

HASSAYAMPA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOOL-PARENT CONNECTION

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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

We're wrapping up the third quarter and preparing for the final quarter of school! Spring is around the corner, and that means state testing is nearly here as well!

Starting the week of April 5, **3rd, 4th and 5th** grade students will start state testing. **5th graders will take the new science assessment.** All **3rd -5th graders** will complete writing before they begin the English Language Arts and Math assessments over the next two weeks. We are in the process of finalizing the specific test dates. You will soon be able to check with your child's teacher for the plan for your child's classroom. Please make sure to schedule dental exams and other appointments outside of the testing window. Students have been working hard at mastering grade level concepts. Please do everything you can to aid in their success. This means that they should be getting plenty of rest each night, eating healthy, and getting their daily dose of reading practice. We know our students will be ready to show what they have learned! Please visit the state's website to learn more about our state assessments.

Please help us spread the word - **Kindergarten Round-up** is scheduled for **April 28 and April 29**. Individual meeting times will be offered throughout the day. In addition to this being a wonderful opportunity for your child to have an early taste of school, it is important for us to have this occasion to get to know your child and our incoming group of learners. We look forward to seeing you!

The final quarter of the year tends to be a busy one!

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Hershkowitz



Calendar of Events

MARCH

- 1-4 - Read Across America Week
- 9 - Governing Board Meeting @5:30
- 11 - End of Quarter
- 15 - 18 - Spring Break
- 30 - April 1 - 2nd Grade Gifted Testing

APRIL

- 5 - 22 - State Testing Window
- 28 & 29 - Kindergarten Round-up

Hassayampa Elementary School 21st Century Community Learning Centers

We have two weeks left in our 3rd quarter of after school programs. Invitations for 4th Quarter will be going out the first week of March so that we are fully prepared to begin programs right after Spring Break.

Please contact program coordinators with any of your program questions – Ms. Lanz – slanz@wusd9.org or Ms. Henneman – jhenneman@wusd9.org.

Power Hour: This before school program is available to all Hassayampa K-5 students every morning starting at 7:00. This is a great time to get homework support, access IXL on computer as well other activities.

Tutoring: We would like to thank all the teachers who tutor during the week. Thank you for your time and effort. Tutoring allows us extra time to target standards and review skills. If you feel that your child is in need of tutoring, please contact your child's teacher to make arrangements.

4th Quarter: Please let your student's teacher know if you would like your student signed up for after school programs. Placement in programs is based upon academic need and availability.

4th Quarter after-school programs begin **March 22** and runs to **May 13**.

Synergy – ParentVUE



Are you signed up for ParentVUE? Parents, you can access current information on your child's academic progress. With a user ID and password, you have the ability to see your child's grades in each subject area, identify missing assignments, and grade for a particular assignment plus many other things. This can be done from your computer or cell phone. **If you don't have your user ID, please stop by the front office for assistance in getting more information on this useful tool.**

AzM2 (aka AZMERIT)

Starting on April 5 our school will begin testing students in grades 3- 5. The battery of tests will be given over several days. These are state mandated assessments given to all students in grades 3 - 8. The assessment is a standards-based assessment in writing, English Language Arts, and math. Parent resources are available on the Arizona Department of Education website. <http://www.azed.gov/assessment/azmeritsupportmaterials/> You will find a student guide and sample tests for each grade level.

Kindergarten Round-up

Spread the word: Kindergarten Round-up is scheduled for **April 28 – April 29**.

The student must be 5 by September 1, 2020 to be eligible. During the session, the student will participate in a variety of skill assessments. Parents will be asked to complete online registration paperwork prior to their visit. Please bring:

- Certified birth certificate,
- current immunization record, and
- 2 proofs of residence that show your physical address.

Please call the Hassayampa office to sign up. Also please keep in mind that the District uses our pre-registration numbers to determine our staff needs for next school year.



Hassayampa showed that we have HEART for Wickenburg!

Reading and Math Nook

Read Across America Day

National Read Across America Day on March 2nd, which is Dr. Seuss' birthday. This day is one of Mrs. Hershkowitz' favorite celebration days.

What can you do to participate in this celebration? It's simple:

- * Take your child to the library or find something in your home library. See if you can find the silliest Dr. Seuss book and read it together.
- * Let your child know what your favorite children's story is. Have your child tell you all about his/her favorite book.
- * Make sure your child practices reading fluency measures daily.
- * Encourage your child to read daily!

Reading is a part of life. Although we have this special day of celebration, reading should be celebrated daily.

Build the love for reading in your child today!

Raising Expectations Policy

This district policy was enacted to focus attention on the value of academic achievement and to increase accountability. In order to meet the expectations of this policy, Hassayampa celebrates those students who exceed grade level standards. Additionally, before school and after school tutoring is available for students not meeting the standard.

"Move on When Reading"

Arizona Revised Statute 15-701 states that 3rd graders who score in the lower end of the category of Minimally Proficient on the AzM2 (aka AZMERIT) Reading **will be retained in 3rd grade**. Parents of students whose children are substantially deficient in reading will receive notification. Hassayampa will provide parents with strategies parents can use to help their children at home. **More information about this statute can be found at www.azed.gov/mowr/.**

Seuss Week

March 1 - 4

Monday: Green Eggs and Ham - Wear GREEN or your favorite Seuss shirt

Tuesday: One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish - Wear RED or BLUE

Wednesday: Fox in Socks - Wear SILLY SOCKS

Thursday: Cat in the Hat - Crazy Hat Day

The Hassayampa Bike Giveaway!

Families! We need your help. Many students are struggling to memorize their basic math facts. Please contact your child's teacher to find out what you can do to support your child's learning.

Math Fact Fluency Goals



Kinder - Count and identify #'s to 100

1st Grade - addition and subtraction facts to 10

2nd Grade - addition & subtraction facts to 20

3rd Grade - addition & subtraction facts and multiplication facts to 10

4th Grade - addition, subtraction & multiplication facts and division facts to 12

5th Grade - addition, subtraction, multiplication, & division facts and fractions/decimals

Encourage your child to
LEARN THEIR MATH FACTS and
EARN A CHANCE TO WIN A BIKE!

Just a reminder:

Absences: Regular attendance and being on time to school is critical to your child's educational success. It is much more challenging this year with our health requirements for attendance. To help your child stay healthy, please make sure that they are getting plenty of rest and eating well. **In the event of a necessary absence, please make sure to call the school at 928-684-6750 by 9:00 a.m.** If your child becomes ill in the middle of the night, it is okay to call and leave a message. Please indicate your child's name, your name, the student's teacher's name, and the reason for the absence.

Counseling Corner

Parent Tips to Help Prepare Your Student for AzMERIT?

-by Pete Garlinghouse

The night before:

- Help your child get to bed on time.
- Keep your normal routine.
- Talk about the test, but don't dwell on it.
- Plan ahead to avoid conflicts in the morning.

The morning of the test:

- Get up early to avoid rushing.
- Eat a good breakfast.
- Be positive about the test.

After the test:

- Talk about the test and how the child felt about it.

Did you know?

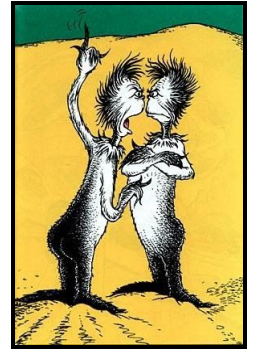
Children who read 20 minutes everyday are more successful in school?

Worth Quoting...

"Change is the end result of all true learning"

Leo Buscaglia

March is the Character Counts month of Respect! We teach that showing respect means following The Golden Rule (treat others the way you want to be treated); be accepting of differences; use good manners, not bad language; don't threaten, hurt or hit anyone; be considerate of the feelings of others; and deal peacefully with anger, insults and conflicts.



Respect at home: If your child becomes disrespectful and defiant at times, try offering fixed choices. By letting them choose between one thing or another, they'll still feel like they have some control. For example, say, "You can choose to do either 10 minutes of reading or practice math facts". Some of you may be thinking that they'll say "neither", but you can offer to decide for them if you need to. This usually prompts them to make a choice. One added bonus (shhh!) is you can always make one choice something less than thrilling so they end up picking what you wanted anyway.

Internet Safety Tips From Parenting Magazine:

Keep the Computer in a Central Location

It's much easier to keep tabs on any online activity when the computer is located in a high-traffic zone than if your child is using a computer in the privacy of her own room. Place the computer in a central location like your kitchen or family room so that everything is out in the open.

Urge Your Kids to Avoid Questionnaires, Free Giveaways and Contests

A pop-up ad appears and tells kids they can win a free iPad by simply clicking the link. Anyone would be tempted by this kind of offer, but kids are particularly susceptible, so it's important to warn kids against falling for this kind of Internet trick. Many of these ruses are attempts to glean personal information. Inform kids that even if they are forwarded a fun questionnaire from a friend, it's best to close the window and not participate.

Ms. K-P

FIVE TIPS
to Help You Practice
RESILIENCE in 2021

- **TIP 1** Be open to changes and allow for flexibility.
- **TIP 2** Keep things in perspective.
- **TIP 3** Take care of yourself with activities you enjoy.
- **TIP 4** Prioritize your relationships.
- **TIP 5** Ask for help if you need it.

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