



COYOTE DEN

Hassayampa Elementary School
Parent - School Connection



Hello September!

The school year is moving right along! 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, and “like” us on our school Facebook page.

Calendar of Events

- Sept. 3 – No School – Labor Day
- Sept. 5 – Principal’s Coffee @ 8:15
- Sept. 5 – Site Council
- Sept. 6 - PTA Mtg. @ Board Room - 4:00 p.m.
- Sept. 13 – Grandparents Luncheon
- Sept. 13 - Governing Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 2-3 – Health Safari
- Oct. 3 – Principal’s Coffee
- Oct. 3 – Site Council @ 3:00 p.m.
- Oct. 4 - PTA Mtg – Board Room – 4:00 p.m.
- Oct. 5 – Festival Friday – Germany @ 8:30
- Oct. 11 – Governing Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 12 – Safety Day and End of First Quarter
- Oct. 15 - 19 - Fall Break - No School
- Oct. 22 – 26 Red Ribbon Week
- Oct 26 - Halloween Costume Walk
- Oct. 29 - Nov 2 - Character Counts Week
Scholastic Book Fair
- Oct 31 - Nov. 2 – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 2 – Honors Assembly

Principal’s Coffee

Our next Principal’s Coffee is scheduled for Wednesday, **September 5**. Please join the principal for an informal gathering over coffee. During this time, we will discuss hot topics impacting Hassayampa.



Great Start to a New School Year!

Hassayampa staff is Wickenburg Strong. Strong in our commitment to the progress of our students. In everything we do, we will have strength in our resolve to do the best for your children, our students. As we strive for excellence, we hope that you will support us in creating an absolutely excellent year!

The first four weeks of school have gone well. Returning students helped assist new students in finding their way. As is typical, many older brothers and sisters guided the way for their younger siblings. Fifth graders took on the responsibility of assisting the kindergarten and first graders with dismissal. The K-1 teachers really appreciate having the extra set of eyes on these little ones!

Overall, students and staff did an excellent job!

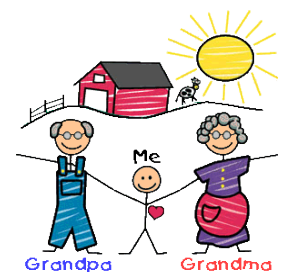
Calling All Grandparents!

The cafeteria is celebrating Grandparents’ Day on **Thursday, September 13th**. If your child’s Grandparents can join us for lunch in the cafeteria, please let your child’s teacher know by September 12th so we have an accurate count for lunch.

Adult lunch price is \$3.25. Please be sure to sign in at the office as a visitor and the office staff will direct you from there.

Hassayampa School Lunch Times

- 10:45 - Kindergarten
- 11:00 - First Grade
- 11:20 - Second Grade
- 11:10 -Third Grade
- 11:30 - Fourth Grade
- 11:45 - Fifth Grade



This is a busy day for us! Please try to RSVP and arrive 5 minutes early.

Site Council

Our first Site Council meeting for the 2018-19 school year is scheduled for Wednesday, September 5 at 3:00 p.m. If you would like to be a part of the council, please visit the school website: [Site Council](#). You will find membership application information as well as meeting agenda notices.

OPENINGS at the Hassayampa Preschool!

Hassayampa offers an early childhood program for three to five year old children. The program is the perfect environment for children to learn, grow, and make friends as they participate in various activities such as arts and crafts, group games, creativity development, music and imaginative play. Visit the school website for additional information or call today to enroll your child!
(DES Approved)

Kindergarten Afterschool Care Available!

Afterschool care for kindergarteners is sometimes a struggle for families. To assist families during this pivotal year, we are offering childcare services within our preschool program. Prices are reasonable. Applications may be found online or in the school office.

AZMERIT & AIMS

Last spring, students in grades 3-5 were tested with AzMERIT. The assessment is a standards-based assessment in Math and English Language Arts which includes reading, writing, and reading. Results were mailed home during the summer. Parent resources are available on the Arizona Department of Education website. <http://www.azed.gov/assessment/azmeritsupportmaterials/>

Throughout the year, we will focus on improving instruction and student understanding. Our time spent in implementing Eureka Math will pay off with an increase in student success. Additionally, our new language arts curriculum has a much stronger writing component. Keyboard Navigation is one technical item for us to focus upon during the school year as well. Time to practice keyboarding will be provided during library time.

A Note from the Health Station

Please remember that **ALL** medicines need to be brought to the Health Station by the student's parent. Parents are required to sign a consent form before medicine can be dispensed through the Health Station. Please also understand that leftover medicine must be picked up by the parent as well; students may NOT take medicine home with them.

Academic Parent Teacher Team Events

Many thanks to the families who joined us for our first APTT events for this school year! This was a great opportunity to better understand the expectations of your child's education! Parents received beginning of the year test results and an explanation of the essential standards for the grade level.

Mark your calendars for upcoming parent-teacher conferences:

November 1st and 2nd PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Invitations will be sent out prior to Fall Break.

School Hours

It is important for students to be on time and ready for school each morning! Students may arrive at school as early as **7:45 a.m.** Parents wishing to walk their children to class are welcome to do so. At 7:45, parents may enter the main building and take children to classrooms. The doors between the office and the classrooms will remain closed until 7:45. Thank you for your cooperation! Classroom instruction **begins at 8:00 a.m.** Students are considered **tardy at 8:05 a.m.** If your child will be eating breakfast at school, please ensure that they **arrive in time to get breakfast, eat, and make it to class.**

7:45

a.m.

Dismissal begins at **2:35 p.m.** with the Kindergarten through 2nd grade students. Third grade through fifth grade are dismissed at 2:40. Remember that **Friday dismissal is at noon!** If there are changes to your child's route home, please communicate the changes early in the day. Changes can be very confusing for students and for staff trying to keep track of many children. However, with good communication we can ensure that everyone gets to where they need to be.

Parent Pick-up and Drop-off

The student drop-off in the morning is the parking lot in front of the stairs to the school. Our morning greeter, Ms. Henneman, looks forward to seeing you and your child. Ms. Henneman as well as other staff are not on duty until **7:45**. Please do not drop your child off until you see someone on duty. For longer stops, please park and walk your child to the sidewalk. Students are not permitted in the parking lot without an adult. For those times that you may need to be somewhere early, please make arrangements for your child to either ride the bus or be taken to school by someone else.



In the afternoon, parents may wait in line for your child to be sent to your car or park in the lot and wait for students at the gate. Again, students are not permitted in the parking lot unless escorted by an adult. Please do not call your child from the car as they will not be permitted to enter the lot. This is for your child's safety. Please follow the traffic flow through the parking lot and be courteous to drivers and pedestrians. If you are in line waiting to pick up your child, do not leave your vehicle. Remain with your car and we will send your child to you.

**POWER HOUR STARTS
AT 7:00 A.M.**

Walkers and Bike Riders

In-town students may walk to school if parents choose. 3-5 students wishing to ride their bikes must obtain written parental permission and approval of the principal. Forms are available in the Hassayampa office. All walkers and bike riders are reminded to use crosswalks and other safety procedures (see Hassayampa Handbook for additional information – p. 17). Walkers and bike riders must enter from the front of Hassayampa the same as those who are dropped off by parents. The back entrance to Hassayampa is not an entry for walkers and bike riders.

PTA Membership Drive

You are invited to join the Wickenburg PTA! Wickenburg School's PTA has started their annual membership drive. Your membership supports PTA's many special projects. Basic membership is \$20.00 per person. Members who are able to assist with special school events may join for only \$10! We encourage everyone who supports our schools to join the Wickenburg PTA. If you have children attending both Hassayampa and Vulture Peak Middle School, your membership will be credited to each child. To make things a little competitive, PTA is holding their annual membership contest. The grade level with the highest membership at either of the two schools will be awarded an ice cream party. The membership contest will end October 6. **Join today!**

You can visit the Wickenburg PTA on Facebook to learn more about their projects and activities.

Reading and Math Nook

DIBELS

Beginning of the year DIBELS testing took place during the first full week of school. Thanks to a dedicated assessment team as well as volunteers, we managed to assess the majority of our 365 students in just two and half days! Did you know that it takes approximately ten minutes per student? This is time well spent as the results from DIBELS help us to determine the reading needs of our students. DIBELS lets us know if a student is on the trajectory to reading success. After we had the results in our hands, the Hassayampa staff got together to make instructional decisions to move students to the next level. We also determined the extra supports needed for some students to get them on the right path to reading success.

“Move on When Reading”

Arizona Revised Statute 15-701 states that beginning this school year, 3rd graders who score **Minimally Proficient** on the **State Reading** test will be retained in 3rd grade. Parents of students in grades K-3 who are substantially deficient in reading will receive written notification each quarter. Parents will be informed if their child is deficient in reading as well provided information on how Hassayampa teachers are working with your child to get him/her up to level to pass the 3rd grade AzMERIT reading test. In addition, Hassayampa will provide parents with specific information on the deficient areas of reading along with strategies parents can use to help their child at home.

More information about this statute can be found at www.azed.gov/mowr/.

Raising Expectations Policy

Included in this mailing is a copy of the district’s Raising Expectation Policy. This policy was enacted to focus attention on the value of academic achievement and to increase accountability. Please become familiar with the expectations of this policy. If you have any questions regarding these expectations, please schedule an appointment with your child’s teacher or the principal.

Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader is up and students have been 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!

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

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. Hard copy progress reports will ONLY be sent home to families who do not have internet access.

The Hassayampa Bike Giveaway!

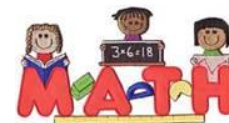


During the first full week of school, students spent a few minutes taking a quick math fact fluency assessment based upon the goals defined below.

Students will have an opportunity to earn an entry ticket each time they pass grade level Math Fact Fluency benchmarks given in October, December, March, and early May.

Math Fact Fluency Goals

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



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

COUNSELOR'S CORNER**Did you know?**

Children who regularly eat meals with their families tend to do better in school and avoid risky behavior. Eating dinner together is great, but other meals count, too. If you work at night, maybe you could make time for a family breakfast. Or on a weekend, try a picnic.

Needs...**Wrangler Wishes**

Forms for Wrangler Wishes Christmas program will be coming home toward the end of September. If you do not receive one and would like to participate, please contact Ms.K-P.

Food Bags

A special thank you goes to our local Elk's Lodge. Because of a grant, the local Elk's have been providing food boxes to families in need this past summer. They will also be providing weekend food bags for any family in need.

Worth Quoting...

"The best way to cheer yourself up is to cheer someone else up!"

Mark Twain

Conversations about school:

At times it is difficult to get your child to talk about their school day. Here are some good suggestions taken from Sherry Artemenko, MA-CCC, Tips to Get Your Child to Talk About Her School Day , *Parents' Choice magazine.*

Ask open-ended questions. Try some open-ended questions like, "Tell me about the game you played at recess today" or "That's a beautiful picture of the farm. Tell me about it." or "I wonder what you had for lunch today."

Use their artwork or take-home papers to start conversations. Take advantage of these masterpieces, asking open ended questions of your little artist and don't forget to listen. Showing interest in their work can increase their self-esteem as well as link school and home.

Know their school schedule so you can start talking about library day, gym or art class. "What kind of books did the librarian show you today?" or "What did you find at the library?" "Tell me about the books that you chose."

Model sharing about your day. "I had a great day today. I talked to grandma and grandpa about ..." or "I met a new friend and we had coffee."

Use books as conversation starters. Choose a book about school and see what conversation unfolds. For a laugh out loud, read [What a Day it was at School!](#) by Jack Prelutsky. His collection of poems about school, tipping over with a heavy backpack, throwing food in the cafeteria, hopelessly competing with a classmate in gym, or emitting an accidental noise during class is outrageously silly, getting a child laughing and connecting the stories to her school experience.

Take advantage of your child stalling at bedtime. One mother shared with me that if she lingers with her first-grade son after stories are read and the bedtime routine is over, she can count on about 10 minutes of chat about his day. He's smart, he knows what mom likes and how to stay up longer!

Listen, listen, and listen. Once your child gets started talking about her day, hold off more questions and let her go. As parents, we tend to jump in with more questions, but pausing is important. A child gains confidence as she relates her day and you affirm her.

CHARACTER COUNTS!

Each month, your child will bring home a letter explaining the character pillars. Please, "catch your child being a kid of character" and fill out paper. When this is returned to school, it will be posted on the Character Wall. This month, your child was given a "superhero exclamation" to be filled out and returned.

Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Ms. K-P



Hassayampa Elementary School 21st Century Community Learning Centers

21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) programs began on August 27. We have over **140** students enrolled in at least one program before or after school. Invitations were given to specific students in need of extended learning opportunities.

Bus Services: The 21st CCLC has established limited bus services available to any students who are enrolled in programs until 5:00. If transportation is a challenge for your family, please contact program coordinators to determine bus availability and bus stop locations – Mr. Knight - mknight@wusd9.org or Ms. Lanz – slanz@wusd9.org.

Power Hour: Every morning at **7:00 a.m.**, students get a chance to complete homework and use our adaptive iReady software. If you would like to have your child attend, please contact Ms. Lanz.

Study Hour: Study hour has been a huge success! Students are given an opportunity to complete homework and use our adaptive iReady software. Older students have shown great maturity in helping the younger students with homework.

Technology Titans: Students will practice keyboarding skills, learn basic coding, and learn to use Word Document and other handy computer skills.

Mad Scientists: 2nd and 4th grade students get a chance to further their learning on science standards from the classroom using hands-on projects and experiments.

Chess Club: 3rd – 5th graders will learn the fundamental mechanics of chess while learning how it is related to various math components.

Coyote Chorus: We have a lot of talent at Hassayampa. Unfortunately, the program capacity is limited. This talented group of students will perform for our Festival Fridays as well as special events around the community.

APTT Schedule: APTT meetings start at 5:30 p.m. Childcare is available. If you are not available for the APTT times, please schedule a personal conference with your child's teacher. Please save the dates:

November 1st & 2nd – Parent/Teacher Conferences

January 15th – K-2 APTT Event

January 31st – Art & Science Night

January 16th - 3rd -5th APPT Event

May 14th – APPT Celebration

If your child didn't make our first round of programs, don't worry!

Our second round of programming begins after Fall Break!



21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS

HASSAYAMPA HEADQUARTERS

Day/Time	Programs for 1st Quarter
Daily – 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Power Hour
Monday – 2:50 - 3:50	1 st and 3 rd & 5 th Grade Tutoring Study Hour
Monday – 4:00 – 5:00	3 rd - 5 th Grade Fitness Wonders 3 rd – 5 th Reading Club 4 th Grade Science League
Tuesday – 2:50 – 3:50	2 nd - 5 th Grade Tutoring Study Hour
Tuesday – 4:00 - 5:00	3 rd - 5 th Chess Club 4 th -5 th Drama Club 2 nd Grade Science League
Thursday – 2:50 – 3:50	1 st – 3 rd Grade Tutoring Study Hour 4 th & 5 th Grade Coyote Chorus
Thursday – 4:00 – 5:00	1 st -3 rd Stackers 3 rd Grade Braniacs 4 th - 5 th Newspaper Club 4 th – 5 th Technology Titans
Friday – 12:10 – 4:00	K-5 th After School Program

General Mills Box Tops for Education Program

General Mills Box Tops for Education is a nationwide program that helps K-8 schools earn extra cash for items that are not covered by shrinking school budgets. With Box Tops for Education, our school can earn up to \$10,000 in cash for new playground equipment, library books, technology, art supplies, whatever our school needs most! Last school year Hassayampa School earned over \$1,000.00 from this program. Wouldn't it be great if we earned over \$2,000 this year?

Box Tops for Education is the school project that's easy for everyone. All you have to do is clip and save Box Tops for our school. It's that EASY! There are more ways to earn money for Hassayampa. Please visit www.boxtops4education.com to learn about other ways to earn money for Hassayampa.



Facebook

We currently have **478** Facebook likes! That's 40 more than last year! Thank you for joining! Please continue to visit Hassayampa Elementary School on Facebook and tell your friends. Once you "Like" our page, you will 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](#)



Fall Book Fair!

Help us connect your kids with books they want to read! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school library on October 29th through November 2. Every student will have an opportunity to shop during their scheduled library time.

You can also shop at the online book fair. All online orders will be shipped to our school FREE OF CHARGE and delivered to the student named in the order.



Note from the Principal:

In four short weeks, we have already accomplished so much. Our beginning of the year assessments have provided teachers with valuable information to help guide instruction. Open House and the August APTT meetings provided great opportunities for teachers to get to know parents better and for parents to gain a better understanding of grade level goals. We spent time setting behavior expectations and talking about what it means to be kids of character. Students enjoyed a character assembly presented by Jolly Roger the magician. Expectations and foundations have been set, and we're ready to move into the year!

For greatest success, it will be important to have the dedication and collaboration of many good people: students, staff, parents, and community. During the school year, we will continue to facilitate our Academic Parent Teacher Team meetings. If you missed out on the August APTT meetings, please make sure to mark your calendars for November parent-teacher conferences. Our next conferences are scheduled for November 1st & 2nd. Parent and teacher partnerships are vital for student success. Our goal is to build a partnership with parents so that grade level expectations are clear and we can work together to help our students achieve at the highest level. Keep an eye out for meeting notices or visit the school calendar on the Hassayampa School website (www.wickenburgschools.org/HES). Also, you can click on our curriculum link, from there you will find links to other resources to help you learn more about the AZ Standards.

We have many great events occurring in September and October. I hope to see you at one of the events including my Principal's Coffees. I enjoy hearing confirmation on what we are doing right. I also appreciate the family perspective on how we can create well-rounded students who are well-prepared for the future, both academically and socially.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Hershkowitz