



CAS Chalk Talk

General News

Clothing Donations- Mrs. Silverwind and Ms. McKay are collecting coats, hats, sweaters, blankets, etc. through December 15th for local charities.

Toy Donations- New toys are being collected for the Sierra Vista Fire Fighter's Toy Drive and they can be dropped off at the box in the front of the high school or Independent Study.

High School News

Christmas Break- During the week December 19th to the 21st, M, T, and W will be half days. On December 21st, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. Winter Break starts. Students will return the following year January 4th, 2011 as normal.

Students in the Arts and Literature Magazine Club will publish a school-wide magazine this year featuring photographs, artwork, poetry and short fiction produced by the students, faculty and staff of CAS High School in Sierra Vista. All submissions are to be made anonymously and will be reviewed by a selections committee, which will determine those items to be published. Submissions may be made in person by seeing Ms. McKay, or by sending material to cas.hs.magazine@gmail.com. The Arts and Literature Club meets every other Tuesday at 3:30.

World History students have been studying the Roman Empire from the founding of Rome, to rise of Caesar, and the fall of the Empire. Students created posters depicting events such as chariot races and gladiator games as well as the contributions of Julius Caesar. United States History students have just started studying the Civil War. Students have created maps showing the division of the United States at the time of the Civil War. Psychology students have been studying child development and have created pyramids showing Maslow's hierarchy of needs.

Elementary & Middle School News

Elementary & Middle School- On Friday, December 16th, 2011, there is a Staff In-Service. Students will be released at 12:00 p.m. Please pick your child up in front of the Elementary &* Middle School building on time!

Christmas Break- Please make note of our break starting on Wednesday, December 21st, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. This is an Early Release day, so please be on time. Please pick up your child in front of the Elementary & Middle School Building. Students will return, the following year, January 4th, 2011 as normal.

EARLY RELEASE - Staff In-Service- Friday, December 16th, 2011 will be a ½ day **WITHOUT** CAS Care! Please be here by 12:00 p.m. to pick your child up.

EARLY RELEASE – Teacher Work Day- Wednesday, December 21st, 2011 will be a ½ day **WITHOUT** CAS Care! Please be here by 12:00 p.m. to pick your child up.

Holiday Cards for our Troops! CAS students are making holiday letters for our Troops deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF). The letters are due NLT the 7th of December to be dropped off in time to Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords' Sierra Vista Office.

Kindergarten – Both Kindergarten classed are going to be very busy this month! They are making several special ornaments for their Christmas trees as well as a secret gift for our families (shh... it's a surprise). Students will also be learning all about the solar system. Just before we go on Christmas Break we have a special day planned for all students. Happy Holidays!

1st Grade- December will be a busy and exciting month for Miss. Bernardo's class. Students will be completing a "Christmas around the World" project. Every student is required to pick one country and research how that country celebrates Christmas. This time of year the 1st Graders are grateful for all of our service men and women. To show their appreciation they will be making cards to send to the Soldiers who cannot be with their families this Christmas.

Mrs. Best's 5th Grade Class- Students will be learning about what it was like to grow up in Colonial America. Students will be opening the first ever virtual "Colonial Mart Superstore." The class will be divided into store departments where they will then create a catalog, advertising the first superstore in Colonial America, "Colonial Mart." Students will need to know what life was like on a deeper level than before!

Mr. Medeiros' 6th Grade Class- Students have participated in the "Letters to Troops" project. We hope to put a smile on the Soldier's faces when they receive them. It is the least we can do, since they are away from their families this Holiday Season. On another note, 6th Grade has started learning about the art of Sign Language.

Mr. Oh's! 8th Grade Class- Student's spent the day at the University of Arizona's Flandrau Science Center's planetarium today, Dec. 9th. The students have been studying the solar system, formation of the universe, and solar/planetary nebulas and the trip to the planetarium – besides being a lot of fun – helped to reinforce all these out-of-this-world ideas!



Preschool News



This week at the preschool, the students are putting up their classroom Christmas trees and are working on their lists for Santa.

Ms. Yvette's Class is welcoming new students, working on the letter Qq, and are putting together their costumes for our Christmas program.

Ms. Anabel's Class is working on the Christmas sled for the classroom wall. The children made snowmen and snow to put on the window. The class is working on the letter Nn this week.

Ms. Marina's Class is working on a song to sing to the parents at the Christmas program. This week they will be making a gingerbread house made with graham crackers, frosting, and candy.

The Preschool has year round enrollment, space is limited, so give us a call or stop by for a tour. CAS Preschool provides a safe, developmentally appropriate environment for preschool children. CAS focuses on providing a stimulating early care and education experience which promotes each child's social/emotional, physical and cognitive development.

Ms. Jacqueline Kennedy, Preschool Director is available to answer any questions or concerns you may have regarding your currently enrolled child or our future enrollees.

The Preschool still offers the Referral Coupon which allows you (the referrer) and a newly enrolled preschooler to get a discount towards their child's tuition.



CAS Care News



Parents, when arriving to pick up your child from CAS Care, please allot enough time for our runners to find your child in their assigned rooms or areas. We understand that the process is time consuming, but we are trying to get your child to the cafeteria in a timely manner.

Remember the cafeteria is the main hub for CAS Care pick up. If we are taking longer than usual to bring your child, DO NOT go to the Elementary/MS building to find them yourself. This creates more traffic and may delay the process. If you have any questions or concerns about the CAS Care system, please contact the front office at 520-439-3518 and we will answer your questions and take your ideas and concerns into consideration. Thank you parents for trusting our CAS Care team to care for your child.

