

HASSAYAMPA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOOL-PARENT CONNECTION

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Welcome to the New Year and New Semester!

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.

A Note from Mrs. Hershkowitz

Dear Hassayampa Family:

Welcome to the second semester of the 2020-21 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. Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled in January, and available to anyone wishing to talk with the teacher. These 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.

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 2021!

Educationally Yours,

Mrs. Hershkowitz

Calendar of Events

JANUARY

- Jan. 4 – Back to School, 3rd Quarter begins
- Jan. 18 - No School – MLK, Jr. Holiday
- Jan. 19 - 21st CCLC Programs Begin

FEBRUARY

- Feb 8 - Western Spirit Week
- Feb. 15 - No School - Presidents' Day

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-Nawmann, spearheaded a campaign to fill food boxes for our schools and the surrounding community. Hassayampa received 70 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 gifts.
- **70** food boxes delivered.
- **10** live Christmas trees.
- **4** 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.

Here is a message By Mental Health First Aid USA on December 28, 2020

For many, a new year is often seen as an opportunity to create change. Especially this year, it is also an opportunity to take care of our mental and emotional health. With these tips from the Mental Health First Aid curriculum, you can create a self-care plan that helps you prioritize your mental health and well-being as the New Year begins.

A great place to start is the act of practicing gratitude. Being grateful isn't limited to Thanksgiving – you can practice gratitude all year long, especially when faced with challenges. Dedicate time to sit down and think about what you're thankful for. It may be the roof over your head, clean water, your pet, or a good meal. Acknowledging the good around you can put you in a better mood and is a positive way to start the New Year.

It is also important to recognize who you surround yourself with. Build a support system with people you can turn to when times get hard and celebrate with when things are great. Remember that healthy boundaries are also essential and limiting your time with certain people or saying no to events that you do not like is OK too.

Even though many of us are feeling fatigue from this year's challenges, a new year is upon us and there are new days ahead to make your own. Take time each day for your mental health and remember to be kind to yourself as the days unfold.

Ms. K-P