



# COYOTE DEN

Hassayampa Elementary School  
Parent - School Connection



## Welcome to the New Year and New Semester!

Happy New Year! We are excited to have everyone back to school and working toward their educational goals. The *Coyote Den* is your guide to all the great things happening at Hassayampa! Please make sure the school has your correct email address so the *Coyote Den* and other important school information will reach you each month. If you have any questions about items in the *Coyote Den*, please contact your child's teacher or the school office at (928)684-6750.

For additional school information, please refer to the Parent-Student Handbook, visit the Hassayampa website – [www.hassayampa.wickenburgschools.org](http://www.hassayampa.wickenburgschools.org), and “like” us on our school Facebook page.

### Calendar of Events

#### JANUARY

- Jan. 7 – Back to School, 3rd Quarter begins
- Jan. 9 - Principal's Coffee @ 8:15 a.m.
- Jan. 10 – PTA Mtg @ 4:00 p.m.
- Jan. 10 – Governing Board meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 14 – District Spelling Bee @ 6:00 – VP Gym
- Jan. 16 – APTT Events @5:30 p.m.
- Jan. 18 - 2nd Qtr. Honor Assemblies - K-2 - 8:30 a.m.  
3-5 - 9:30 a.m. - Gym
- Jan. 21 - No School – MLK, Jr. Holiday
- Week of Jan. 28 - Book Fair
- Jan. 31 - Science/Art Night - 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 28 – All 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC programs begin
- February 1 – Spirit Day: Wear your favorite team shirt
- February 4 – Western Spirit Week
- February 6 – Principal's Coffee/ Site Council
- February 8 – Gold Rush – No School
- February 9 – Gold Rush Parade
- February 18 – Presidents' Day – No School

### Principal's Coffee

Principal's Coffee is Wednesday, January 9. We hope to see you there. Remember, all Principal Coffees are scheduled on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month. You are always welcome!

### Festival Friday

December's Festival Friday was fantastic! Mrs. Boyle, Mr. Monesmith, and Mrs. Veraldi



facilitated an incredible experience for all! It was wonderful to have so many visitors join us in this celebration. We are excited for next year's festival!

### Spelling Bee Winners!

On December 13, Hassayampa held our annual school spelling bee! This spelling bee determined our school representatives for the district spelling bee to be held on **January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Vulture Peak Middle School.**

*Congratulations and good luck* to our Hassayampa representatives: 4<sup>th</sup> grade – Paola Susano Holguin, Levi Barton, and Braylan Flores; 5<sup>th</sup> grade – Conner Blankenship, Sergio Perez, Nevada Putnam, 5<sup>th</sup> graders Laila Neal and Miley Heuser are the runners up. 5<sup>th</sup> grader Emma Lamb was our overall school winner! These students will represent Hassayampa at the District Spelling Bee on January 14.



### Holiday Sale

Thank you to all who helped with the Holiday Sale! We generated funds that will continue to support our Festival Friday performances as well as other school events. Students enjoyed the opportunity to shop for their families. We are certain that all of you also enjoyed the gifts that were purchased – a great deal of thought went into each purchase.

### Holiday Blast

What a great way to end the semester! Many thanks to everyone for making our Holiday Blast extra special. A special thanks to Mrs. Boyle!

## What's happening in January?

### APTT / Parent-Teacher Conferences

Our Academic Parent Teacher Team meetings continue into the New Year! Please mark your calendars for **January 16<sup>th</sup> for all grade levels**. The APTT event start at 5:30, and will typically last an hour.

These events offer us a great opportunity to build partnerships with parents. Parents will receive their child's report cards as well as other grade level data. In addition to these group meetings, parents will have opportunities to schedule traditional, individual conferences.

### Honors Celebration!



On **January 18**, we will celebrate our students' accomplishments for the second quarter. The **K-2** Honor's assembly will be held at **8:30 a.m.** and grades **3-5** will be held at **9:30 a.m.** Grades K-2 will receive awards for Perfect Attendance, and other grade level honors. Grades 3-5 will receive recognition for Principal's Honor Roll, Hassayampa Honor Roll, and Perfect Attendance. Special recognition will be also be given to students who did well on the on Galileo in November. So, pack up the whole family, and come on down to join us!

### Hassayampa Art and Science Night

Don't miss out on one of our most popular parent events! Science & Art Night is scheduled on Thursday, **January 31 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.** In the cafeteria, grade levels will have science displays of what students have been working on in class. Mrs. Veraldi will display student art work within the hallways of Hassayampa. It will be quite a colorful display of talent!



This is a great night for the family to enjoy the hard work of our Hassayampa students. We hope to see you there!

### Book Fair!



It's nearly time for the Book Fair! Starting the week of **January 28**, every student will have an opportunity to shop during their scheduled library time. Parents will have the opportunity to shop during our Art & Science Night on Thursday, January 31. Information on how parents and students can make a wish list by visiting the book fair website will be sent home soon.

Online purchases are available through February 3<sup>rd</sup> - <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/hassayampa> . From this link, you may order the same books that you can at the in-school fair. All books ordered online will be shipped to the school free of charge and delivered to the student named in the order.

### PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Now accepting new students for the second semester.

**Will your child be 4 by September 1, 2019?** Space available for 3 - 5 year olds.

Please call the Hassayampa Office or visit the school website for more information.

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

### Special Thanks...

#### Wrangler Wishes

Thank you to all who participated in the Wrangler Wishes program. We are especially thankful for Rachel Willis and Julie Macias for organizing and distributing the Wishes program.

#### Food Boxes

Our families were so grateful for the food boxes. The following made 220 food boxes available to our families for the Winter break: Benner-Nawman, Inc. The Place Church Century 21 St. Alban's Episcopal Church Wickenburg Sun John & Dita Daub Lee & Nancy Stanley Thomas & Dianne Huth Steven Jones Sandra Bobbitt Ron & Lois Edilson

#### Peoria Arizona Rangers

This group of dedicated Rangers make it their purpose to serve others throughout the year. All money collected is used to purchase Christmas gifts for kindergarten children. This year every kinder child in our school received a gift from this wonderful group.

#### Quote of the month.

**"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."**

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

It is a privilege and true blessing to be associated with this wonderful, giving, and caring community. I have witnessed the true meaning of Christmas demonstrated each holiday season. This year was no exception. This community, town people and local businesses, made the following possible for the families and children of Hassayampa:

- Over **180** children were recipients of Wrangler Wishes gifts.
- **120** food boxes delivered.
- **10** live Christmas trees.
- **28** individual children were given shopping spree for clothing and shoes!
- **4** bicycles given.
- Each kindergarten student received a gift

Special thanks go out to Benner-Nawman, The Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion, The Elk's Lodge, Hoot's Helping Hands and many, many generous people who supplied the wrangler wishes gifts. If you could see the faces of these families, you would know the meaning of gratitude.

The New Year is always filled with "resolutions". I have made a "resolution" to try to give more tips to parents concerning their children's' safety on the internet.

**According to Parenting Magazine:** 2 good safety measures are:

#### 1. Check Privacy Settings

Check that your privacy settings for the Internet and Facebook are set to the strictest levels. Depending on which browser you are using, you can adjust the settings directly from the options tab and adjust levels around cookies, third party sites and more. This not only protects the computer user, but also the computer from the threat of viruses. Checking your Facebook privacy settings is easy as well. Simply go [here](#) to ensure that you are up to speed on its privacy policy and make any changes you deem necessary.

#### 2. Use Filtering Software

There are software suites you can purchase to monitor your child's Internet usage; many even enable you to view the exact keys that were typed, time spent online and all computer activity in general. Popular programs such as [Net Nanny](#) and [PureSight PC](#) let you monitor social media sites, block chats, filter content and much more. You can even monitor your child's cell phone with a software program like [My Mobile Watchdog](#).



Last, but certainly not least, let us celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday by remembering all he did for civil rights. His legacy lives on today as we try to emulate his character.

Happy New Year,  
*Ms. K-P*



## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers

We have finished our first semester of our 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) programming with over 200 students enrolled in at least one program before or after school. Tutoring invitations will be sent out the week of January 7. Teachers will be evaluating program availability and contacting families. All other invitations will be sent out January 14. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher or the program coordinators: Marcus Knight (3-5) [mknight@wusd9.org](mailto:mknight@wusd9.org) and Sherry Lanz (K-2) [slanz@wusd9.org](mailto:slanz@wusd9.org).


**APTT Night:** January 16<sup>th</sup> we will be having an all grade level parent night where parents and students will receive information and fun! This will be a night of goal setting and strategizing how to get our kids to the next academic level. This parent night will be different from anything we have hosted before and we are excited to see everyone there.

**Extended Studies** - Each grade level offers weekly extended studies opportunities. These begin the Tuesday, January 22. Students will meet with teachers after school on their designated days from 2:50-4:00 p.m. to work on their math and/or reading skills. Under our Raising Expectations policy, students who are failing core classes or earn a Minimally Proficient on Galileo testing are **required** to attend tutoring. Other students may also be invited for additional assistance. Invitations for tutoring are being sent home this week. If you feel that your child is struggling, please contact your child's teacher to identify options. Hassayampa offers a variety of supports for students. A good time to discuss concerns with your child's teacher is during APTT and parent-teacher conferences.

**Power Hour:** Power Hour was a huge success during quarter 2. Thank you to Ms. Lanz and Ms. Henneman for being there in the mornings and making Power Hour such a huge success. During Power Hour, we averaged 30 students a morning and are excited to keep that momentum going into quarter 3. Please let us know if you would like your child to join Power Hour.

**Art Club:** This quarter, we will be starting an after-school art club. It will be hosted Monday afternoon for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, and Tuesday afternoon for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders. Thank you to Mrs. Veraldi for taking over this project.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter After-school Programs begin JANUARY 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

 <p><b>HASSAYAMPA</b> HEROES Headquarters</p> <p>21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS</p> <p>HASSAYAMPA HEADQUARTERS</p>	
Day/Time	Programs for 3rd Quarter
Daily – 7:00a.m. – 8:00a.m.	Power Hour
Monday – 2:50 - 3:50	1 <sup>st</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Tutoring 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Study Hour LEAD Coyotes – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade (continues through school year) 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Reading
Monday – 4:00 – 5:00	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Fitness 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science League 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Quest 4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Yearbook Club 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Art Club
Tuesday – 2:50 – 3:50	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Tutoring 2 <sup>nd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Study Hour
Tuesday – 4:00 - 5:00	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Science 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Chess Club 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Drama Club 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Art Club
Thursday – 2:50 – 3:50	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tutoring 2 <sup>nd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Study Hour 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Coyote Chorus (continues through school year)
Thursday – 4:00 – 5:00	1 <sup>st</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Stackers 1 <sup>st</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Brainiacs 4 <sup>th</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Zumba 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> - Technology
Friday – 12:15 – 4:00	K - 5 <sup>th</sup> After School Program

**After-school programs begin Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>,  
and will run through the quarter.**



## Math Fact Fluency Goals

Has your child met his/her grade level's math fact fluency goals? Our next benchmark is at the end of February.

**Kinder** - Count and identify #'s to 100  
**1<sup>st</sup> Grade** - addition & subtraction facts  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** - addition & subtraction facts  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** – addition, subtraction, & multiplication facts  
**4<sup>th</sup> Grade** - addition, subtraction, multiplication facts and division facts  
**5<sup>th</sup> Grade** – multiplication & division facts & percentage/fractions/decimals conversions

### Just a few reminders:

**Emergency Contact Information:** If your address or phone number (work, home, or cell) changes, please let the school office know so that files can be updated. Many times the office or health aide is not able to reach parents when their child is ill. It is a difficult situation for both the student and health aide.

**Dress for the Weather:** The weather has been incredible; however, mornings at Hassayampa are chilly! Please make sure you send your child in clothes that fit the temps. Also, it is highly recommended that you put your child's name on the inside of coats and sweatshirts. We have a lot of jackets in the lost and found!

### Food Services

If your child purchases breakfast or lunch at school, please make sure that his/her accounts have sufficient funds. You may pay with check or cash. If paying by check, please make it payable to Wickenburg Unified School District and indicate your child's name and homeroom teacher in the memo.

### Box Tops



If you did some baking over the break, you likely collected some Box Tops. If you didn't, find out who did and make sure they are clipping for you!

All you have to do is clip and save Box Tops for our school. It's that EASY! Please visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) to learn about other ways to earn money for Hassayampa.

### Amazon Smile



Are you an Amazon shopper? Please use Amazon Smile to help raise additional funds for Hassayampa. It's super easy!

[Amazon Smiles for Hassayampa](#)

### Facebook

Have you checked us out on Facebook lately? Our goal is to get 500 "likes" by the end of the year. We're pretty close with **497**! We will need to set a new goal soon. Help us out by telling a friend or other family members. Visit Hassayampa Elementary School on Facebook and "Like" our page to receive up-to-date information on what's happening at Hassayampa!



When events come up, please indicate that you're interested or going. By doing this, you will help us spread the word. Thanks!

## Note from the Principal:

Dear Hassayampa Family:

Welcome to the second semester of the 2018-19 school year. Every staff member has been working very hard to prepare meaningful and rigorous lessons for our incredible students. We have set very high expectations and have made plans to ensure that every student at Hassayampa will be successful.

Student academic success is the primary goal of every staff member. We believe that every child will learn to the highest level, and we are prepared to offer time and support to every student that needs it. I ask for your support and participation in this effort by sending your child to school on time EVERY DAY, encouraging your child to read at least 30 minutes every evening (or read to your child), monitoring your child's homework, and asking your child to share what they learned at school each day. The dedication you have for your child today will have a life-long impact on who they will become in the future. Academic Parent Teacher Team events and parent-teacher conferences will occur during the second week back. These scheduled times are a great opportunities for you and the classroom teacher to build your partnership for your child's benefit.

We are excited about the start of the new school semester and hope that you will continue to support our community and school during the busiest time of the school year. Although supervision of students is available at 7:45 a.m., **the school day officially begins at 8:00 a.m.**; students are considered tardy at 8:05. Your child should be in their classrooms by 8:00. Student safety is also a priority, and I am asking for your continued cooperation with the provision of a safe environment. If you wish to speak with your child's teacher, please make an appointment via phone or email. Mornings are quite busy and don't lend themselves well to holding meetings. After the doors close in the morning, keep in mind that all campus visitors must enter through the main office, sign-in and get a visitor's pass when visiting campus.

We had great fun during our assemblies in December! I look forward to our many great events occurring this semester: Academic Parent Teacher Team events, Principal's Coffees, Honors Assemblies, Festival Fridays, and much more! For the most up-to-date information, please check the school website, Facebook, Class Dojo and your teacher's weekly newsletters. Add these important events to your family calendar. I hope to see you soon!

The New Year always offers new possibilities. Today every child is an 'A' student! Together, we can have continued success for your child.

Best wishes in 2019!

Educationally Yours,

*Mrs. Hershkowitz*

*Join me for Principal's Coffee!*

