



# COYOTE DEN

Hassayampa Elementary School  
Parent - School Connection



## The Final Stretch!

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.wickenburgschools.org/HES](http://www.wickenburgschools.org/HES), and “like” us on our school Facebook page.

## Calendar of Events

April 30 & May 1– Kindergarten Round-up  
April 28 –May 10 – End-of-Year Benchmark Week  
May 3 – Kiss the Pig and Field Day  
May 10 – Kinder Visitation (incoming K)  
May 6-10 – Teacher Appreciation Week  
May 6 – 8 – Science Camp – 5<sup>th</sup> graders  
May 9 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade VP Visitation (during school)  
May 9 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade VP Open House @ 5:00 p.m.  
May 9 – Governing Board Meeting 6:30  
May 14 – 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Celebration @ 5:30 p.m.  
May 16 –ALL Year Attendance/ Honor Roll Ice-Cream Celebration  
May 17– Festival Friday: USA  
May 20 – Water Safety Day K-2  
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  
**July 25** – Open House  
**TUESDAY, July 29** – First Day of School

## Festival Friday

Our final Festival Friday for the year will be **May 17**. Students have been studying USA! K-2 will begin at 8:30 a.m. and 3-5 starts at 9:30 a.m. Please come join us! Show your American spirit and wear your best red, white, and blue!



## Kindergarten Round-up

We have a lot of families signed up for Kindergarten Round-up, but we know there are more future students out there. Please spread the word: If you have a child who will be 5 by September 1, 2019, please call the Hassayampa office to pre-register.

At this time, we are excited to announce that Ms. Wise will be transferring to Kindergarten next school year. She will complete the team working with Mrs. Conway. We are excited to have these two working together to establish a great start for our new students! Please keep in mind that the District uses our pre-registration numbers to determine our staff needs for next school year.

## Kiss the Pig and Field Day

**Field Day is on Friday, May 3!**



Please make sure students are dressed for a hot and active day – tennis shoes, hats, and sunblock! Parents and guardians are welcome to come and watch. If you plan on helping, make sure to fill out a volunteer form. This is a great day of fun for students, staff, and families.

Please note that no other school-aged children are permitted unless they are part of our approved school volunteers. All visitors must check-in through the front office.

## End of the Year Activities

### Ice Cream Celebration

Students with year-long perfect attendance and/or Principals Honor Roll will be treated to a special ice cream treat on **Thursday, May 16.**

### Assemblies

On **May 21**, reading & math awards will be given to those students who have achieved a benchmark score on the DIBELS for reading or passed their grade level's Math Fact Fluency benchmark for math. We will begin the morning by celebrating the accomplishments of **first and second grades at 8:30 a.m.** As the **kindergarten assembly** typically takes much longer, we will begin their assembly **at 9:30 a.m. At 1:00, we will wrap up with 3-5.** These assemblies will be held in the gym.

### Principal's Special Assembly

On **May 22**, Hassayampa students will assemble for one last time this year to celebrate special honors and recognitions. A special celebration will be held at the Webb Center at **9:00 a.m.**

### End of Year Movie



On the last day of school, **May 23**, all Hassayampa students and teachers are going to see a movie at the Saguro Theater. It will be great fun! Each student will receive entrance to the movie, a bag of popcorn, and a soda. The price per student is \$8.00. Additional candy or treats *may* also be purchased. Students in grades K-2 will see the movie at 9 a.m. and students in grades 3-5 will see the movie at 12:30 p.m. We will be using the medical release/field trip permission slips already on file so no additional forms are needed. Students will need to bring their **\$8.00** to school by **Friday, May 17.** Parents - Due to limited space in the theater, no additional seating will be available for parents or visitors.



## Save the Date

Summer School  
Starts  
May 28.

### Final Details

**Fourth quarter report cards** will be mailed home on June 1. If your child is missing a library book, textbook or has damaged school property, his/her report card will be held for payment. Notice of lost or damaged books will be sent home in early May so that parents can clear up the matter before the close of school. A list of supplies needed for next school year can be found online. If you have any problems purchasing supplies for school, please contact Ms. KP.

On July 25, we will hold an **Open House/Registration Night** for all students and parents to come and see their new teachers and classrooms. It is also a great opportunity for new students and parents to acquaint themselves with their new school.

### AZMERIT Testing

During April, students in grades 3 -5 participated in AIMS and AzMERIT testing. Testing went smoothly. We will be anxiously awaiting the results which should arrive in June. Results of your child's performance will be mailed to you in the summer or possibly at the start of the year, depending upon state turn-around time.

**SPARK THE WONDER WITH YOUR LITTLE ONES! HASSAYAMPA PRESCHOOL IS HOSTING A 3-WEEK SUMMER CAMP.**

**CALL TODAY TO REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP!**

### Science Camp

On **May 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>**, thirty 5th graders will be traveling to Prescott Pines Camp. This is a wonderful time to explore scientific concepts with hands-on activities. Ms. Versetto and Mr. Monesmith 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. During their trip, updates will be shared on Facebook.

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.

## Reading and Math Nook

## "Move on When Reading"

**Third grade parents:** we should have AzMERIT Reading results in June. Arizona Revised Statute 15-701 states that 3<sup>rd</sup> graders who score Minimally Proficient on the English Language Arts (ELA) AzMERIT will be retained in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Please contact your child's teacher if you have concerns regarding your child's reading progress. Parents have received updates throughout the year on how Hassayampa teachers are working with their children to get them up to level to pass the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade AzMERIT ELA test.

**More information about this statute can be found at [www.azed.gov/mowr/](http://www.azed.gov/mowr/).**

## Read

Just because the school year is ending does NOT mean that the need to read ends as well. Reading is a year-long focus! The lazy days of summer are a perfect time to kick back with a book. It really is too hot to go out and do much else. Head to the library and find out what they have planned for summer reading programs. Check out books about places you might visit during your vacation. Enjoy your summer of reading.

Students who have been reading this year have a strong chance of earning the Hassayampa Reading Achievement Medal. Good luck!

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! Please check out the Hassayampa school website to see a real-time display of how many AR books Hassayampa students have read this month! Our top readers will be recognized during the Principal's Special Assembly on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Webb Center.

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

## Raising Expectations Policy

This district policy was enacted to focus attention on the value of academic achievement and to increase accountability. Students who have earned Fs in core content areas, have a significant amount of absences, or receive a minimally proficient score on Galileo are required to attend summer school. A copy of this policy is available in the school office.

## The Hassayampa Bike Giveaway!



Students have had an opportunity to earn an entry ticket each time they passed their grade level Math Fact Fluency benchmarks given throughout the year. The final opportunity happens 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
- 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

The drawing for the bikes 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!



Students may access their i-Ready accounts during the summer to decrease summer learning loss in both reading and math. If your child is unsure of their password, please contact your child's teacher.  
<https://login.i-ready.com/>



# COUNSELOR'S CORNER **The Six Pillars of Character**<sup>SM</sup>



## **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! The hospital food drive supplied over 2 weeks' worth of food for our weekend bag program!



## **BIRTHDAY PARTY in a bag!**

The young Elk's club members created Birthday parties in a bag for families who may be in need of a little extra help to make a birthday special. These bags include, cake mix, icing, plates, napkins, candles, birthday banner, and party favors. If you would like one of these cool bags, just give Ms. K-P a call.



## **Worth Quoting...**

*"Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students, and enthusiastic parents with high expectations."*

*-Bob Beauprez*

This year has truly flown by. One fun part of my job is to go into classrooms and teach lessons about character through our amazing Character Counts! program. During the summer months, I am asking parents to help re-enforce these character traits with your children at home. Modeling the Six Pillars of Character daily will help set behavior boundaries that will shape the character of your children. The core universal values we use are trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. This is how Character Counts! define these traits:

**Trustworthiness:** Be honest • Be reliable — Do what you say you'll do • Have the courage to do the right thing

**Respect:** Treat others with respect; Follow the Golden Rule • Be tolerant and accepting of differences

**Responsibility:** Do what you are supposed to do • Always do your best • Think before you act

**Fairness:** Play by the rules • Take turns and share • Don't blame others carelessly • Treat all people fairly

**Caring:** Be kind • Be compassionate and show you care • Express gratitude • Forgive others • Help people

**Citizenship:** Do your share to make your school and community better • Be a good neighbor • Obey laws and rules

## **Internet Safety Tips From Parenting Magazine:**

### **Teach Kids about an Online Reputation**

Many kids don't seem to understand the permanence of the online world. Make sure to stress to your kids what a digital footprint is and the impact inappropriate messages or images could have if a future college administrator or employer were to stumble upon them. As stated in the AAP study, *what goes online stays online.*

### **Talk to Kids about Online Dangers**

You may feel like you're scaring your kids when talking to them about the dangers of being online, but it's better for them to be scared than to be unaware. Having an open line of communication is crucial the minute your kids start using the Internet more independently. Parry Aftab, noted online safety and privacy expert and Executive Director of [WiredSafety](#), says, "Who's a stranger online? Everyone is! You need to remind your children that these people are strangers and that the standard rules always apply."

Ms. KP



## Hassayampa Elementary School 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers

**Thank you!** We are entering our final week of our 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC programs. **Our final day for Power Hour, extended learning and enrichment programs will CONTINUE until Friday, May 10 with the exception of Coyote Chorus which will meet on the 16<sup>th</sup>.** To minimize confusion, please make sure to arrange and communicate your child's transportation plan for the last three weeks of school to both your child's classroom teacher and the front office. We would like to thank all of our Hassayampa staff and volunteers who worked so hard on all of our programs.

**Prescott Pines** – Mrs. Versetto and Mr. Mo have worked with the 5<sup>th</sup> graders attending the upcoming Prescott Pines trip during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Students are reviewing past science standards and conducting experiments based on them. The Prescott Pines trip is scheduled May 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>.

**Summer School** – Summer School invitations have been sent out. Under our Raising Expectations policy some students are required to attend, or risk retention. The goal of summer school is to decrease summer learning loss. For the four hours each day that students are in programs, they will receive intense and individualized instruction in both math and reading. Students will also access iReady to assist in the instructional process. Space in this program is limited so please make sure to return the form as soon as possible. Enrollment information also assists us in creating bus routes. It is imperative that we get student bus route information back in a timely manner to set up the bus route schedule.

Summer school will take place the week after school from May 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup> -June 6<sup>th</sup>, and June 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. The hours are 8:00-12:00. Food services for breakfast and lunch will be provided.

**Good-bye!** We, as a staff, have enjoyed having this opportunity to work with students after school in our academic and enrichment programs. We are excited for next year, and are constantly working for ways to improve our programs. **Please join us for our end of the year celebration on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.**

Thank you for all of your support!



### Just a reminder:

#### Cafeteria:

Starting in May, all student lunch accounts must be **paid in full**. No extended credit will be given for meals. Children will not go without lunch – a cheese sandwich with milk will be served to students without lunch money. If you have questions or to check on your child's account balance, please call Joan Peterson, cafeteria manager, at 668-5332 between 7:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

#### 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.



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



## A Corner of THANKS!

### Volunteers

Every day we have parent volunteers helping in classrooms and helping from home. We are deeply grateful for their dedication and assistance! Some of the names you see listed are also employees here, but they are parents and they put in extra time helping their children's teachers. Everyone appreciates your help!



#### Dear Elijah!

Elijah Hopkins supplies our special little piggy each year for our Field Day Kiss the Pig event. A big Hassayampa Howl and Thank YOU to Elijah for entrusting your little darlings to us. We can't wait to see who kisses the pig on May 3<sup>rd</sup>!



### Thank you, PTA

Each year, we work hard to recognize our outstanding students and staff at Hassayampa. Numerous items are purchased each year to make staff and students feel special and recognized. The cost of these items is expensive and would not have happened without the support of our local PTA. When parents purchase student portraits or donate books to the PTA Book Drive, the profit from these PTA sponsored fund-raisers is given back to the schools to use for student incentives. So when you see a Hassayampa Key ring or an Honor Roll pencil, remember that without the PTA, it would not happen. Please continue to support the PTA fund-raisers. PTA is a PARENT - Teacher organization to support education in Wickenburg. PTA is always looking for parents to come forth and help in the areas of leadership and volunteerism. If you can give some time to help your child's educational experience, then support the PTA by volunteering.



### Bike Safety

Bike riding is a lot of fun, but accidents do happen. Every year, about 300,000 kids go to the emergency room with bike injuries and at least 10,000 kids have injuries that require a multi-day hospital stay. Some of these injuries are very serious and may also cause death, especially from head injuries.

Head injuries can mean brain injury. That is why it is so important to wear your bike helmet. Wearing a helmet doesn't mean you can be reckless, but it will provide some protection for your face and your head in case you fall down.

Here are a few things you should do when riding your bike:

1. Put your helmet on and fasten your strap.
2. Use designated bike lanes.
3. Always look both ways when crossing the street.
4. Walk your bike across the street at intersections.
5. Wear bright clothes or reflectors on your bike and helmet. It helps other people to see you.

So let's go out on our bikes and have fun, but always remember **bike safety first!**



## General Mills Box Tops for Education Program

During the summer, continue to save Box Tops and support Hassayampa Elementary School!

There are more ways to earn money for Hassayampa. Please visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) to learn about other ways to earn money for Hassayampa.



## Facebook

We currently have **507!** That is nearly 50 new likes since May of 2018. Please tell your Hassayampa families to visit Hassayampa Elementary School on Facebook and “Like” our page to receive up-to-date information on what’s happening at Hassayampa!



## Amazon Smile

Are you an Amazon shopper? Please use Amazon Smile to help raise additional funds for Hassayampa.

[Amazon Smiles for 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. This year we collected over to \$250 in change. So start collecting now to prepare for next year’s penny war!

## Note from the Principal:

WOW, this has been a fantastic school year! It seems like just yesterday we were starting the new school year and having our Boo Hoo Breakfast as our new kindergarteners started their first school experience. All our students have had many exciting experiences this year – both academic and social. Certainly, we are fortunate to have so many great opportunities. Next year, we have MANY changes. Please make sure you check in on Facebook and the school’s website to monitor the big changes to our calendar. With a 4-day school week, we are going to be making a lot of adjustments to our events schedules.

The final days of school are full of end-of-the-year festivities and celebrations. Please continue to encourage your child to finish the year on a high note by doing their best every day. Our final round of benchmark assessments takes place during the first two weeks of May. We will get our final measures on how students have done with their math and reading skills. These results will be used to determine educational needs for next school year.

Teacher Appreciation Week is also during the week of May 6. Hassayampa Elementary has the best teachers! Every day, I am impressed by their dedication and professionalism. Teachers give 100% of their time to students throughout the year. If you aren’t sure how to show your appreciation to your child’s teacher, a “thank you” is one of many simple ways to show your child’s teacher that you appreciate his/her efforts.

Lastly, I would like to wish our fifth grade students the best of everything as they transition to Vulture Peak Middle School. The social and academic skills students have developed over the year will help them to have continued success in the challenging middle school years. Parents, remember that this is a time when children need you more than ever and patience is critical. I will miss their energy, spirit and leadership!

Have a spectacular and safe summer!

Very truly yours,

*Mrs. Hershkowitz*

