



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, and “like” us on our school Facebook page.

Calendar of Events

JANUARY

Jan. 6 – Back to School, 3rd Quarter begins
Jan. 8 - Principal's Coffee @ 8:15 a.m.
Jan. 8 – PTA Mtg @ 4:00 p.m.
Jan. 13 – District Spelling Bee @ 6:00 – VP Gym
Jan. 15 – APTT Event @5:30 p.m.
Jan. 16 – 1st Semester Honor Assemblies – afternoon schedule
Jan. 20 - No School – MLK, Jr. Holiday
Jan. 21 – All 21st CCLC programs begin

FEBRUARY

Week of Feb. 3 - Book Fair
February 5 – Principal's Coffee/ Site Council
Feb. 5 - Science/Art Night - 5:30 p.m.
February 10 – Western Spirit Week
February 15 – Gold Rush Parade

Principal's Coffee

Principal's Coffee is Wednesday, January 8. We hope to see you there. Remember, all Principal Coffees are scheduled on the 1st Wednesday of the month. You are always welcome!

Hassayampa Art and Science Night

Don't miss out on one of our most popular parent events! Science & Art Night is scheduled on Thursday, **February 5 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. We hope to see you there!



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 13^h at 6:00 p.m. at Vulture Peak Middle School.**

Congratulations and good luck to our Hassayampa representatives:

3rd grade – Ashlyn Monesmith; 4th grade – Hunter Iverson & Riley Webster; 5th grade – Frankie Juarez & Emma Monesmith. 4th grader Gyan

Vigueria was the runner up and 4th grader Sophie Wetch was our overall school winner! These students will represent Hassayampa at the District Spelling Bee on January 13.



APTT / Parent-Teacher Conferences

Our Academic Parent Teacher Team events continue into the New Year! Please mark your calendars for **January 15th at 5:30 this for all grade levels.**

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 individual conferences.

Honors Celebration!

On **January 16**, we will celebrate our students' accomplishments for the first semester. Kindergarten – 12:15; 1st Grade – 12:45; 2nd Grade – 1:15. Grades **3-5** will begin at **2:00 p.m.** Families are welcome to join us!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Special Thanks...

Wrangler Wishes

Thank you to all who participated in the Wrangler Wishes program. Our community is so caring and giving. 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. Ed Kientz at Benner-Nawman, spearheaded a campaign to fill 395 food boxes for our schools and the surrounding community. Hassayampa received 110 food boxes that went to our families.

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 **200** children were recipients of Wrangler Wishes.
- **120** food boxes delivered.
- **6** live Christmas trees.
- **5** individual children were given shopping spree compliments of our local

Elks' Lodge.

- 40 children received gifts and a party with Santa compliments of the

American Legion Ladies Auxiliary

- Each kindergarten student received a gift from the Peoria Rangers

Special thanks go out to the 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

21st Century Community Learning Centers



We have finished our first semester of our 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) programming with over 180 students enrolled in at least one program before or after school. Tutoring invitations will be sent out the week of January 6th. Teachers will be evaluating program availability and contacting families. There are still openings in some of our awesome programs like Drama for 4th & 5th grade on Mondays or Fitness Wonders, Chess, or Zumba for 3rd – 5th on Thursdays. If you have questions, please contact your

child's teacher or the program coordinators: Sherry Lanz slanz@wusd9.org and Joyce Henneman jhenneman@wusd9.org

APTT Event: January 15th 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. Students will meet with teachers after school on their designated days from 3:15-4:15 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: Each morning at 7:00 a.m., students have an opportunity to start their day off right! Students use our adaptive software, IXL, which targets where students are in reading or math, and takes them to the next level. Additionally, some mornings have been dedicated to yoga or gardening. If you are looking for an early morning option for your child, this is it. The program runs Monday through Thursday. Please contact your child's teacher if you are interested in having your child attend.

3rd Quarter After-school Programs begin JANUARY 21st

Book Fair!

It's nearly time for the Book Fair! Starting the week of **February 3**, 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. 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 7TH - <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.

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
1st Grade - addition & subtraction facts
2nd Grade - addition & subtraction facts
3rd Grade – addition, subtraction, & multiplication facts
4th Grade - addition, subtraction, multiplication facts and division facts
5th 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!

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! It's EASY! Please visit www.boxtops4education.com to learn about other ways to earn money for Hassayampa.



Facebook



Have you checked us out on Facebook lately? Our goal is to get 550 "likes" by the end of the year, but it looks like we're doing pretty well with **547!** 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!

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](#)

Note from the Principal:

Dear Hassayampa Family:

Welcome to the second semester of the 2019-20 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 in January. These scheduled times are 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, 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 2020!

Educationally Yours,

Mrs. Hershkowitz

*Join me for Principal's Coffee on
the first Wednesday of the month!*

