



# COYOTE DEN

Hassayampa Elementary School  
Parent - School Connection



## Spring is HERE!

Did we have a winter? This may be the reason why many of us choose to live here. ☺ 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

April 1 – 4 – 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Gr AzMERIT –Writing-one day /class)  
April 2-4 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr. Gifted Testing  
April 3 – Principal's Coffee  
– Site Council @3:00 - FINAL  
April 4 - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip – River Preserve  
April 4 – PTA Meeting: 4:00 @ Board Room  
April 6 – PTA Touch-a-truck Event - HES  
April 8-12 – 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> AzMERIT  
April 11 – Governing Board Meeting @ 6:30  
April 15-18 – 3<sup>rd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup> AzMERIT  
April 19 – Good Friday – No School  
April 23 – Kindergarten Field Trip  
April 25 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip  
April 30 & May 1– Kindergarten Round-up  
May 3 – Kiss the Pig and Field Day  
April 10 – Kinder Visitation (incoming K)  
May 6-10 –Benchmark Week/Teacher Appreciation  
May 6 – 8 – Science Camp – 5<sup>th</sup> graders  
May 14 – 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Celebration @ 5:30 p.m.  
May 16 – 5th Grade VP Visitation  
May 17– Festival Friday: USA  
May 21 – Math & Reading Awards  
May 22 – Special Honors Assembly – Webb Center  
May 23 – Last Day of School: Movie Day  
May 28 – June 13 – Summer School  
May 28 – May 31 – STEAM Camp

### Principal's Coffee

Our final Principal's Coffee is  
**Wednesday, April 3** at 8:15.  
Please bring a friend, all are  
welcome!



### Kindergarten Round-up

**Spread the word:** Kindergarten Round-up is scheduled for **April 30 – May 1**. On Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup>, there will be a morning and afternoon sessions beginning at 8:30 a.m. and noon. On Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup>, we will have an afternoon session with Spanish translator available at noon. Later on Wednesday, we are offering a 4:00 p.m. opportunity to complete the registration process.

The student must be 5 by September 1, 2019 to be eligible. The clinic consists of a two-hour period during which the students will participate in a variety of skill assessments and health checks.

Parents will be asked to fill out pre-registration paperwork at that time.

Parents need to bring the following:

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

Also on **Friday, May 10**, there is a special **Kindergarten Visitation** day. Parents bring students to the school at 12:30 and return for pick up at 2:30. During that time, students rotate through various activities. They will visit the playground, read a story and write a little. The finale is a short bus ride around Wickenburg.

**It is important to note that the District uses these pre-registration numbers to determine Hassayampa staff needs for next school year. Although it may seem optional, this early registration process assists the school in making many important decisions. Please call the Hassayampa office to pre-register today!**

### Is your child ready for state testing?

All year students have been learning the AZ Standards as taught by their classroom teachers. Through Galileo benchmark testing, teachers are able to determine how students are progressing in learning the standards.

State testing will begin April 1 and continue through April 18. Yes, this is a long testing window, but students aren't testing each day. Please consider the testing schedule when making doctor and dentist appointments. If you know your child will be out, please let your child's teacher know ahead of time. On testing days, please make sure your child has a healthy breakfast and gets plenty of rest the night before.

### AIMS Science – 4<sup>th</sup> grade

4<sup>th</sup> grade students took the AIMS Science test online like the AzMERIT during the last week of March.

### AZMERIT – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be tested using the state test, AzMERIT. This test is designed to measure student learning and progress towards readiness for college or career. Reading, writing, and math will be assessed in an online format. As Hassayampa has two computer labs, the tests will be given over several days.

- April 2-6 – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Writing
- Week of 8<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> ELA & Math
- Week of 15<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> ELA & Math
- Make-up testing will be ongoing

Parent resources are available on the Arizona Department of Education website:

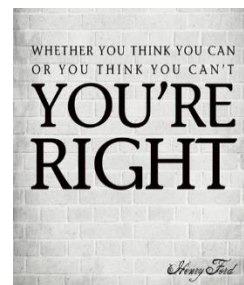
(<http://www.azed.gov/assessment/azmeritsupportmaterials/>).

### TEST TIPS

The following is a short list of tips to help your child perform at his/her highest level.

- 1) Send your child to school every day.  
There are makeup dates available, but it has been proven that students perform better when they are in their regular educational environment.
- 2) Make sure your student arrives on time.  
Once a class begins a testing session, no tardy students will be sent to class. They will have to stay in the office for the remainder of the session and make up the test at a later date.
- 3) Schedule appointments and absences outside of the testing dates. Students who leave school before completing a particular testing session, including those students who leave due to illness, are ineligible to continue that portion of the test and cannot be permitted to finish it when they return to school.
- 4) Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep.
- 5) Make sure your child gets a healthy breakfast.

Your student has been working hard all year mastering grade level concepts. Please do everything you can to aid in his/her success. Our students are ready to show what they know!



### 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 are Proficient and Highly Proficient on Galileo. Also, we offer tutoring to specifically identified students who require academic assistance. Your student may be required to attend summer school based upon not meeting the goals measured through Galileo.

## Save the Date

Summer School  
Starts  
May 28.

## Reading and Math Nook

### Read

What can you do to encourage your child to read? It's simple:

- \* Take your child to the library or find something in your home library.
- \* Find a book to read together. However, it doesn't have to be a book, find a magazine or read the cereal box.
- \* 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 sees you reading. You are the role model!
- \* Make sure your child practices reading fluency measures daily.
- \* Encourage your child to read daily!

Reading is a part of life. **Build the love for reading in your child today!**

### Accelerated Reader

Hassayampa students have been doing a LOT of reading! Students who read one million words during the school year will have their names added to the **Million Word Club** wall outside the library entrance. The top readers will also be recognized during the end of the year ceremonies.

Please check out the Hassayampa school website to see a real-time display of how many AR books Hassayampa students have read this month!

<http://www.hassayampa.wickenburgschools.org>

### PTA Book Sale

Hassayampa students collected a LOT of books! All proceeds from the PTA Book Fair is divided between the two K-8 libraries to purchase new books and other library needs. We are excited to hear how much we earned.

We will continue to collect items through Friday, **April 5**.



### The Hassayampa Bike Giveaway!



As you know, in May, at our Special Honors Assembly, four bikes will be given away to students. Students will have one more opportunity to earn an entry ticket during the first week of May.



### Math Fact Fluency Goals

- Kinder** - Count and identify #'s to 100
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**- addition & subtraction facts to 10
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** - addition & subtraction facts to 20
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** - addition & subtraction facts and multiplication facts to 12
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade** - addition, subtraction & multiplication facts and division facts to 12
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade** - addition, subtraction, multiplication, & division facts and fractions/decimals

During Quarterly Honors Assemblies, K-5 students receive tickets. Students have until May to earn their ticket. The drawing will take place on May 22<sup>nd</sup> during the annual Hassayampa Special Honors Assembly held at the Webb Center.



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

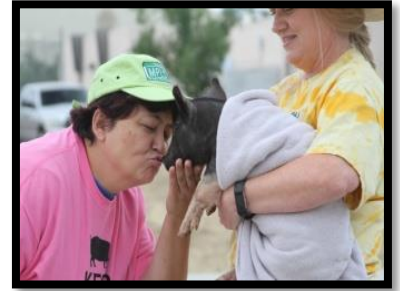
## Honors Assembly

On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, we held our 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Honors Assembly. We had A LOT to celebrate! Many friends and family members were in attendance as we recognized students for perfect attendance, Honor Roll, Principal's Honor Roll, Galileo proficiency and growth as well as other achievements.

Please mark your calendars for our reading and math assemblies on **May 21**. Students will be recognized for meeting grade level goals as well as for achieving significant growth.

## Field Day

On **May 3**, we will hold our annual Field Day. Students will compete in various team games and activities. Please make sure your child wears sunscreen, has a hat, and brings a water bottle. Also, make sure to check the weather for that day and have your child dress accordingly. Parents are welcome to come and watch. If you plan on helping, make sure to fill out a volunteer form. Also, on this day, our "Winning Teacher" will get to "Kiss the Hassayampa Pig" as part of our celebration. This is a great day of fun for students, staff, and families.



## Science Camp

On **May 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>**, forty-five 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be traveling to Prescott Pines Camp. This is a wonderful time to explore scientific concepts with hands-on activities. All classes are conducted by professional educators and allow the students to explore scientific ideas that we are unable to do in a regular classroom. As part of our afterschool programs, students who have signed up to attend this camp, will meet after school to discuss what to ready themselves for the experience and the trip. Mr. Monesmith and Mrs. Howard will accompany the students along with other adult chaperones. 5<sup>th</sup> graders who are not attending Science Camp will be participating in hands-on science activities right here at school.

If you have a 4<sup>th</sup> grader, visit <http://prescottpines.org/programs> to learn about this great opportunity that your child will have next year.



Hassayampa Preschool is offering a 12-day summer program. It will run at the same times as Hassayampa Summer School. Contact Mrs. Hohn for more information – 684-6750.

Also, accepting preschool applications for the 19-20 school year.



## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

### Parent Tips to Help Prepare Your Student the AzMERIT Test

-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.

### Thank you Wickenburg Hospital!

Our friends at Wickenburg Hospital sponsored a food drive for our weekend food bag program. Special thanks to Debra Loder for organizing this event!



### Worth Quoting...

*"Children must be taught how to think, not what to think."*  
-Margaret Mead

We hope you had a relaxing and restful Spring Break. School is now in session for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and we are hoping to finish out this year with a bang! For some students, the end of the year is a difficult stretch. It's hard to keep focused on school work with the gorgeous weather outside! Yet this is not the time to give up on good study habits.

As a parent, it's important to make sure there are procedures in place at home so that kids can get their work completed for the following day. Even the most challenged of students can benefit from improved study habits when a routine is in place.

Are you asking yourself where to begin? Encouragement is a great way to start the process. Children need to know that the adults in their lives are there to support and believe in them. Having the right attitude is especially important when beginning any assignment. Secondly, set up a designated study space that is only used for that purpose. You may want to consider your child's individual learning style and think about if the space helps to support it. Try to match up the study space with their personality as well. Establishing a routine early in elementary school can help tremendously when students get older and their assignments become more rigorous. We hope to see our largest number of honor roll students at the end of the last quarter! Help your child reach their potential by ensuring that success starts at home first.

### Internet Safety Tips From Parenting Magazine:

#### Monitor the Pictures Your Child Posts Online

In an ideal world, your child would never post a photo of herself online, but that might not be entirely realistic. If she wants to share photos with her friends via email or a social networking site, be sure you know exactly which pictures are being posted. Make sure the content of the photo is completely innocuous and that no identifiable locales in the background are noticeable.

#### Limit Cell Phone Use

Just as you would limit use of a computer, TV or gaming system, you can do the same with a cell phone. Set rules for the device, only allowing cell phone usage at certain hours in the evening or after homework has been completed. If you have teens of driving age, the most important rule to enforce is that under no circumstances should cell phones ever be used while driving. Phones should be kept off so incoming text sounds aren't a distraction or should be kept in the glove compartment, out of reach.

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## Hassayampa Elementary School

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

Thank you to everyone who helped us start off an amazing quarter 4. The after school coordinators would like to thank the transportation team and Hassayampa's cafeteria staff for all their hard work, as well as all the teachers and staff who help make these programs possible.

**Prescott Pines Camp:** We have 45 5<sup>th</sup> graders going on our annual trip to Prescott Pines. These students will be gone May 6<sup>th</sup> through May 8<sup>th</sup>. Students enrolled were invited to our after school Prescott Pines program. During this time, students are working in groups while learning about 5<sup>th</sup> grade science standards and preparing for the trip. Please contact Ms. Versetto if you any further questions about the trip.

**End of Year Celebration:** To celebrate an amazing year Hassayampa will be having an after school event on **May 14<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30. After school programs will get a chance to display what they have learned in activities such as science, drama, cup stacking, and chess. Please mark your calendar.

**Summer School:** Summer School invites will be sent out soon. Here is the list of dates that Summer School will run. Week 1 – May 28<sup>th</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup> Week 2 – June 3<sup>rd</sup> - June 6<sup>th</sup> Week 3 June 10<sup>th</sup> – June 13<sup>th</sup>. Transportation is provided as well as breakfast and lunch. Anyone under the age of 18 can stop by and get a free lunch at our cafeteria during these 3 weeks so bring the whole family.

**STEAM Camp:** STEAM Camp will coincide with the first week of summer school running from May 28<sup>th</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>. There is a cost to this program. Details and invites will be sent out soon.

**Bus Services:** The 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC has bus services available to students who are enrolled in programs until 5:00 p.m. If transportation is a challenge for your family, please contact program coordinators – Mr. Knight - [mknight@wickenburg.k12.az.us](mailto:mknight@wickenburg.k12.az.us) or Ms. Lanz – [slanz@wickenburg.k12.az.us](mailto:slanz@wickenburg.k12.az.us) .

**LAST DAY for  
21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY PROGRAMS  
May 10**

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S****Headquarters****21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS****HASSAYAMPA HEADQUARTERS**

Day/Time	Programs for 4th Quarter 2018
Daily – 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Power Hour
Monday – 2:50 - 3:50	2 <sup>nd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Gr. – Study Hour 1 <sup>st</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> – Tutoring 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Gr. – Reading Club 5 <sup>th</sup> Gr. – Science Camp
Monday – 4:00 – 5:00	4 <sup>th</sup> Gr. – Science 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Gr. – Fitness 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Gr. – Quest 1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Gr. – Art Club
Tuesday – 2:50 – 3:50	2 <sup>nd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade – Tutoring/Study Hour
Tuesday – 4:00 - 5:00	2 <sup>nd</sup> Gr. – Science League 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Gr. – Dark Knights Chess Club 4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Gr. – Drama Guild 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Gr. – Art Club
Thursday – 2:50 – 3:50	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Gr. – Tutoring 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Gr. – Study Hour 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Gr. – Coyote Chorus
Thursday – 4:00 – 5:00	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Roadrunner Rebels (Stackers) 1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Braniacs 4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> – Zumba Kids 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> - Tech
Friday – 12:15 – 4:00	K-5 <sup>th</sup> After School Program



It's the generosity of many that  
makes great things possible.

### A Corner of THANKS!



#### School Supply Donations

We have an incredibly generous community. THANK YOU, Benner-Nawman and Wickenburg Rotary! These two organizations teamed up to provide classroom supplies for our teachers. This time of year many teachers are running low and tend to buy supplies from their own pockets. These organizations filled that need and it is so appreciated.

#### Tax Donators

As the tax season finishes, we'd like to give a special thanks to those who have entrusted us with their tax dollars. Remember that donations for 2018 taxes may be made until **April 15!**

To learn more about the AZ Tax Credit option, please visit the district website.



#### Just a few reminders:

**Toys at School:** Please remind your children that toys belong at home. We don't want to lose educational time being the referee over students' toys.

**Lost and Found:** Our lost and found rack is **FULL!** We have jackets, sweaters, lunch boxes and more! If you know that your child has been missing something, please encourage them to take a serious look in lost and found.

**Bus Rules:** If your child rides the bus, please review the bus rules with your children. For their safety, they need to stay in their seats until the bus comes to a completed stop. It is also imperative that they use an appropriate voice level.

**Parking Lot Drop-off:** When dropping off students from the drop-off lane, please release them **from the passenger side** of the car. If parking to bring students in, keep in mind that students are not to be unattended when walking through the parking lot. Your child's safety is a priority!



#### Festival Friday: USA

Our next Festival Friday will be **May 17** in the Hassayampa gym.  
K-2 will begin at 8:30 a.m. and 3-5 starts at 9:30 a.m.  
Please come join us!



## General Mills Box Tops for Education Program

Keep collecting those Box Tops! Every bit helps us out. There are more ways to earn money for Hassayampa. Please visit [www.bboxtops4education.com](http://www.bboxtops4education.com) to learn about other ways to earn money for Hassayampa.



## Facebook

We currently have **507**! That's 50 more than last year! Visit Hassayampa Elementary School on Facebook and "Like" our page to receive up-to-date information on what's happening at Hassayampa!



## Pennies



Annually we have a penny war to determine who will kiss the pig at our Field Day event. Pennies don't seem like a lot, but when everyone brings in a few, they can add up. So start collecting now to prepare for next year's penny war!

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## Note from the Principal:

It is difficult for me to believe how quickly this school year is flying by! Our students have been learning so many great things each and every day. It is exciting to consider the academic and social gains they have made. Obviously, social gains aren't easily quantified, but I am certain both teachers and parents have seen their students mature. Academically, we are able to quantify gains made based on Galileo, math fact fluency, and DIBELS. In our quarterly data review, we noted great growth in our students. We celebrated students who demonstrated proficiency or exceeded growth expectations on Galileo during our 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Honors Assembly. Please join us at the end of the year when we have our final celebration of our great students!

Clearly, our students did quite well on their benchmark assessments in February. We are feeling confident that these gains will be reflected in how students perform on AzMERIT. To keep the testing process smooth, please make sure you work your family schedules around our testing times. It is additional work for everyone to make up tests that students have missed. Also, make sure your child gets plenty of rest the nights before testing and has a healthy, low-sugar breakfast on the mornings of testing. Most importantly, let your child know that they are smart and that you believe in them! We want the best for all of our students!

You may have heard that we are in store for some big changes for next school year. We are already looking at the next year's calendar from the perspective of a four-day week. Obviously, all of our Friday events and celebrations will be moved. Furthermore, we are exploring the academic opportunities that come with the 35 minutes added to our day. We are excited and anxious for these changes. Changes can cause stress, but we will do great things as we work together make Hassayampa the best place to get an education!

As is typical, we have many great things happening at Hassayampa. Please review the calendar of events closely and add the information to your family calendar. I look forward to seeing you all at any one of our many events!

Very truly yours,

*Mrs. Hershkowitz*

