

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

September 2 – No School – Labor Day
 September 4 – Principal's Coffee @ 8:15
 September 4 – Site Council
 September 9-12 – Scholastic Book Fair
 September 10 – K-2 APTT @5:30 p.m.
 September 11 – 3-5 APTT @ 5:30 p.m.
 September 11 – PTA Mtg. @ Public Library – 4:00 p.m.
 September 12 – Grandparents Luncheon
 September 13 - Governing Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
 October 1-2 – Health Safari
 October 2 – Principal's Coffee
 October 2 – Site Council @ 3:30 p.m.
 October 3 – Safety Day and End of First Quarter
 October 9 – PTA Mtg – Public Library – 4:00 p.m.
 October 15 – Governing Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
 October 7 – 10 - Fall Break - No School
 October 21 – 24 - Character Counts Week
 October 28 – 31 Red Ribbon Week
 Week of October 28 – Parent Teacher Conferences

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 five 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 getting this year off to a great start!

Calling All Grandparents!



The cafeteria is celebrating Grandparents' Day on **Thursday, September 12th**. 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.

Principal's Coffee

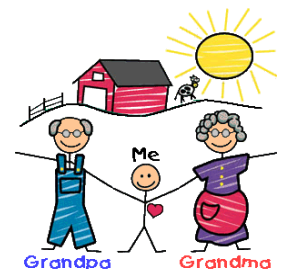
Our next Principal's Coffee is scheduled for Wednesday, **September 4**. Please join the principal for an informal gathering over coffee. During this time, we will discuss hot topics impacting Hassayampa.



Adult lunch price is \$3.30. 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

10:35 – Preschool
 10:40 - Kindergarten
 11:10 - First Grade
 11:30 - Second Grade
 11:15 -Third Grade
 11:35 - Fourth Grade
 11:55 - Fifth Grade



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

Attendance Matters

September is Attendance Awareness Month. One of our school goals this year is to ensure that every student attends school regularly. Attendance has always been important; however, with a 4-day school week, regular school attendance is critical.

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and in life.

We realize some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other unavoidable circumstances. But, we also know that when students miss too much school— regardless of the reason – it can cause them to fall behind academically. Your child is less likely to succeed if he or she is chronically absent—which means missing 15 or more days over the course of an entire school year. Research shows:

- Children chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the end of 3rd grade.
- By 6th grade, chronic absence is a proven early warning sign for students at risk for dropping out of school.
- By 9th grade good attendance can predict graduation rates even better than 8th grade test scores.

Absences add up quickly! A child is chronically absent if he or she misses more than three days in a quarter!

Academic Parent Teacher Team Events

Our September APTT events are just around the corner.

K-2 – Tuesday, September 10 at 5:30 p.m.

3-5 – Wednesday, September 11 at 5:30 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to better understand the expectations of your child's education!

Parents will receive beginning of the year results and an explanation of the essential standards for the grade level.

Childcare will be available. Please RSVP so we can make appropriate arrangements.

Site Council

Our first Site Council meeting for the 2019-20 school year is scheduled for Wednesday, September 4 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.

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/>



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.

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 arriving after **8:05 a.m. are tardy and need to be walked in by parents.** 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

Dismissal begins at **3:10 p.m.** with the Kindergarten through 2nd grade students. Third grade through fifth grade are dismissed at 3:15. 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.

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

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.



Walkers and Bike Riders

Students who have a safe walking path 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). 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

It's time 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. We encourage everyone who supports our schools to join the Wickenburg PTA. Hassayampa's goal this year is to get 150 members. The membership contest will end October 3. **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 students in just four 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

The Raising Expectations policy was enacted to focus attention on the value of academic achievement and to increase accountability. Copies are available on the school website and will be included in your handouts at the APTT event on September 10 and 11.

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!

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.

MATH FACT FLUENCY!

During the second 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

Melissa's Cabinet is run through our local Elk's Lodge. It helps to supply our weekend food bags along with St. Alban's Church. If you are in need of a weekend food bag, please contact Ms.K-P.

Birthday bags!

The young Elk's have made bags that contain enough items to make a family birthday party. If you would like one, please contact Ms. K-P.

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.

5 Weekend Activities from *The Ripple Of Kindness Magazine*

Here are 5 weekend activities to keep your kids engaged, active and learning.

1. Start a garden. The entire family can take part in this activity.
2. Explore your backyard. Teach your children about rocks, birds, and other outdoor creatures.
3. Do a science experiment. Have you ever made gack?
4. Go on a field trip to the park.
5. Play a board game.

Ms. K-P

HASSAYAMPA**Headquarters**

Hassayampa Elementary School 21st Century Community Learning Centers

21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) programs began on August 19. We have over **140** students enrolled in at least one program before or after school. First round invitations were given to specific students in need of extended learning opportunities. Additional invitations were sent out in our second round to fill programs. If you have any questions about the programs, please contact the program coordinators, Ms. Lanz – slanz@wusd9.org OR Ms. Henneman – jhenneman@wusd9.org.

7:00 – 7:45 a.m. – Power Hour

3:20 – 4:10 p.m. – First Session

4:15 – 4:55 p.m. – Second Session

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

Study Hour: Study hour has been a huge success! Students are given an opportunity to complete homework and use our adaptive IXL software.

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.

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

Bus Services: At this time, there are no bus services.

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:

September 10 – K-2 APTT & September 11 – 3-5 APTT Event

Week of October 28 – Parent/Teacher Conferences

February 5th – Art & Science Night

January 15th – K-5 APTT Event

May 13th – 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!

Box Tops for Education Program

Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production, but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store. You can still clip and send them to school. **Every valid Box Tops clip is worth 10¢ for your school.** Make sure each one has a clearly visible product acronym and expiration date.

Eventually the Box Tops program will become digital-only. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Top label.

If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. **Box Tops are still worth 10¢ each for your school.** The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online.



Please visit www.boxtops4education.com to learn about other ways to earn money for Hassayampa.

Facebook

We currently have **522** Facebook likes! That's 44 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](#)

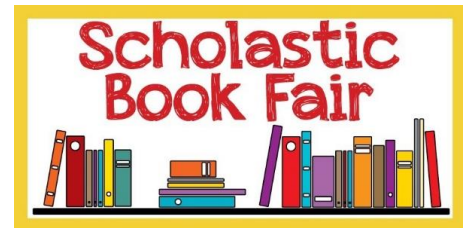


Book Fair!

Help us connect your kids with books they want to read! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school library on **September 9-12**. Every student will have an opportunity to shop during their scheduled library time.

Set up an eWallet for your student! No cash on hand, no problem! Login, create an account, and set a budget for your child to shop. Parents 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.

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/hassayampa>



Note from the Principal:

In five 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.

For optimal 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 facilitate our Academic Parent Teacher Team meetings. Parent and teacher partnerships are vital for student success. Our goal is to build partnerships 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.

Best regards,

Mrs. Hershkowitz

