



COYOTE DEN

Hassayampa Elementary School
Parent - School Connection



Welcome February!

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.

Calendar of Events

Week of Feb. 3 - Benchmark Make-ups
Feb. 3 – Penny Drive begins
Feb. 4 – Spring Pictures
Feb. 5 – Principal's Coffee – 8:15 a.m.
Site Council – 3:00 p.m.
Feb. 5 – Art/Science Night
Week of Feb. 10 – Western Spirit Week
Feb. 12 – PTA Meeting @ Bd. Rm @ 4:00 p.m.
Feb. 15 - Gold Rush Parade
Feb. 17 – No School – Presidents' Day
Feb 27 – Daddy Daughter Dance
Feb 18 – Mar. 20 – PTA Book Drive
March 2 – Read Across America
March 4 – Principal's Coffee – 8:15 a.m.
March 11 – PTA Meeting @ 4:00 p.m.
March 16-19 – Spring Break
March 31st – 4th Grade AIMS Science
April 1-26 – State Testing Window



Western Spirit Week

In support of the Town of Wickenburg's Gold Rush Days, Hassayampa students will be encouraged to pull out their favorite cowboy jeans and shirts during the week of **February 10**. Hats are permitted in classrooms at the discretion of the classroom teachers, and, of course, **no** spurs, ropes, and weapons are allowed at all.

Gold Rush Days Parade

On **February 15**, look for Hassayampa's float in Wickenburg's Gold Rush Days Parade. We will be celebrating our love of our school and community with the Gold Rush Parade's theme this year - "Ride for the Brand". 3-5 Honor Roll students will be selected to ride on or walk with the float. Look for us in the parade, we will be wearing our golden Hassayampa shirts and showing our Hassayampa pride.

Penny Drive

Over the years at Hassayampa, the students and staff celebrated Arbor Day by planting trees; over forty-eight trees have been planted on our campus. These efforts have been funded through grants and private donations, but the largest single effort has come from Hassayampa students! Pennies were collected as part of their way of giving to the campus.

As the trees are in place, we have turned our focus to the overall beautification and improvement of the campus. Funds have been used to purchase paint and painting supplies. Every penny counts!



The collection of pennies will begin on **February 3** and end on the **February 28**. Then in **April**, we will hold our annual Field Day celebration and announce our winning teacher. The Penny Drive is a contest to see which classroom teacher raises the most pennies MINUS silver coins and paper bills collected. So when your child is looking around the house for pennies, you will know the reason why. The "Winning Teacher" will get to "Kiss the Hassayampa Pig". The winning teacher will also get to choose a winning student from his or her classroom to join in on the fun.



This is a Wickenburg PTA sponsored event.

Principal's Coffee

Our next Principal's Coffee is scheduled for Wednesday, **February 5**. Please join the principal for an informal gathering over coffee. All are welcome!



Hassayampa Art and Science Night

Art & Science Night will be held on **Wednesday**, February 5th. This is a great night for the family to enjoy the hard work of our Hassayampa students. We turn Hassayampa's halls into an art gallery. The walls will look so colorful! If you miss it, please stop by. The art will be hung for a while longer so that we can continue to enjoy it all!

Honors Celebration!

On January 16, we celebrated our students' accomplishments for the second quarter and first semester. Students received recognition for special grade level honors, 3-5 Principal's Honor Roll and Honor Roll as well as Perfect Attendance. Many thanks to the families who came to support students and to those who support them every day!



APTT & Parent-Teacher Conferences

APTT event and traditional conferences were held in January. Thank you for your participation and continued collaboration between you and your child's teacher.



Synergy - ParentVUE

Are you signed up for ParentVUE? Parents, you can get current information on your child's progress. With a user ID and password, you have the ability to see your child's grade for each subject, missing assignments, and grade for a particular assignment plus many other things. This system can help you know how your child is doing in school and this can be done from your computer at home or work. **If you don't have your user ID, please stop by the front office for assistance in getting more information on this useful tool.**

A Note from the Health Station

There has been a LOT of absences. Please do what you can to keep you and your family health!

- Cover your cough.
- Wash your hands.
- Eat healthy foods.
- Get plenty of rest.
- Dress appropriately for the weather.



Book Fair!

The Book Fair begins **February 3rd**.



Classrooms will visit during their library times. The Book Fair will also be open during the Art and Science Night on February 5. Please talk to your child about being responsible with the money you send – keep in an envelope, don't show friends.

The profit generated from the book fair goes to support both the Hassayampa library as well as classroom libraries. Additionally, funds may be used to purchase Chromebooks.

PTA Book Drive Starts Feb 18!

This year the PTA Book Fair will partner with the Town's Literary Festival to be held the first weekend of April. The proceeds will benefit the school library. Volunteers are needed! Flyers will be sent home soon asking for your help.

We will be holding a contest to reward classrooms who bring in books for the Fair. All classrooms that bring in 500 books or more will receive \$25.00 and the class which brings in the most books school wide will receive \$100.00, to be used for classroom supplies.



This is a Wickenburg PTA sponsored event.

District Spelling Bee!

The District Spelling Bee was held on January 13 at Vulture Peak. Hassayampa students represented us well! The Hassayampa spelling bee contestants represented us well.



If your child is interested in participating in next year's spelling bee, please visit <http://spellingbee.com/parents-and-students> to prepare!

Valentine Grams

The PTA will be selling Valentine bracelets at Art and Science Night – just \$3.

3rd Quarter Benchmark

Most students have completed 3rd quarter benchmark testing with the exception of our 4th graders who complete their math during the week of the 3rd. These results will be used by teachers to determine the instructional needs of students for the final quarter of school as well as state testing.



The final DIBELS benchmark is scheduled in May. DIBELS reports let teachers know your child's overall progress in reading. To help your child do well in reading, have your child READ DAILY then ask him/her to tell you about what was read. For information on your student's progress, please talk to your child's teacher.

To learn more about DIBELS
visit: <https://dibels.uoregon.edu/>

Accelerated Reader

Hassayampa students are AWESOME READERS!

Please check out the Hassayampa School website (News & Events) to see a real-time display of how many books Hassayampa students have read this month! Also, from the Hassayampa School website-parent links - you can find a special a link to the Renaissance Home Connect. Students may use their login information to check their AR progress as well as look up books they might be interested in reading (check on points).

Just a few reminders:

Student Handbook: Families were provided a Parent-Student Handbook at the start of the school or when registering for school. It is important to review the contents of the handbook to ensure that you and your child are familiar with Hassayampa expectations - [STUDENT HANDBOOK](#)

Transportation: Following the rules of the bus keeps everyone safe. Please visit the district website to learn more about bus expectations. [TRANSPORTATION](#)

Absences: If your child is going to be absent, you must notify the school office at 684-6750.

A Corner of THANKS! Volunteers

Every day at Hassayampa we have many wonderful people who come in to help us out. We appreciate the time so many of you have dedicated to assisting us and our students. Thank you!



Tax Credit Donations

Many parents, staff, and community members took advantage of the AZ tax credit and donated to Hassayampa Elementary School. Thank you for your support! You can continue to donate throughout the year. Talk to your accountant!

Raising Expectations Policy

This district policy was enacted to focus attention on the value of academic achievement and to increase accountability. In order to meet the expectations of this policy, Hassayampa celebrates those students who exceeded the standards. Also, we offer supports to students who aren't meeting their potential. 21st CCLC assists us in this endeavor through daily academic programs. Students failing the core content subjects of reading and math will be required to attend a minimum of 8 hours of assistance. Summer school will be required of students failing to meet standards in reading and math.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Hassayampa Elementary is here to educate your child; however, we cannot do our job when your child is absent. When students are not in school, they miss out on key discussions, questions and explanations of subjects from their teacher.

Being late for school hurts learning too – students who are 10 minutes late for school each day miss a whole week of instruction per school year. Attendance is an important factor in school success and helps build a strong educational background. A child who misses a day of school misses a day of learning.

In February, we are having a special contest for students who manage to attend school for the 15 days of February. Stay tuned for more information!

Reading and Math Nook

**HERE'S THE IMPACT OF
READING 20
MINUTES PER DAY!**

A student who reads	A student who reads	A student who reads
20:00 minutes per day	5:00 minutes per day	1:00 minute per day
will be exposed to 1.8 MILLION words per year and is more likely to score in the 90th PERCENTILE on standardized tests	will be exposed to 282,000 words per year and is more likely to score in the 50th PERCENTILE on standardized tests	will be exposed to 8,000 words per year and is more likely to score in the 10th PERCENTILE on standardized tests

Source: Nagy, Anderson and Herman, 1987

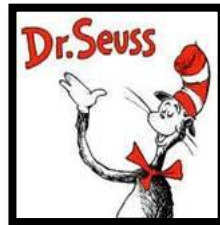
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Read Across America Day

National Read across America Day is March 2nd, which is Dr. Seuss' birthday. Mrs. Hershkowitz loves this celebration of reading.

What can you do to support your child becoming a reader? It's simple:

- * Take your child to the library or find something in your home library.
- * Find the silliest Dr. Seuss book and read it together.
- * Let your child know what your favorite children's story is.
- * Have your child tell you all about his/her favorite book.
- * Encourage your child to read daily!



Reading is a part of life. Although we have this special day of celebration, reading should be celebrated daily. **Build the love for reading in your child today!**

"Move on When Reading"

Parents of students in grades K-3 who are substantially deficient in reading will receive notification each quarter. It is important for parents to know how their child is progressing in reading and if help is needed. Parents should also be aware of how Hassayampa teachers are working with their children to get them to meet grade level reading standards. In addition, Hassayampa staff will provide parents with specific information on the deficient areas of reading along with strategies parents can use to help their children at home. Together, we can build strong readers!

The Hassayampa Bike Giveaway!

We have an awesome bike to give away to a hard working Hassayampa student. Actually, we have FOUR bikes to give away! In May, four bikes will be given away to students. Students will earn an entry ticket each time they pass their grade level Math Fact Fluency benchmarks given in November, January, March, and May. Students have until May to earn their ticket.



Math Fact Fluency Goals

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

How to Raise a Reader

1. Start a reading habit early.
2. Read every day.
3. Keep books all around your home.
4. Visit the library or bookstore on a regular basis.
5. Allow your children to choose the books.
6. Be a reading role model.

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Kids of Character!

Each quarter there is a drawing for students who earned golden tickets for being Kids of Character. This quarter, 2 students from each grade level were drawn to have a special luncheon with our local police. Those students are: Geraldine Benitez, Jaden Chronister, Diana Salazar, Sophia Valdez, Jersey Foucault, Tallen Soderquist, Everett Burt, Ally Martin, Izaiah Gonzalez, Demian Ruiz, Cruz Lujano, and Jelena Valenzuela.

Excellent Attendance

Being in school every day means your child won't miss out on learning. Try to schedule appointments and family trips outside of school hours. If your child asks to stay home "just because" simply remind them of what they will miss, such as reading and special classes. Explain to your child that being sick is the only reason to stay home.

Worth Quoting...

"The goal of education is not to increase the amount of knowledge but to create the possibilities for a child to invent and discover, create people who are capable of doing new things.

-Jean Piaget

Online Safety. Do you know what your children are watching online and who they are messaging?

National Online Safety have put together some fantastic resources for parents and caregivers about social media apps, online games and trending issues so they can have informed discussions with their children. All resources, plus much more can be accessed from the National Online Safety website:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resourc.../wake-up-wednesday/>

Internet Safety Tips From Parenting Magazine:

Create Ground Rules

If your kids are old enough to be using the computer on their own, they are old enough to understand that there are rules they need to abide by. Breaking them should not have a lesser consequence than if they broke a rule in the offline world. The best way for families to agree on ground rules is to create a contract that all parties must live by.

Get To Know What Your Child's Habits Are

You don't need to be a super sleuth and spy on your kid's every online move, but it is important to be aware of the kinds of sites he is frequenting and the people he is associating with. You get to know the friends he's hanging out with at school, and his online friends shouldn't be any different. One of the contract rules should be that you have full access to his Facebook friends and can take a look whenever you wish.

Catching Kids of Character

In February, please look for the parent letter with the HEART on the back. The children LOVE seeing their name on the wall.

If you or your child need support or information on resources, please contact me.

Ms. K-P



Box Tops

Visit www.boxtops4education.com to learn how to earn money for Hassayampa.



Facebook

Have you checked us out on Facebook? We currently have **541 likes!** Thank you for helping us to spread the word to your friends and family. Visit Hassayampa Elementary School on Facebook and "Like" our page to receive up-to-date information on what's happening at Hassayampa!



PTA Daddy Daughter Dance

This dance is for all Hassayampa Pre-Kindergarten through Fifth Grade students along with their special someone! PTA is sponsoring a Frozen themed Daddy Daughter Dance on Thursday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wrangler Event Center. Flyers will be sent home soon.

Amazon Smile

Are you an Amazon shopper? Please use Amazon Smile to help raise additional funds for Hassayampa. This is an EASY way to support our school. Tell a friend!



[Amazon Smiles for Hassayampa](#)

Note from the Principal:

We are over half way through the school year! Hassayampa teachers and staff and myself, know that the second semester is the big "push" to accomplish the year's goals. To be successful, our students, your children, need your support. Please stay abreast of your child's school work. Through ParentVUE, you can have your child's grades emailed to you weekly or you can login and get the details of your child's progress. Please stop by the school office for your personal login information. This is, of course, in addition to communicating with your child's teacher. Also, make sure you encourage your child to read *daily!*

We are starting to prepare for 3rd – 8th grade AzMERIT. Students are finishing up their ELA and math benchmark assessments on Galileo. The data collected will assist the 3-5 staff in identifying what students need to be successful on the state testing. A testing schedule is forthcoming to accommodate all three grade levels taking the state test in an online setting - we are grateful to have two computer labs and Chromebooks. A tentative test window has been set to start the last week of March. Please avoid scheduling dental visits or vacations during that time. On the state website, you will find additional information about how to support your child - <http://www.azed.gov/assessment/>. The state has parent resources available. I highly recommend checking them out.

As is typical, we have many great things happening at Hassayampa. Please review the calendar of events closely and add the information to your family calendar. I look forward to seeing you all at any one of our many events!

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Hershkowitz



Join me for Principal's Coffee on the first Wednesday of the month.

