

## Chalk Talk Website

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### Preschool News

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### CAS Care News

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#### **Center for Academic Success High School, Sierra Vista Arizona Gun Safety Program Added to Curriculum**

C.A.S High School is adding the Arizona Gun Safety Program to its curriculum starting in the Fall of 2011. The Arizona Legislature passed SB1271 which provides for a 1-credit elective course (90 hours over the full school year) to be offered to selected high school students (A.R.S. 15-714.01).

The course content has been developed jointly by the Arizona Game and Fish Department, the Arizona Department of Public Safety and private firearms training organizations. The course will include:

- Instruction on the rules of gun safety.
- Instruction on the basic operation of firearms.
- Instruction on the history of firearms and marksmanship.
- Instruction on the role of firearms in preserving peace and freedom.
- Instruction on the constitutional roots of the right to keep and bear arms.
- Instruction on the use of clay targets.
- Practice time at a shooting range.
- Demonstration of competence with a firearm.

Course time is also devoted to the study of firearms related laws and Arizona hunting laws and regulations. CAS will also offer the opportunity for students to complete the Arizona Game and Fish

Hunter Safety course online. Students will then print a certificate of completion and arrange for the final exam and field testing through the Game and Fish department.

Range time will focus on the safety rules of a firing range and marksmanship skills with the rifle and shotgun only (sporting clays). While the history and basic skills of handgun shooting will be covered, students WILL NOT use them for live fire range qualification.

Instruction will be conducted by a NRA-certified firearms instructor as approved by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Instruction will be supplemented by the use of audio-visual training aides and in-person presentations by law enforcement officers, Arizona Game and Fish department officers and firearms collectors and historians.

Above all else, SAFETY will be the byword of all activities. Self-discipline, attention to detail and teamwork are fundamental requirements of all student participants. Failure to heed or follow safety instructions will result in immediate removal from the course.

History, government and English components of instruction are interwoven into the classroom instruction. Students will research, compose papers and PowerPoint presentation and will have midterm and semester final exams on all course topics.

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Clubs started this week and Zumba has been a HUGE hit!! At each practice there are well over 40 students who participate. Mrs. Nistler and Mrs. McWhite have the students exercising, stretchin', steppin' and dancin'. It is a great event for our students to let loose after school and get their dance on!