

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, appropriate, public education it provides to other children. If your family situation has changed to one of the following situations, please contact our front office; living in a motel or campground, in a car, park, or doubled up with another family due to loss of housing or economic hardship. (623) 900-2230

AZ TAX CREDIT DONATIONS DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 31, 2023

In Arizona, you can donate up to \$400.00 per married couple to a public school. Single or head of household can donate up to \$200.00. This money will support extracurricular activities such as clubs, your child's field trip, and tutoring. You will be given a tax credit toward your Arizona taxes. Forms are available in the office. You will need to provide the receipt to your accountant. Donations can be made via cash or check at the front office. Thank you for your donations!

ASBESTOS AWARENESS

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires all public elementary schools to inspect for asbestos containing materials in school buildings and submit a report (Management Plan) to the State of Arizona. The Country Gardens Charter School plan is located in the front office.

GINGERBREAD HOUSES

Please remember to send a box of graham crackers AND donated decorating items. All students will be making these on Dec. 7th and will be able to take them home after Winterfest on Dec. 8th – *Anyone not bringing items will not participate. Items due by Tues. Dec. 5th.*

WINTERFEST IS DECEMBER 8th

This event is for the whole family from 6PM till 9PM. Families will be able to purchase \$20 wristbands to participate in all games and activities. 8PM K-6 Program is FREE Refreshments will be sold in the café. You can visit the classrooms to see the gingerbread houses and play games set up at each teachers' classroom. **Only families and siblings may attend. No outside guests unless they graduated from CGCS.**

DRESS CODE REMINDER – NO MORE DRESS DOWN

Students are not allowed to wear crocks, sandals, or slippers. Students must have on a school shirt every day for school, we will no longer be doing dress down days. Students may still wear trip shirts in lieu of school shirts. (trip shirts are shirts purchased while on a school trip)

PERFORMANCES AT WINTERFEST

Students in grades K-6 will perform at Winterfest. Booths for the K-5 classrooms will close at 7:45 and all other booths will close at 8PM. Performances will start at 8PM.

Students in K-6 need to wear Christmas attire, red, green, or both.

NO TUTORING IN DECEMBER

There is no tutoring after Nov. 30th. New letters and invitations will go home in January for the second round of tutoring.

CELL PHONE REMINDER

Cell phones are not allowed on campus or while riding the bus or school vans. Riders must check their phones in DAILY!

Important Dates

Dec 1	FREE Game Day 5th-8th Movie Madness 9 th – 12 th
Dec 5	Move Madness K-1 & 2-3/4 class Gingerbread house supplies due
Dec 6	Grinchmas Family Movie Night 6PM Tickets on sale in office starting Nov. 28th
Dec 7	Gingerbread Houses – All Grades
Dec 8	Winterfest 6PM-9PM Early Dismissal 1PM KG, 1:30PM 1st – 12th
Dec 12	Christmas Field Event – All Grades
Dec 13	Staff Christmas Party – Office closed At 2PM
Dec 14	Movie Madness 4 th /5 th class-8 th FREE Game Day 9 th -12 th
Dec 15	Christmas Parties K-5, Gift Exchange All Grades Early Dismissal 1PM KG, 1:30PM 1st – 12th
Dec 18 – 29	Winter Break – No School
Jan 1	New Years Day – No School

Enjoy your Winter Break!!
Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year!

See you on Jan. 2nd when we return from break.