

HASSAYAMPA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOOL-PARENT CONNECTION

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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.

A Note from Mrs. Hershkowitz

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. 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.

During the month of February, we participate in Random Acts of Kindness. By doing something kind for someone else, we can spread happiness and caring. Help your child identify something to do for someone in your family or neighborhood. Spread the LOVE Wickenburg!

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Hershkowitz

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

- 1 - Benchmark Week
- 4 - Picture Day
- 8 - Western Spirit Week
- 15 - No School - Presidents’ Day

MARCH

- 2 - Read Across America
- 11 - Last Day of Quarter
- 15-18 - Spring Break

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 8**. Hats are permitted in classrooms at the discretion of the classroom teachers, and, of course, **no** spurs, ropes, and weapons are allowed at all.



Spelling Bee!

Our School Spelling Bee was held on December 14. The Hassayampa winners who will move forward to represent us at the District Spelling Bee were Alicia Martin (3rd grade), Brian Carillo (4th grade), and Gyan Viguera (5th grade). The District Spelling Bee was held on January 28. Hassayampa students represented us well! It was a CHALLENGING spelling bee. We would like to congratulate Brian Carillo for coming in 3rd place in the district. We are very proud of Brian!

A Note from the Health Station

Please do what you can to keep you and your family healthy!

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



If your child is interested in participating in next year's spelling bee, please visit

<http://spellingbee.com/parents-and-students> to prepare!

Book Fair!

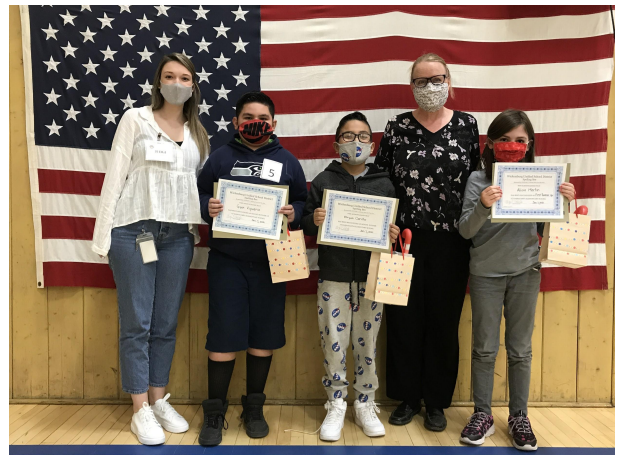
The Book Fair begins **January 29th through February 14th**. The profit generated from the book fair goes to support both the Hassayampa library as well as classroom libraries and technology.



3rd Quarter Benchmark

Some grade levels began their Galileo Benchmarks during the last week of January and the rest will complete theirs during the first week of February. 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 Acadience benchmark is scheduled in May. Acadience 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.



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

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Kids of Character!

Because of COVID-19, I have not been sending my regular letters home each month. I am asking that you PLEASE continue to catch your child being a Kid of Character. Send me a class Dojo and tell me what they did! I will put their picture on the Character wall. Your child would love to see their picture on the bulletin board!

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 carers 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.

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 names on the wall.

Ms. K-P

