



CAS Chalk Talk



High School News



AIMS testing went smoothly and test results should be back in December.

No school on Fri. Nov. 11th and Thanksgiving break we will be off November 23, 2011 to November 25' 2011. Classes will resume on November 28, 2011.

Oct 31 – Nov 3 was Spirit Week at C.A.S. High school sponsored by the Student Council. Students dressed in their most creative attire. The first place winners were given a Wal-Mart gift card. Those who were second place winners received a bag of chocolate candy. The week kicked off with Costume Day. Top honors went to Zachary Read who dressed like a flea, Levi Smith and Nathan Cummings were two of the four Teletubbies. Tuesday was Pajama Day. Nicole Spencer and Tonisha Cherry were the winners on that day. Wednesday was crazy hat and or hair day. Nicole Spencer won again for her crazy hair which included a cd, bandage and glow lights. Jonathan Njiradi came in second place. Thursday was trend day a day to make up your own style. The winners were Jonathan Njiradi and Quinton Willis.

U.S. Border Patrol agents visited CAS High School on November 1 to present “Operation Detour,” a national program aimed at letting teens know that they could be targeted to smuggle illegal drugs across the border for Mexican drug dealers. Students attended an hour-long presentation, were treated to a light breakfast, and participated in a question-and-answer period following the presentation. Prior to the presentation, junior Heather Heindl won a contest in her desktop publishing class for designing the poster used to advertise Operation Detour and took home a \$20 prize.

A special thanks to all who participated and worked to make this happen.

Agent Manny Calvillo (US BORDER PATRO) & associates

Ashleigh Golman (Admin.)

Mina Villacana (Food Service Manager)

We have another blood drive coming up November 16th in the conference room. Blood drive will be held from 9:00 to 2:45. Anyone interested in donating can contact me at 520.439.3524 or karla.baldenegro@cpic-cas.org.

Ninth graders Cieanna Smith and Dia Hester are participating in this year’s National Novel Writing Month, which is more commonly known as “NaNoWriMo. An Internet-based creative writing project, NaNoWriMo challenges participants to finish a new novel between November 1 and November 30. The program began in 1999 with just 21 participants. Last year, over 200,000 would-be novelists took part in the program, producing over 2.8 billion words according to NaNoWriMo’s web page. Cieanna will be working on a realistic novel dealing with a young lady who fights demons but eventually finds that she is actually a demon herself.

The CAS High School Arts and Literary Magazine Club is sponsoring a coat drive from November 15 to December 15. Collected coats, hats, gloves, sweaters, blankets, etc. will be donated to the Sierra Vista

Kiwanis Club for distribution to those in need. Please remember that men, women and children are often on our city streets at some of the worst times of their lives with inadequate protection against the cold while many of us have gloves tucked in a drawer somewhere or coats that have been outgrown hanging in the back of a closet. Your contribution can make a big difference in someone's life. Ms. Silverwind and Ms. McKay have volunteered their classrooms as collection points. Contact 439-3500 for more information.

Students in Ms. McKay's Composition class are preparing for a debate next week as part of their work on persuasive arguments and oral presentations. The topic under discussion is a woman's right to abortion. Students are divided into "pro" and "con" teams and must research and prepare verbal arguments for each side of the question while also anticipating the opposition's likely counter-arguments and preparing to "shoot them down" with their own arguments based in logic, ethics, and emotion. Preparation for debate continues into the early part of next week, with the oral argument set for Wednesday, November 9.

Team members arguing in favor of abortion are Jesse Aguilar, Rashel Relihan, Dustin Bias, Alana McBride, and captain Ave Cumberbatch. Team members arguing against abortion are Anjo Joven, Gary Shults, Aaron Call, Stacy Abernathy and captain Alexis Gilbert. The students face the extra challenge of having been randomly assigned to defend a point of view without consideration of their own personal views on the subject under debate.

CAS HS is collecting new or gently used coats, hats, scarves, gloves, and blankets for Sierra Vista Charities. Items may be dropped off in Ms. McKay's or Mrs. Silverwind's room from November 15 – December 15. Please call 439-3500 with any questions or for further information.

CAS High School's Integrated Science students are fanning out as they explore the local mountain ranges, researching such areas as the mountains' history, which geological era they formed and other important resources the mountains provide. Each student has to prepare a poster and gave an oral presentation about their research on Thursday.

Elementary & Middle School News

On Veteran's Day, November 11th, 2011, CAS Elem. and Middle School will be closed.

There will be a Staff In-Service on November 18th, 2011. On this day, students will be released at 12:00 pm and will need to be picked up. There is NO CAS Care on this Friday. Parents, remember that there are ½ days on the third Friday of each month.

Also, CAS Elementary & Middle school will be closed for the Thanksgiving break from November 23rd to November 25th. Class will resume on Monday, November 28th, 2011.

CAS Elementary & Middle School has set up a donation box in the front of the building in support of the Marines Toys for Tots Toy Drive. These unwrapped, donated, toys will be given to families who are participating in the annual Operation H.O.M.E. Christmas Event and civilian families throughout Cochise County.

- The Elks Lodge is proud to announce their Annual Grand Lodge Americanism Essay Contest 2011-2012. The theme is **“Why am I Proud to Pledge Allegiance to Our Flag?”** The contest details: 5th-8th grade students can participate, the essay is not to exceed 250 words, typed or printed clearly in ink, submit to the SV Elks Lodge, participants must be identified by name, grade, school they are attending and sponsoring Elks Lodge #2065 on the essay, and should be submitted on or before November 25, 2011. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Young at 520-439-3518.

Middle School-The Science of Roller Coasters Class had a blast designing marble launching ramps and roller coasters with tunnels and jumps. They are learning about the physics of roller coasters while developing skills for working in teams.

The Forces and Motion Class designed and constructed gravity-driven race cars. After modifying the cars to achieve the maximum speeds and distances, the cars were again modified to protect their Egg-cellent occupants!

The Bridges Class took a day off from the math and science of bridge construction to make a model of the Dames Point Bridge, found in Jacksonville, Florida. At 10,560 feet in length, the real bridge is considered to be America's longest, concrete, cable-stayed bridge.

Seventh and 8th grade math classes have moved on to solving multi-step equations, and exploring contradictions and identities.

The CAS 4-H Garden Club has begun to learn about growing plants hydroponically. They start seeds last week using no soil and will be monitoring their plants' growth in the weeks to come.

8th grade science students are wrapping up their very long physics unit with Mr. Oh! The comprehensive final physics exam will be Thursday, Nov. 17th. Students will have to complete a study guide as they prepare for the difficult test.

7th grade has been immersed in geology, plate tectonics and the Earth's structure. This week, they delve into the mysteries of volcanoes.

CAS Preschool will be closed on November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day. For the Thanksgiving holiday, the preschool will be closed on November 24th & November 25th. Please mark your calendars, as you will need to find care for your preschooler on these dates.

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 \$25.00 discount towards their child's tuition. For fall the Preschool is currently offering \$25.00 coupon off of the registration fee as a FALL SPECIAL. This special is for a LIMITED TIME ONLY. Please call for any questions you may have, 520-439-3526/3532.