 PM to 6:30 PM for all families that wish to learn how Country Gardens participates in the AZ Title I program.

PICTURE DAY SEPTEMBER 19th

Picture Day is Tuesday, September 19th. Students will take CLASS and INDIVIDUAL pictures. All students must be in a school shirt and within the dress code. No hats, jackets, or sweatshirts will be allowed to be worn in school pictures. There are NO class make up pictures so please plan to have your child in school that day to be a part of the class picture.

Important Dates

Aug 31-Sep 4	No School – Labor Day Break
September 5	Hearing & Vision Screening
September 7-18	Costa Rica Turtles Trip
September 8	Movie Madness: grs. K-1 and 2-4
September 15	Movie Madness: grs. 9-12 1:30 FREE Game Day: grs. 5-8 1:30
September 19	Picture Day All Grades First Day of Tutoring
September 22	Movie Madness: grs. 5-8 1:30 FREE Game Day: grs 9-12 1:30 OPEN HOUSE 6PM – 8:30PM
September 29	Splash Down Pool Event
October 9 – 20	Fall Break – No School
October 30-Nov 3	Spirit Week – details to come
October 31	Book Blast All Grades
October 31	Last Day of Quarter 1