

CGCS Newsletter

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VALENTINE'S DAY ACTIVITIES ON FEB. 14

Class parties for grades KG – 6th/7th class during the last hour of the day. Students are encouraged to bring a valentine for each student in the class – just have your child sign the FROM portion of the valentine. You may also send in snacks/candy but it must be store purchased and unopened. Please do not send RED drinks of any kind.

VALENTINE DAY FEB 14

Valentine Event for KG – 6th/7th Grade – booths, games, activities.
Valentine Dance 7th – 12th Grade – school appropriate music and activities.
Students will attend with their class. \$5 to attend with concessions and fun items sold too.
All Students are to be in School Uniform – no dresses/skirts!!!

RE-ENROLLMENT FORMS FOR 25-26 SCHOOL YEAR

Re-enrollment forms will be going home soon and will need to be turned in as soon as they are received. These forms ensure a spot for your child in our 25-26 school year. You must complete a re-enrollment form for each student planning to return. If you are unsure if your child is returning, we recommend still turning in a form to hold their spot but notify us as soon as a decision is made so that we can release that spot if necessary.

EELS (EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION ON LAND N' SEA)

Our high school students are leaving for Panama in early April. For 10 days they will trek rainforest jungles studying the wildlife, snorkeling the Caribbean on the islands of Bocas del Toro, exploring the Panama Canal, Columbus' Portobello fort, and taking Spanish books to 2 Indigenous tribes!

Other big excursions this year:

3rd & 4th grade – Tombstone and the Silver Mines
5th – 7th grade – Devils Tower, Wyoming, S. Dakota & More!
8th – 12th – St. Louis Arch, Wisconsin & Mid-West region!
12th grade only will be going to Belize and Alpine!

KG – 2nd Grade excursions:

KG – Wildlife World Zoo
1st – OdySea Aquarium
2nd – Phoenix Zoo

Letters of invitation will be going out to all eligible students. If you are at all interest in your child attending one of these trips, it is time to start putting down deposits. Space is limited. Trip costs are still being determined but a \$500 deposit will secure your child's spot on the trip and additional payments can be made up till two weeks prior to the trip date.

ECAP (Education and Career Action Plan)

Every high school student has developed a plan for post high school. Visit <http://www.azed.gov/ecap> for helpful links, interest inventories, and scholarships. Speak to Mr. Jones if you have any questions regarding your child's ECAP plan.

APRIL IS STANDARDIZED TEST MONTH

The first 2 weeks of April

Grades 3-8 will take Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment – AASA. Our school will be doing paper/pencil testing for the AASA.
Grades 5, 8, and 11 will take the Arizona Science Test - AzSCI
Grade 11 will be taking the ACT Parts 1 and 2. Our school will be doing computer-based testing for the ACT.
Grade 9 will be taking the ACTAspire. Our school will be doing computer-based testing for the ACTAspire.
Specific dates will be posted in March.

Please make sure that you provide a healthy breakfast for your child during testing. We will still serve breakfast on test days but the café will close right at 8AM so that students can get to class on time to test. Students will be taking assessments in writing, reading and math for AASA. Alpha Society members must maintain passing scores and new students must pass these assessments to qualify for Alpha Society. Lunches will work on a modified schedule and students will not be able to get money from siblings during testing, make sure each student has their own lunch or lunch money.

Important Dates

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| Feb 7 | Movie Madness K-1 & 2nd-4 th grs. |
| Feb 14 | Valentine's Day Event – All Grades KG – 6 th Gr. Class Parties |
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| Feb 21 | Movie Madness 5 th – 8 th Gr. FREE Game Day 9 th – 12 th Gr. |
| Feb 28 | Movie Madness 9 th – 12 th Gr. FREE Game Day 5 th – 8 th Gr. |
| March 10 – 21 | Spring Break – No School |