



# COYOTE DEN

Hassayampa Elementary School  
Parent - School Connection



## Ready for October!

As we near the end of our first quarter of school, we welcome October and hope for some cooler temperatures. October is packed full of events! Our first Festival Friday of the year, Safety Day, Parent-Teacher conferences and our traditional costume walk is held! This *Coyote Den* can be 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

Oct 2 – Health Safari  
 Oct. 3 – Principal's Coffee @ 8:15 a.m.  
 Oct. 3 – Site Council @ 3:00 p.m.  
 Oct. 4 – PTA Mtg – Board Room – 4:00 p.m.  
 Oct. 5 – Festival Friday: Germany at 8:30 a.m. (come early)  
 Oct. 11– Governing Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 11 – Picture Retakes and Class Pics  
 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  
 Oct 30-Nov. 2 – Parent/Teacher Conferences  
 Nov. 2 - Honors Assembly  
 Nov. 7 – Principal's Coffee and Site Council

## Health Safari

Your child's health is important to be successful in school. Hearing and vision screeners may help to identify potential hurdles to learning. On October 2, Hassayampa will hold its annual Health Safari. Students will have their height and weight measured; hearing and vision checked. Results from these screeners will be sent home by end of the month – earlier for those students requiring additional attention. In order to make the most of this opportunity, parent volunteers are needed. Please contact Mrs. Blalock, our school health aide, at 684-6750.

## Principal's Coffee

Our next Principal's Coffee is scheduled for Wednesday, **October 3**. Please join the principal for an informal gathering over coffee. During this time, we will discuss hot topics impacting Hassayampa.



## Festival Friday

Our first Festival Friday is going to be an incredible event! Students have been learning a bit about Germany. Please come join us! This will be a schoolwide program for starting at 8:30 a.m. As we will have special guests providing the entertainment, we are asking that families try to come 15 minutes early.



## PARENT PARTNERSHIP!

Parent / Teacher Conferences are an essential component to building the working relationship between parents and teachers. Most conferences will occur November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Additional conferences may be held at other times to accommodate family schedules. Conference notices will be sent home when we return from Fall Break. Please be watching for these notices and plan on attending your child's conference.

### Title One Open House

During the Parent-Teacher conferences, you are invited to stop by to visit with Title 1 teachers. Either Ms. Henneman or Ms. Griswold will be available afterschool Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> to answer any of your questions about reading and how you can support your child in becoming a successful reader.

If you aren't available on Friday, you may contact Ms. Henneman to schedule an appointment to discuss reading strategies.

### Honors Celebration!

Mark your calendars! On **November 2**, we will celebrate our students' accomplishments for the first quarter. Grades K-2 Honors assembly will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 3-5 will be held at 9:30 a.m. Both assemblies will take place in the gym. Grades K-2 will receive awards for Perfect Attendance and other grade level honors. For grades 3-5, Principal's Honor Roll, Hassayampa Honor Roll, and Perfect Attendance will be celebrated. So, pack up the whole family, and come on down to join us!



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### 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!

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### 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.

### PTA Membership Drive in Full Swing!

You are invited to join the Wickenburg PTA! Flyers to join were sent home last month. Your membership helps support PTA's many projects such as school pictures, the Scholastic Book Fair, and special programs. 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 cares about and supports the students in our school to join the Wickenburg PTA. No worries if you're a busy parent; there is no requirement to attend the meetings.

The grade level with the highest membership will be awarded an ice cream party. The winner will be announced after break.

## HB 2732 "Move on When Reading"

In May 2010, voters passed Proposition 100. Part of the proposition was a requirement that all third graders in the school year 2013-14 will be required to pass the AIMS reading test in order to be promoted to the next grade level. Parents of students in grades K-2 who are substantially deficient in reading will receive written notification each quarter. It is our hope to help parents know if their child is substantially deficient in reading.



Also, it is our intent to provide information on how Hassayampa teachers are working with your children to get them up to level to pass the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. To learn more about your child's progress, please attend our parent-teacher conferences at the end of the month. Remember, you can contact your child's teacher any time with your questions regarding your child's progress. Together, we can achieve success for your child!

## Raising Expectations Policy

Our 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC program supports our Raising Expectations policy. Students identified as having academic deficits attend before/ after school programs for support.

Along with offering support, we also celebrate accomplishments of students. Therefore, during the Honors Assembly, Hassayampa will be celebrating students who demonstrated proficiency of the Arizona standards on AzMERIT last spring.

## Costume Walk

On **October 26**, Hassayampa will hold the annual Costume Walk. Students and staff will dress up and parade through the building and into the gym. When putting your costumes together, please remember to follow the school rules: no makeup, no weapons. Also, don't wear your costume to school; you will have an opportunity to change clothes before the walk.

Did you know that Mrs. Hershkowitz's favorite costumes aren't the scary ones? She loves the great character ones and the clever ones. She is excited to see them all!

**At 9:00**, K-2 will gather in the gym to have some musical fun – a little monster mash.

**At 9:45**, 3-5 will walk the K-2 hallways and enter the gym for musical fun as well as costume judging.



**Are you signed up for Parent VUE?**

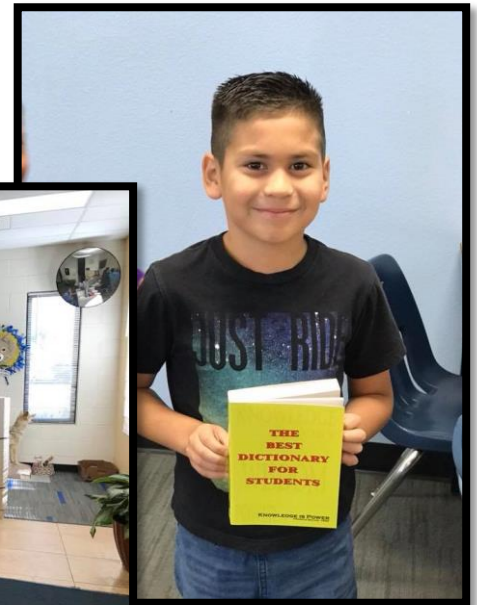
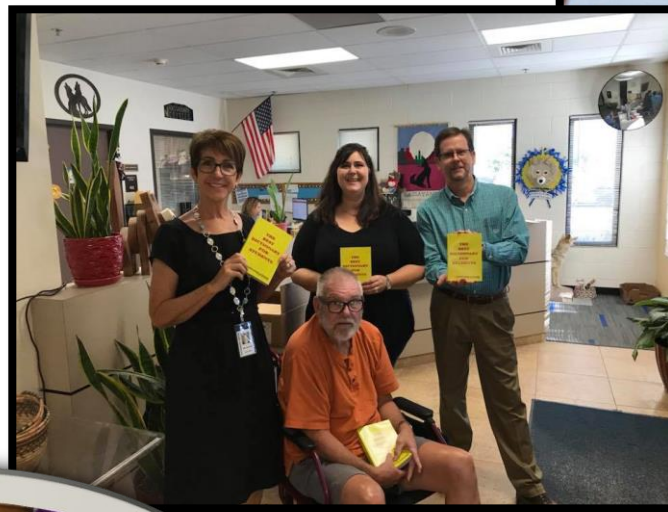
Ask your child's teacher or the front office for more information.



Hassayampa has many great supporters from the Wickenburg community and beyond. We are incredibly grateful every day for everyone who has shown our school, our teachers, and our students such incredible generosity.

In September, our local Rotarians stopped by to provide each of our third graders their very own personal dictionary!

Another nice surprise came from the employees of The Meadows who stopped by with boxes of school supplies collected for all Hassayampa classrooms. Teachers had a great time gathering items!



## Counselor's Corner

### Special Days...

#### Special Clothes...

Character Counts week is October 29-Nov 2. We will be learning about the different pillars each day.

October 29, please wear the color Green for RESPONSIBILITY

October 30, please wear the color YELLOW for RESPECT

October 31, please wear ORANGE for FAIRNESS

November 1, please wear RED for CARING

November 2, please wear PURPLE or BLUE for CITIZENSHIP and TRUSTWORTHINESS

#### Wrangler Wishes

This is our district's own program that is similar to the Christmas Angel program at the mall. If your child needs assistance this holiday season, please let Ms. K-P know by the end of Fall Break so that we can make sure we get them on the tree. It's completely anonymous.

#### Halloween Costumes

Ms. K-P has Halloween costumes to loan if your child needs one for the annual Costume Walk!

#### Turkeys-n-Tables – Nov. 15

Join us for a resource fair including free family holiday pictures! If your family is in need of a Thanksgiving turkey, please contact Ms. K-P.

#### Worth Quoting...

*"The time is always right to do what is right."*

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*


Wow! It is October already! October has two very special celebrations!

The week of October 22-26 is dedicated to Red Ribbon Week. During Red Ribbon Week, students will learn about drugs and different strategies on saying "No!" The Red Ribbon theme this year is "RESPECT yourself! Be drug free". This certainly fits in well with our Character Counts messages.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Week is October 29-Nov 2. Student will be doing different activities that are related to the character pillars all week long.

This month I am asking parents to "catch" their children being good kids of character and fill out a paper "ribbon" in honor of Red Ribbon Week! You should have already received this in your child's newsletter.

Last month, the 1st graders won the competition for the most "SUPER HERO EXCLAMATIONS" returned! Congratulations, first grade!



What does trustworthiness look like?

## Character Counts! Lessons

During Library once a month, students learn about the pillars of good character. This month the focus is on Trustworthiness.

Teaching your child to be trustworthy doesn't happen overnight. Instead, it is something you should model every day. How do you do that? You do that with consistent interaction.

Your children can learn about telling the truth, respecting property of others and keeping their promises. When you pay attention to and model these behaviors every day, your child will develop into a trustworthy individual.

Your child should understand that trustworthiness is a complicated idea but it is essential to meaningful relationships, long-lasting friendships, and successful associations in school and in the workplace. Talk to your child about the three major qualities of trustworthiness and discuss situations that you both face that challenge each of these qualities.

- **Honesty** – telling the truth and doing what is right even if no one else is doing it
- **Promise-keeping** – keeping your word and being dependable
- **Loyalty** – standing by, sticking up for and protecting family, friends and country; being a good friend and looking out for those who care about you.

*Ms. K-P*



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



The last day of after school for Quarter 1 will be **October 12<sup>th</sup>**. We would like to say thank you to our amazing staff for helping everything run smoothly.

**Power Hour:** We had about 30 students every morning working with Ms. Lanz during Power Hour. Students use our adaptive software, iReady, which targets where they are in reading or math, and takes them to the next level. If you are looking for an early morning option for your child, this is it. The program starts at 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday. Please contact your child's teacher if you are interested in having your child attend.



**Technology Titans:** Students have had a great time practicing coding skills with Ms. Breckenridge. In addition to coding, Ms. Breckenridge is incorporating Google into her program using Google docs and sheets.

**Coyote Chorus:** Coyote Chorus will be performing on Festival Friday for the first time this year on October 5! They will be opening our festival for the Red Sparks group from Germany. Please join us and show your support! Our Coyote Chorus students have many opportunities throughout the school year to perform not only at Hassayampa but also around the community. Mrs. Boyle does an amazing job developing students' love of music.



**Stackers:** Speed stacking continues at Hassayampa Elementary. Will anyone be able to beat Ms. Lanz's high score?

**Bus Services:** Although limited, the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC has established bus services to students who are enrolled in programs until 5:00 p.m. 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](mailto:mknight@wusd9.org) or Ms. Lanz – [slanz@wusd9.org](mailto:slanz@wusd9.org).

**Parent and Teacher Partnerships:** Academic Parent Teacher Team meetings will be held for K-2 on January 15<sup>th</sup> and 3-5 on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars. Teachers will also be conducting parent teacher conferences during the week of October 29. Please keep an eye out for your invitations.

**Quarter 2:** Our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of after school programs will begin October 29<sup>th</sup>. Invitations will be sent out when we return from Fall Break. Please contact your classroom teacher if you would like your student to receive an invitation. Schedules of classes will be sent home soon.

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers afterschool program is funded by a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education and administered by the Arizona Department of Education. For more information visit: <http://www.azed.gov/21stcccl/>

## A Note from our Health Aide

To help prevent the spread of lice, here are some steps you can take:

- Avoid direct head-to-head contact with anyone known to have live, crawling lice.
- Do not share hair-related personal items.
- Avoid sleepovers and slumber parties during lice outbreaks.
- After finishing treatment with lice medicine, check everyone in your family for lice after one week. Be sure to talk to your healthcare provider about treatments for those who have lice.
- Machine-wash any bedding and clothing used by anyone having lice.

## Smile Again, Please!

Hair was neatly combed or brushed, everyone was dressed with special care and smiles were abundant, it was Picture Day at Hassayampa! All students had their picture taken in September and anyone absent on that day or who are not satisfied with their pictures can have retakes on **October 11**.

**Additionally, class pictures will be taken!**

Thank you to the PTA Moms who helped out by touching up hair and straightening collars. All profits from the pictures are used at Hassayampa for the benefit of students.

## Health Safari

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## Grandparents

Thank you for joining us in September for lunch! We had more than 138 visitors. We hope to see you again soon!



## Synergy

Teachers are using the Synergy gradebook to calculate students' grades electronically. Synergy is the student management system used by the Wickenburg Unified School District to keep student information, like attendance and grades. One component of Synergy is the teacher gradebook. There are many advantages to using an electronic grade book. Teachers have access to information about their students' assignments, missing assignments, grades, class averages, and up-to-date grades.

The use of Synergy also allows information to be shared with parents through **ParentVUE**. With a user ID and password, parents can have the ability to see their child's grade for each subject, missing assignments, and grade for a particular assignment plus many other things. You can keep up on your child's progress from your computer at home or your cell phone. When you come for parent-teacher conferences or any time, please stop by the front office for assistance in getting more information on this useful tool.

## Hassayampa Site Council

Last month, the Hassayampa Site Council had their first meeting of the year. I am happy to report that all Site Council positions have been filled! This year's members are Mrs. Bowser, Mrs. Correa, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Brown, Ms. Henneman, Ms. Keith-Prohl, Mrs. Levin, and Mrs. Hershkowitz.

Agenda items discussed included Council's Bylaws, approval of Tax Credit funding, PTA membership drive, and Title I updates. For a full agenda or minutes, please visit the Hassayampa office. You are always welcome to join us. To become an official member, please visit the school website for an application. Our next meeting is October 3 at 3:00 p.m.



## Box Tops Contest

Start clipping those Box Tops, the next contest will begin after break! The winning classrooms of our first contests will be announced when we return from Fall Break.

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](http://www.boxtops4education.com) to learn about other ways to earn money for Hassayampa.



## Facebook

Have you checked us out on Facebook yet? Visit Hassayampa Elementary School on Facebook and "Like" our page to receive up-to-date information on what's happening at Hassayampa. Tell a friend!



## Amazon Smile



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

[Amazon Smiles for Hassayampa](#)

## Note from the Principal:

It is difficult to believe that we are nearly at the close of the first quarter of school! Although it seems like school just began, we have already accomplished so much. While visiting classrooms, I have been impressed by the material being presented to our Hassayampa students. Our students are actively involved in their learning. I see high levels of student participation and an energy level that makes learning exciting!

During the school year, we will continue to facilitate opportunities for teachers and parents to work together to create the most of student educational opportunities. If you missed out on the APTT events held in August, please make sure to mark your calendars in October. Our next conferences are scheduled for **November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>**. During parent-teacher conferences, parents will be provided information that is specific to the goals of the grade level, explanation of results of benchmark testing, and progress reports. 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 conference invitations. In addition to attending APTT events and Parent-Teacher Conferences, you may also visit our school's website to explore and learn more about Hassayampa. You can click on the curriculum link, from there you will find links to other resources to help you learn more about the Arizona Standards.

I look forward to our first Festival Friday, and hope that you are able to join the fun! In addition to our Coyote Chorus performance, we will be joined by the Red Sparks of Germany who are visiting and performing in Wickenburg. We are excited for this special event! There are many great events occurring in October. Please review the calendar of events closely and add the information to your family calendar. I would love to have you join us!

Best regards,

*Mrs. Hershkowitz*

