

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, follow us on our school Facebook and visit our Hassayampa website – www.wickenburgschools.org/Domain/9.

A Note from Mrs. Hershkowitz

Here we are entering the final two months of school. Kind of hard to believe! We have been on quite the journey in the last year! Our students have been learning so many great things each and every day. They have certainly demonstrated resilience! Although this year has had its challenges, I am still excited to review our end of year measures as I am confident that students are showing growth. Academically, we are able to quantify gains made based on Galileo, math and reading fluency measures. In March, teachers celebrated students who demonstrated proficiency or exceeded growth expectations on Galileo. I know we will have much more to celebrate by the end of the year! Our students are awesome!

I am confident that student gains will be reflected in how students perform on state testing which occurs this month. To keep the testing process smooth, please make sure you work your family schedules around our testing times. When students miss their classes scheduled test, it is additional work for everyone to make up tests. It is important to ensure 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!**

We are excited and a little anxious about the final weeks of school. We've made it through the past year under the shadow of the pandemic. To say it has been challenging is certainly an understatement. I appreciate all of you who have made this year manageable. Your understanding and support has helped me tremendously.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Hershkowitz

Calendar of Events

APRIL

- 5 - 22 - 3rd - 5th Gr. State Testing Window
- 20 - Governing Board Meeting
- 28 & 29 - Kindergarten Round-up

MAY

- 3 - 6 - Teacher Appreciation Week
- 10 - 13 - End-of-Year Testing
- 13 - 5th Grade Visitation to Vulture Peak
- 27 - Last Day of School

JUNE

- 1 - 17 - Summer School

Is your child ready for state testing?

All year students have been learning the Arizona State 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 5th and continue through April 22nd. 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.

AzMERIT – 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades

3rd-5th 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. Additionally, 5th graders will take the state science test.

These tests will be given over several days. Each classroom will only be given one test per day.

Week of 5th – 3rd – 4th Grade Writing

April 6 – 5th Grade Science

Week of 12th – 3rd, 4th & 5th ELA & Math

April 12 – 5th Grade Writing

Week of 19th – 4th & 5th ELA & Math

Week of 26th – Make-up testing will be ongoing

April 6th - 12th – Remote Learner Testing

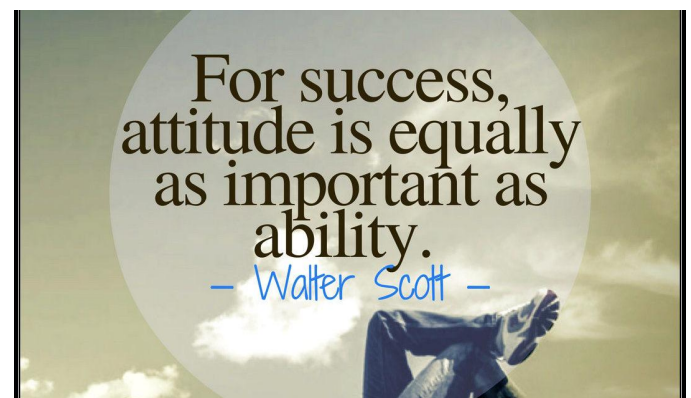
Parent resources are available on the Arizona Department of Education website:
<http://www.azed.gov/assessment/azmeritsupportmaterials/>.

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!



Hassayampa Elementary School

Kindergarten ROUND-UP

Wednesday, April 28 & Thursday, April 29

Appointments Available
 ★ 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

Children eligible to attend must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2021
 Required Documents for Enrollment:
 Immunization Record, Birth Certificate, 2 Proofs of Residency

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Register for Round-up

by calling the Hassayampa Elementary School
 928-684-6750 Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, please visit:
www.wickenburgschools.org/hes

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Kindergarten Round-up

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 - www.wickenburgschools.org/enroll.

It is important to note that the District uses these early registration numbers to determine Hassayampa staffing needs for next school year. This early registration process assists the school in making many important decisions. Please call the Hassayampa office to schedule an appointment today!

Parent Tips to Help Prepare Your Student the AzM2 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

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 15 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

When are absences a problem?



CHRONIC ABSENCE

15 or more days



WARNING SIGNS

6 to 14 days



SATISFACTORY

5 or fewer days

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP?

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

For more on school readiness, visit <https://www.attendanceworks.org/> and <https://reachoutandread.org/>

Ms. K-P

