

## COYOTE DEN

Hassayampa Elementary School  
Parent - School Connection

### Welcome November!

November is here! We welcome the cooler temperatures. Last month was certainly busy, and November is looking like much of the same! 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](http://www.wickenburgschools.org), and “like” us on our school Facebook page.

### Calendar of Events

Nov. 5 - Food Drive/Clothing Drive Begins  
Nov. 6 – Principal's Coffee @ 8:15  
Nov. 6 – Site Council Meeting @ 3:30  
Nov 6 -14 – Mid-year Galileo  
Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day Holiday Observed - No School  
Nov. 13 – PTA Meeting @ 4:00  
Nov. 19 – Governing Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.  
Nov. 20 – Turkeys and Tables Event – WHS  
Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving Luncheon  
Nov. 26 – EVENT – Webb Center  
Nov. 27 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr. Field Trip – World Wildlife Zoo  
Nov. 28 & 29 – Thanksgiving Break – No School

Week of Dec. 2 – DIBELS and MFF Benchmark Testing  
Dec. 3 – Principal's Coffee @ 8:15  
Dec. 5 – Spelling Bee  
Dec. 12 – Holiday Festival  
Week of Dec. 16 – Holiday Sale  
Dec. 19 – End of Quarter/Semester  
Dec 23 – Jan. 7– Winter Break  
Jan. 6 - School Resumes

### Principal's Coffee

Our next Principal's Coffee is scheduled for Wednesday, **November 6 at 8:15**. Please join the principal for an informal gathering over coffee. All are welcome!



### Field Trips

There are a couple of field trips scheduled in November. Please be on the look-out for flyers with additional information. On **November 27**, we have a school-wide Webb Center event; we leave the school at 12:15 and return at 2:30.

### The Honor Wall

In preparation for Veteran's Day, we sent out a request to families to let us know who in their families are serving or have served. We had a great response! Everyone's names will be listed on our Honor Wall in the cafeteria for the month of November.

If you join us for our Thanksgiving Luncheon on Thursday, November 27, you will get to see our Honor Wall. Many thanks to all our military branches!

### A Note from the Health Station

Research shows that attendance is an important factor in school success. A child who misses a day of school misses a day of learning. There are several things you can do to improve your child's school attendance:

- Avoid scheduling family trips or doctor appointments during school hours.
- Don't accept excuses for why your child “must” be late or miss school. Support school rules and consequences for missing class and being tardy.
- Lead by example. If your child sees you take off work for no reason, they might expect to be able to do the same thing. Talk with your child about the importance of attending school regularly.



**Health Safari**

In October, Hassayampa held its annual Health Safari. Students had their height weight, hearing, and vision checked. We identified several students who require medical follow up to ensure that issues with their hearing or vision doesn't impede their learning. Years ago this was a grant funded project. Now it is only possible with the help of caring volunteers! Mrs. Blalock along with the Hassayampa staff would like to give a **BIG THANK YOU** to the Lion's club for their help with this important day!

**Honors Celebration!**

In **October**, we celebrated our students' first quarter accomplishments. Grades K-2 received awards for Perfect Attendance and other grade level honors. For grades 3-5, Principal's Honor Roll, A/B Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance as well as achievements on state testing were celebrated. We are thankful for the many Hassayampa families who were able to join us!

**Dress for the Weather!**

Our Arizona weather is incredible; however, mornings at Hassayampa can be chilly! Please make sure you send your child in clothes that fit the temperature. Layered clothing is ideal. It is recommended that student names are added to the clothing tags.



Our own Spice Girls!



**3rd Grade:**  
 3rd Place - Momma (Ashlyn),  
 2nd Place - Tree (Baysn), and  
 1st Place - Vending Machine (Nathan)

**4th Grade:**  
 3rd Place,  
 Wednesday  
 Adams (Kiera), 2nd  
 Place, Gumball  
 Machine (Joci),  
 and  
 1st Place, Fortune  
 Teller (Riley)

**5th Grade:**  
 3rd Place, Mr. Mo  
 (Easton),



2nd Place, Businessman  
 (Atticus), and  
 1st Place, Unicorn Bride  
 (Tessa).



**Staff and students were quite a sight during the annual Costume Walk! 2019 Contest Winners:**

## Hassayampa Elementary School

### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers

Over 100 students were in attendance at our 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) during the first quarter of school. Second quarter CCLC programs are in full swing but there is still time to sign up for our many fun enrichment classes and tutoring. If you are interested, feel free to contact your child's teacher.

**Power Hour:** We had about 30 students every morning working with Ms. Lanz and Mrs. Marquez during Power Hour. Students use our adaptive software, IXL, 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 Thursday. 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.

**Quest:** Ms. Breckenridge is hosting this enrichment program. Students will use higher order thinking and participate in challenging activities.

**Spelling Sleuths:** In preparation for our school and district spelling bees, we offer this program to learn more about word etymology, spelling tricks, and vocabulary boosters.

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

**Zumba:** Rocking, high-energy dance party, packed with kid-friendly routines! We break down steps, add games and activities to further enhance the experience.

**Outdoor Science:** This is a special class, by invitation only, for 3rd through 5th graders. Ms. Versetto can't wait to share the world of Science with you! Together you are going to have a fantastic time learning about the environment and investigating various plants and animals!

**Shout Outs:** The 21st Century coordinators would like to thank all the teachers who help make these programs happen. A teacher's day is long and full of responsibilities. We know our teachers who are taking on the extra responsibility of facilitating after school programs are sacrificing their personal time. We appreciate all that they do!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

1<sup>st</sup> Pick up at 4:25 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Pick up at 5:15

After School Programs End December 12



## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

### Special Events...

#### **Clothing & Food Drive**

Please gather your gently used clothes. These will be part of our Turkeys-n-Tables event. For the food drive, you can bring in canned foods, boxed foods, and soaps. The class to bring in the most items will win a pizza party!

#### **Turkeys-n-Tables**

5-7 pm, November 20<sup>h</sup> 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.

#### **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. It's completely anonymous.

#### **Halloween Costumes**

Do you have Halloween costumes that no longer fit? You can donate them to Hassayampa. Just drop them off and Ms. K-P will store them for next years' students in need.

#### **Worth Quoting...**

"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud."

—Maya Angelou

Students celebrated **Red Ribbon Week** the week of October 28-31. This week also proved to be a huge success with students learning about certain drugs as well as signing a drug free pledge that framed the Pillar Banners on the Character Wall. Thanks to Ms. Joy for allowing time during library to complete these pledge cards! You can see them in the lower portion of the picture.

**AT Parenting Survival**

We have all needed help getting dinner conversations going with our children. At Parenting Survival lists 50 ways to start dinner conversations with your children. Here are a few:

- 1.If you could go into any TV show – what show would want to visit?
- 2.If you could only eat one fruit forever – what fruit would it be?
- 3.What are three words you would use to describe yourself?
- 4.What do you think you are good at?
- 5.If you had to pick only one – would you want to be a great singer or a great dancer?

#### *Practical Tips to Help Teach Children To Read*

READ to your child. Take time each day to sit and read together.

- Find words to teach wherever you go. Teach children what the sign says.
- Take your child to a bookstore or the library.
- Use rhyming words with your child.
- Label with your children. Make labels and help your child organize their things.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Ms. K-P



## Wickenburg Unified School District -Tax Credit Program

Arizona Revised Statue (A.R.S.) 43-1089.01 allows individual taxpayers to receive a tax credit up to \$400.00 (joint return) for payment to a fund set aside for extracurricular activities fees. Generally, any educational or recreational activity that is a supplement to the educational program of the school is considered to be an extracurricular activity. This is a dollar for dollar tax credit. It allows you, the taxpayer, to decide where you would like to put up to \$400.00 of your tax dollars to work. When it comes time to fill out your tax forms, you will receive a tax credit for up to \$400.00. It is a win-win situation for yourself and the school activities you support with your tax dollars. You do not have to have a child in school so grandparents or anyone can also take advantage of this tax credit.

### Questions and Answers:

**What public schools and grades are eligible for the credit?**  
Public schools that provide instruction in grades kindergarten through 12 are eligible for the credit. **What is a fee paid for the support of extracurricular activities?** A fee is a dollar amount paid to a public school for the support of extracurricular activities.

### What are extracurricular activities?

Extracurricular activities mean school sponsored activities that require enrolled students to pay a fee in order to participate. Such activities may include, but are not limited to use of band uniforms, use of equipment or uniforms for athletics, or use of scientific laboratory equipment or materials. Any educational /recreational activities that supplement the educational program of the school.

### If a school establishes a fund to pay for extracurricular activities, would a payment to this fund qualify for a tax credit?

Yes, the credit is authorized for fees paid by any taxpayer to a public school for the support of extracurricular activities.

### Must a taxpayer have a child enrolled in order to claim the tax credit?

No, a taxpayer is **any** person subject to tax.

### What is the claim limit for a married couple?

The credit claimed by married couples filing a joint return is limited to a maximum of **\$400.00**. Married couples filing separate tax returns can claim only one-half of the allowable credit on each return.

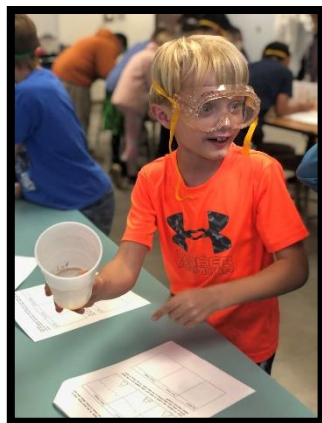
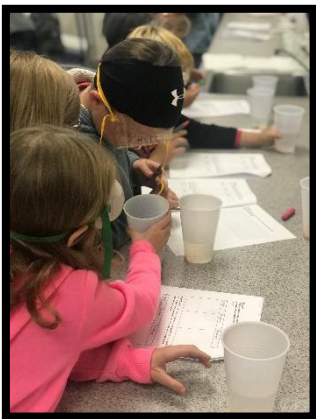
### What kind of receipt will I receive for my tax return?

The school will issue a receipt that includes the school name, district number, taxpayer name, amount paid, date paid and description of the activity for which the fee was paid.

At Hassayampa Elementary, we currently have several extracurricular activities that we charge a fee. Some of our approved extracurricular activities are:

- Science Camp for 5th graders,
- The Art Club,
- Gifted,
- Coyote Chorus
- Field Trips and
- Character Education.

You may also choose Extra-curricular No Preference. Our Site Council then determines best use of these No Preference funds to support approved programs. Your tax credit donation will be used to provide children the opportunity to participate and also provide supplies, guest speakers, and field trips. If you would like to make a tax credit donation to any of these activities, fill out the enclosed form and send it along with your check to school. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 684-6750 for more information.



## Box Tops Contest

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 OR you can scan your store receipt. It's that EASY! Please visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) to learn about other ways to earn money for Hassayampa.

### Safety Day – Thanks!

Wickenburg Fire Department and Wickenburg Police Department came out to educate students about safety. Thank you to all who serve and protect us!



## Facebook

Have you checked us out on Facebook? Tell a friend or other family members. Visit Hassayampa Elementary School on Facebook and "Like" our page to receive up-to-date information on what's happening at Hassayampa! We currently have **529** likes on Facebook.

## Amazon Smile

Are you an Amazon shopper? Are you getting ready to make some holiday purchases? Please use Amazon Smile to help raise additional funds for Hassayampa. Please spread the word!

[Amazon Smiles for Hassayampa](#)

## Note from the Principal:

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying our beautiful Arizona weather! It is wonderful to see students able to enjoy their time at recess! I have seen a few teachers sneak some lessons outside. Having the ability to fully enjoy this wonderful weather can only enhance our education system.

We had great turn-outs at our October events: over 125 visitors at our Honors Assembly and over 150 visitors for the Costume Walk. Teachers were busy with parent-teacher conferences. These meetings are so important. If you weren't able to make it in for a conference, please contact your child's teacher and schedule a meeting today! Also, mark your calendars now, our next APTT meetings are scheduled in January.

We love having you in the audience and by our sides. Thank you for your support! Please review the calendar of events closely and add the information to your family calendar. I look forward to seeing you at any one of future events!

Very truly yours,

**Mrs. Hershkowitz**