

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, visit the Hassayampa website – www.wickenburgschools.org/HES, and "like" us on our school Facebook page.

A Note from Mrs. Hershkowitz

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 instruction 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. Please make sure to mark your calendars for parent-teacher conferences after Fall Break. During parent-teacher conferences, parents will be provided information that is specific to the goals of the grade level and report cards. 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 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.

Calendar of Events

October 4 - Health Safari
October 5 - Picture Day
October 5 - Principal's Coffee @ 8:15 a.m.
- Site Council @ 3:30 p.m.
October 6 - Public Safety Day
October 6 - End of Quarter
Week of Oct. 10 - Fall Break
Week of Oct. 17 - Parent Conferences
Week of Oct. 17 - Character Counts Week
October 18 - Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m. @ FFES
October 20 - Celebration Assembly
Week of Oct. 25 - Red Ribbon Week
October 31 - Costume Walk (details coming soon)

Week of Nov. 1 - Benchmark Week
November 3 - Principal's Coffee & Site Council

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 me for Principal's Coffee on Wednesday, October 5!

Best regards,

Mrs. Hershkowitz



PARENT PARTNERSHIP!

Parent - Teacher Conferences are an essential component to building the working relationship between parents and teachers. Conferences will occur after Fall Break. Please be watching for these notices.

Title One Open House

During the Parent-Teacher conferences, you are invited to stop by to visit with Title 1 teachers. Ms. Peffers and Ms. Griswold will be available afterschool during the week of conferences to answer any of your questions about reading and how you can support your child in becoming a successful reader.

PTA Membership Drive

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. 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.

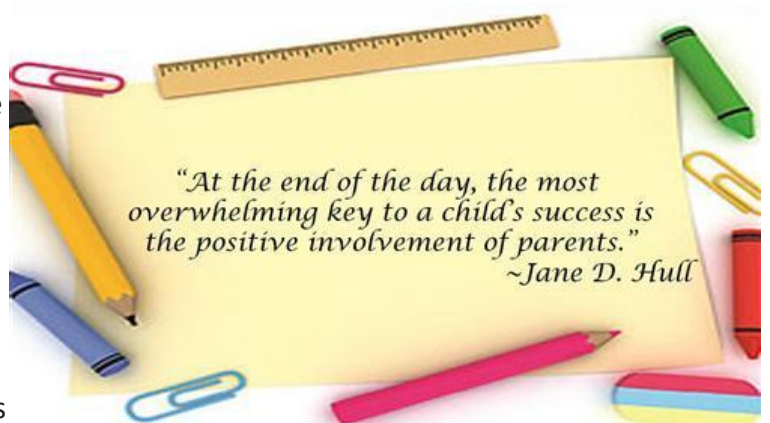
<https://wickenburgpta.memberhub.com/store>

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering at Hassayampa, please complete the volunteer application. These are required for field trip chaperones as well. Once approved, you are set to volunteer at Hassayampa each year! We appreciate your support!

There are many ways you can volunteer:

- Classroom Helper - work with students or help with class celebrations
- Recess - oversee soccer, basketball, or just supervise
- Cafeteria - supervise students & wash tables
- Library - we have a lot of books to organize



Help us spread the word! We have several classified staff positions open. Please visit our WUSD website to complete an application - [wickenburgschools.org](https://www.wickenburgschools.org)



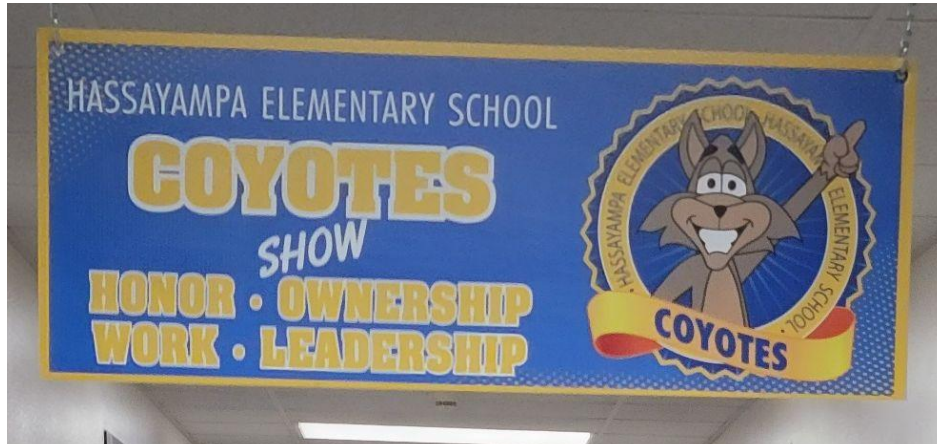
Bus Route information can be found on the district website: <https://www.wickenburgschools.org/domain/66>

PBIS - Let's HOWL!

PBIS stands for **Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports**.

Our vision is to decrease disruptive behaviors so that we can **increase instructional time**. We will achieve this goal by providing clear expectations for all students to use in all areas of the school environment. The expectations will be **taught, practiced, enforced, retaught, and celebrated**. The acronym **HOWL** stands for **Honor, Ownership, Work, and Leadership**. It's the Coyote Way!! Under each of these broad expectations are specific desired behaviors.

We are doing GREAT in our implementation of HOWL expectations. We have colorful posters around the building to help remind us what our focus should be.



As part of the process, students are recognized for their positive behavior with tickets. On Thursdays, these tickets can then be submitted for classroom prizes. Once redeemed at the classroom level, tickets are submitted to the office. Each Monday morning for this quarter, we have pulled numbers from the basket for additional prizes.

After analysis of August and September data, it was determined that, as a school, we need to work on showing Honor by keeping hands, feet, and objects to ourselves. Although we will celebrate and enforce all expectations, we will give extra attention to this one.

How can families help? Great question! You can support our behavior expectations by asking questions, talking to your child's teacher, celebrating great behavior, and supporting consequences for not meeting expectations.



We know that every child at Hassayampa is capable of meeting expectations!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

ADDitude Magazine, September 2021 Help for morning organization!

Special Days -

Character Counts week is October 18-21. We will be learning about the different pillars each day.

October 17 - RESPONSIBILITY & RESPECT, wear green or yellow!

October 18 - FAIRNESS & CARING, wear orange or red

October 19 - CITIZENSHIP, wear purple

October 20 - TRUSTWORTHINESS wear blue

Wrangler Wishes

This is our district's own program that is similar to the Christmas Angel program at the mall. If you have not received the paperwork and you would like to participate, please let Ms. K-P know by the end of October so that we can make sure we get them on the tree. It's completely anonymous.

Turkeys-n-Tables

It is back this year! Mark your calendar for November 16. We will be having a clothing drive as well as activities! To reserve your turkey for Thanksgiving, please call Ms. K-P. 928-668-5308.

Red Ribbon Week

Our students will celebrate Red Ribbon Week October 24-27. Students will receive red ribbons to wear to school each day to celebrate being drug free.

Worth Quoting...

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

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Q: "Do you have solutions for getting and staying organized at home for my boys, and helping them complete the day-to-day tasks when they have executive function issues?" **We've all been there! Here are a few of my favorite tips to get you started.**

1. **Set up a launching pad.** This is a designated place in your home to keep the belongings that go back and forth to school everyday. A launching pad takes the stress of "I can't find my notebook" or "where are my gym sneakers" out of the equation. Remember to pick a location heavily trafficked by your children. It could be by the front door, in the mud room, or even outside their bedrooms. Backpacks, completed homework, library books, instruments, and gym clothes should all be stored here.

2. **Hang analog clocks.** Hang a clock in each room of the house used regularly by your child — especially the bathroom. The hands of an **analog clock** allow you to "see" time move, which helps a child understand how long it takes to complete each task and how much time she has before moving to another activity.

3. **Reminders help.** **Mornings are hectic** in most households. So hang a wipe board or giant post-it notes next to your child's clock with the time he needs to complete each task (with your assistance, if needed). This can add to your child's sense of accomplishment and set a positive tone for the day.

Ms. K-P