CGCS Newsletter

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THANKSGIVING FEAST

On Wednesday Nov. 27th, we will be having a Thanksgiving Feast in every classroom. Students in K-8 will help provide the potluck for the classes. Parents will need to bring in food that is hot and ready to eat that morning. Students in 9-12 will pay \$6 and the school will provide the feast. We will take time to share what we are thankful for and spend time as a class building community and a sense of belonging. Please do not send a packed lunch or lunch money that day. All students will eat the Thanksgiving Feast together as a class. Information about donations will be going home on Nov. 13th. This is a memorable event for students and staff, thank you for donating to this event.

Each class will need 2 Turkey's cooked and delivered the morning of the 27th. If you are willing to do that for your child's class, please contact the school as soon as possible so we can put you down for that.

WEBSITES FOR STATE TEST PRACTICE

Students in 3rd – 8th and 10th grade will be doing state testing this spring. The website below will help your child prepare for these tests.

https://home.testnav.com/ - choose Arizona and then click on Mic Check & Sample Tests at the bottom to do practice tests for the new Arizona State Testing AASA and AzSci.

We will be doing paper/pencil testing but it is still a good idea for your child to practice answering the questions on the computer sample test. Teachers are also going over these sample tests in the class throughout the next two quarters as preparation for the testing in April.

WINTERFEST/Open House - DEC 13

This is an Evening Event for the whole family! Students can buy wristbands for games and activities at each classroom and around campus. Classrooms will be open to visit. Pictures with Santa will also be available. Holiday performances by K-4 classes and some clubs will conclude the evening. This event is for students and their immediate families, along with alumni only. Due to limited seating, we cannot accommodate former students who did not graduate with us and non-family members.

SCHOOL TAX CREDIT FORM

Forms are available in the school office. The last day to donate for the 2024 tax return season is December 31, 2024. This is a great donation to help with your child's school and your child's trip at the end of the school year. The limit is \$200 for filing single and \$400 for married couples. Ask friends and family to donate too – the donation is deducted from what you owe the state in taxes or added to what you get back from the state in taxes.

EDUCATION & CAREER ACTION PLAN (ECAP)

All high school students have an ECAP plan that helps each child plan for post high school. Each child has login information with a user name & password. The website is

www.azcis.intocareers.org. Juniors should begin to take their ACT or SAT exams this year if they are planning to attend a 4-year college post high school. Dates and places are available on the website and students do take some exams on campus. Contact Mr. Jones regarding any questions related to testing and your child's ECAP plan. Bobby.jones@cgcsaz.com

Important Dates Nov. 5 ACT Testing for 11th & 12th Grade Movie Madness KG-1 Gr. Nov. 7 **EARLY RELEASE** KG: 1PM. 1st - 12th 1:30PM Movie Madness 1st – 4th Nov. 8-11 Veteran's Weekend - No School Field Event – All Grades \$5 Nov. 15 Nov. 22 Movie Madness 5-8 Gr. Free Game Day 9-12 Gr. Nov. 25-26 **Early Dismissal** KG: 1PM, 1st - 12th 1:30PM Movie Madness 9-12 Gr. Nov. 25 Free Game Day 5-8 Gr. Nov. 26 Picture Day Re-Takes and Senior Cap & Gown Pictures Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Feast - All Grades Nov. 28-29 No School - Thanksgiving