

HASSAYAMPA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOOL-PARENT CONNECTION

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Welcome December!

Well, the calendar says December, and the temperatures are amazing. This is why we live here, right? 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.hassayampa.wickenburgschools.org, and “like” us on our school Facebook page.

A Note from Mrs. Hershkowitz

As we near the end of this first semester of school, I'd like to take a moment to think about the educational experiences our students have had so far this quarter. I know there has been concern regarding our students' academic progress due to the current health crisis; however, teachers and students have been working extra hard since coming back together in October. Students have been working on their math and reading skills. They have been writing stories, enhancing their technology skills, and learning what it means to be a kid of character.



We are truly thankful to have our students back in the building. We also know that there has been an uptick of concern in our community regarding COVID cases. Please know that as a school, we are all working diligently to remain open by following our health protocols. Your support in these endeavors continues to be needed and are critical to our success. I am very thankful to our many families who have been extra cautious in monitoring their children's health, and keeping students home when sick. As challenging as it is, I also appreciate those parents who must leave work to pick up their children when the call is made for a child to go home from school due to various symptoms. Together, we can continue to provide a safe educational environment!

Hassayampa families can do many things to support the academic success of students!

- * Make sure your child practices math and reading fluency measures daily.
- * Encourage your child to read daily!
 - o If you get a new family game, let your child read the instructions to everyone that participates.
 - o Your child can also read the holiday cards to the family.
 - o Over winter break is a great time to read and discuss new books.
 - o Search for and begin a new tradition in your family. Books are a great resource.
- * Communicate regularly with your child's teacher.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out.

Truly yours,

Mrs. Hershkowitz

Calendar of Events

Dec. 15 – Governing Board meeting @5:30
Dec. 17 – End of Semester

JANUARY

Jan. 4 – Back to School, 3rd Quarter begins
Jan. 18 – No School – MLK, Jr. Holiday

Reading & Math Fluency Benchmark

With the exception of make-ups, Hassayampa students have completed their mid-year assessment measures. These assessments are the measure we use to determine if students are on track in reading and math. It is mostly an individual test, and takes **fewer than 20 minutes** per student. These assessments will provide teachers specific information on how individual students are progressing as well as how the entire grade level and school is doing.



Spelling Bee

Third, fourth, and fifth grade teachers have identified who the top spellers are in their grade levels. On December 14, we will determine who are the top spellers in the school. With the support of our PTA and 21st Century Realty, we will facilitate a school-level spelling bee where we will identify classroom winners to participate in a district-wide spelling bee and, perhaps, the regional and state spelling bees! Like many events occurring right now, **this will be an in-house event with no spectators.** Thank you for your understanding.

Math Fact Fluency Goals

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



Amazon Smile

Getting ready for holiday shopping? Are you an Amazon shopper? Please use Amazon Smile to help raise additional funds for Hassayampa. It's a simple way to support our school. [Amazon Smiles for Hassayampa](#)



21st Century Community Learning Centers

We are nearly done with our 2nd quarter of after school programs. Thank you to everyone who helps us run smoothly. Please remember the last day of the program is Thursday, December 10th. We will be sending out invitations for 3rd Quarter when we return in January. Please let your classroom teacher know if you would like an invitation.

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS END DECEMBER 10th.

Quarter 3 programs will begin January 21st

 COVID 19: How to care for a cloth mask.		 COVID 19: Cómo cuidar una mascarilla de tela	
	Store used mask in dedicated bag until it can be washed.		Guarda la mascarilla usada en una bolsa especial hasta que pueda ser lavada.
	Wash the mask as soon as possible after it is removed.		Lava la mascarilla tan pronto como sea posible después de quitarla.
	Wash the mask in hot soapy water (60 degrees Celsius)		Lava la mascarilla en agua caliente con jabón (60 grados centígrados)
	Dry masks in the sun or in a dryer until they are completely dry.		Seca la mascarilla al sol o en una secadora hasta que esté completamente seca.
	If mask is damaged , wash it, dry it and dispose of it immediately.		Si la mascarilla está dañada , lávala, sécala y deshazte de ella inmediatamente.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Special Events...



Because of COVID 19, we are trying very hard to limit paper going back and forth between school and home. You will not be receiving the regular letter each month.

If you would like to recognize your child as a Kid of Character this month, please send me a message through Dojo or email, dkeithprohl@wusd9.org.

Please include:

Child's name, Grade, and the act of caring they performed! I will put their picture on the Super Hero's Wall of Fame!

Worth Quoting...

"Every child deserves a champion; an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best they can possibly be."

Rita Pierson teacher

Holiday Happy Wishes!

FYI! This is especially important now!

DECEMBER 1-7 National Handwashing Awareness Week



Resources:
<https://www.livescience.com/37326-bathroom-hand-washing-habits.html>
<http://www.cdc.gov/features/handwashing/>

Try your best to stay healthy by:

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID USA

SELF-CARE: Take Care of Your Mental Health During COVID-19

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- 1 Look for opportunities to **laugh**.
- 2 Get enough **sleep**.
- 3 **Exercise** as appropriate.
- 4 Set healthy **boundaries**.
- 5 Be **kind** to yourself.
- 6 Stay **connected** to loved ones.

Parents, are you taking a look at what your children are doing with their **social media pages**? The #1 tip on monitoring your child's social media comes from Parenting Magazine:

"No Underage Facebooking" Did you know that no one under the age of 13 is permitted to join Facebook? However, there is no real way for Facebook to truly enforce it, because anyone can lie about their year of birth. You need to make sure that your child stays away from Facebook until 13 AND until you are comfortable with him or her having an account. There are measures put in place, such as reporting an underage child, but ultimately, it should be the parent who has the say on when and if that account gets created.

Ms. K-P