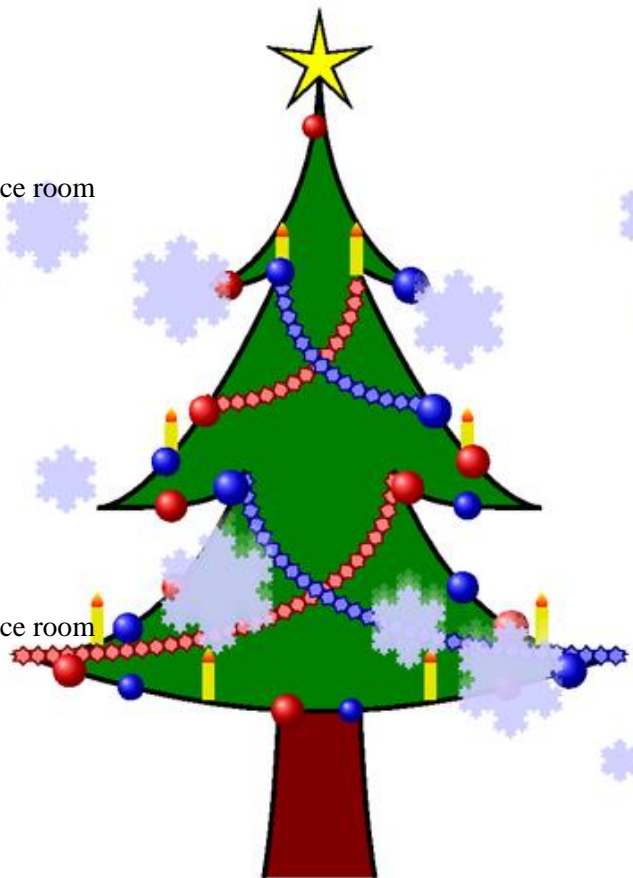


# COUNCIL GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2019

## CGES December 2019 Activity Calendar

12/2/2019	CGES PTO/Site Council Meeting-6:00 pm-Conference room
12/5/2019	KRR Fall Semester Last Day
12/5/2019	LIFE Night
12/5/2019	CG Singers to sing at Kaw Mission-7:00 pm
12/5/2019	KRR Fall Semester ends today
12/5/2019	LIFE Night
12/9/2019	Board of Education Meeting-6:30 pm
12/20/2019	All School Holiday Assembly-9:00 AM
12/20/2019	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter/Early Dismissal-1:10 pm
12/23/2019	Christmas Break begins today
1/2/2020	NO School/Teacher Workday
1/3/2020	NO School/Professional Development
1/6/2020	Classes resume after break
1/6/2020	CGES PTO/Site Council Meeting-6:00 pm-Conference room



CGES Families~

CGES is excited to participate in the Winter Holiday Project to help families within our community and the USD 417 school district. This project is coordinated with Care And Share. CGES will be collecting donations **through Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. Donations will be used to make Child Health Care Kits.

Students and their families are encouraged to consider donating items that can be used in making health care kits. These kits will be given to children who range in age (infancy to high school). Suggested items are:

Shampoo	Conditioner	Combs/Brushes
Hand Soap	Body Wash	Hair Accessories
Toothbrushes	Toothpaste	Mouthwash
Deodorant	Baby Wipes	Lotion
Gloves*	Socks*	

*(\*if you are donating gloves and/or socks consider donating the same size that your child wears)*

There will be a box in each classroom at CGES, donations may be placed there. Thank you for your consideration and willingness to give to others during the holiday season.

Dana Reddick, RN USD 417 Nurse	Jennifer Wilkens, LMSW CGES Social Worker
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## **Message from Mrs. Honas**

**I would like to wish all families a joyous holiday season! Enjoy your kids as they are on vacation from school. As a mother I can honestly say the time goes so fast and before you know it, your kids are grown and heading off on their own. Even though holidays can be stressful, remember to stop and treasure the moment. CGES teachers and staff have already received the best gift of working with your children throughout the school year. Thank you!**

## **We Can Help with That**

If you are in need of assistance with paying for the 2nd semester of afternoon milk, we have a memorial fund specifically set up to make sure that all Kindergarten-1st grade students are able to have afternoon milk. If you are interested in the Russell Walker, More Than Milk Fund, please call the CGES Office at [\(620\)767-6851](tel:6207676851).

Funds from different individuals have been donated to help with paying for school lunches. If you need assistance paying for your child's school lunches, please contact the CGES office at the number above.

## **PTO Sponsors The Elf Shelf**

We are proud to announce that we have chosen The Elf Shelf for our Children's Holiday Gift Store this year. The Elf Shelf will give your children the opportunity to shop for high quality gifts for friends and family in the secure atmosphere of our school. The Elf Shelf program provides our children with an opportunity to make real life shopping decisions...plus they learn that giving is as important as receiving.

Gift items start as less than \$1.00, with most in the \$1.00 to \$5.00 range. We sent a notice home for two reasons.

1. To give children who would prefer to purchase their gifts with their own money, enough time to earn money through chores, etc.
2. To ask for volunteer parents and/or grandparents to help us run the shop. If you are interested in helping, please call the school.

The Elf Shelf Shop hours are: Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 to 8:00 am and 3:10 to 4:00 pm, with Tuesday being open later until 7:00 pm, so those that want to shop as a family, can do so.

### KRR Information

KRR ends on December 5th and will start back up on January 13th. If your child is not already a part of KRR and you would like to enroll them, contact Ms. Justine or your child's classroom teacher. We have a few open spots!

The holiday break is an excellent time to work with your child on their reading skills. Reading just 15 minutes each day will greatly improve your child's reading ability. Take advantage of this time with your child at home!

If you'd like to be a part of the LIFE Program, please let Ms. Justine at KRR know. We meet Thursday evenings from 5:30-7:00pm starting Jan 16th- Mar 5th. We have a free family meal and enjoy lots of fun activities that bring us closer as a family!

If you have any questions you may call the school or Justine at (785) 499-3336.

COME ONE COME ALL!

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HOLIDAY MEAL!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

Parents & Staff interested in joining us, we ask you to let the school know

by

Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019  
\$3.75 for Guest and Staff Meals



## CGES Library Update from Mrs. Hodges



There has been an average of 71 books checked-out per day for the month of November.

We have a couple of new chapter book series that are becoming very popular with our older grades: *Wings of Fire* by Tui Sutherland and *My Life as a ...* by Janet Tashjian. It is exciting to see the kids get excited about these new series!

If you will be traveling over the winter break, keep audio and ebooks in mind. The Council Grove Public Library has a collection of books on CD and can get you free online access to RB Digital books you can read or listen to on your phone or tablet. Be sure to ask at the front desk for help and they will get you set up. Some information can also be found on their website:

<https://councilgrove.lib.nckls.org/>.

*“Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary.” – Jim Rohn*

