



COYOTE DEN

Hassayampa Elementary School
Parent - School Connection



Ready for October!

As we near the end of our first quarter of school, we welcome October and hope for some cooler temperatures. October is packed full of events! Our Health Safari, Bus Drill, Parent-Teacher conferences, Honors Recognitions, and our traditional costume walk is held! This *Coyote Den* can be 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.

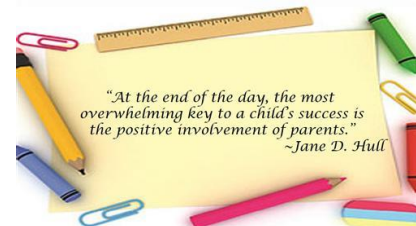
For additional school information, please refer to the Parent-Student Handbook, visit the Hassayampa website – www.wickenburgschools.org/HES, and “like” us on our school Facebook page.

Calendar of Events

Oct 1- 2 – Health Safari
 Oct. 2 – Principal's Coffee @ 8:15 a.m.
 Oct. 2 – Site Council @ 3:00 p.m.
 Oct. 2 – PTA Mtg – Board Room – 4:00 p.m.
 Oct. 7 - 10 - Fall Break - No School
 Oct. 15– Governing Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
 Oct. – 21 – 21st CCLC Programs Begin
 Oct. 22 – Picture Retakes
 Oct. 30 –Farmer's Market & Safety Day
 Oct. 28-31 – Red Ribbon Week
 Oct 31 - Costume Walk
 Oct. 21 - 24 – Character Counts Week
 Oct 14 – 24 – Parent/Teacher Conferences
 Nov. 6 – Principal's Coffee and Site Council

Health Safari

Your child's health is important to be successful in school. Hearing and vision screeners may help to identify potential hurdles to learning. On October 1st, Hassayampa will hold its annual Health Safari. Students will have their height and weight measured; hearing and vision checked. Results from these screeners will be sent home by end of the month – earlier for those students requiring additional attention.



Principal's Coffee

Our next Principal's Coffee is scheduled for Wednesday, **October 2**. Please join the principal for an informal gathering over coffee. During this time, we will discuss hot topics impacting Hassayampa.



PARENT PARTNERSHIP!

Parent - Teacher Conferences are an essential component to building the working relationship between parents and teachers. Conferences will occur October 14-24. Additional conferences may be held at other times to accommodate family schedules. Conference notices will be sent home when we return from Fall Break. Please be watching for these notices and plan on attending your child's conference.

Title One Open House

During the Parent-Teacher conferences, you are invited to stop by to visit with Title 1 teachers. Ms. Henneman will be available afterschool Wednesday, October 16th to answer any of your questions about reading and how you can support your child in becoming a successful reader.

Kindergarten Afterschool Care Available!

Afterschool care for kindergarteners is sometimes a struggle for families. To assist families during this pivotal year, we are offering childcare services within our preschool program. Prices are reasonable. Applications may be found online or in the school office.

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. The grade level with the highest membership will be awarded an ice cream party. The winner will be announced after break.

HB 2732 "Move on When Reading"

In May 2010, voters passed Proposition 100. Part of the proposition was a requirement that all third graders will be required to pass the AIMS reading test in order to be promoted to the next grade level. Parents of students in grades K-2 who are substantially deficient in reading will receive written notification each quarter. It is our hope to help parents know if their child is substantially deficient in reading.

It is our intent to provide information on how Hassayampa teachers are working with children to get them up to level to pass the 3rd grade AzMERIT reading test. In addition, Hassayampa will provide parents with specific information on the deficient areas of reading along with strategies parents can use to help their child at home. To learn more about your child's progress, please attend parent-teacher conferences. Remember, you can contact your child's teacher any time with your questions regarding your child's progress. Together, we can achieve success for your child!

Raising Expectations Policy

Our 21st CCLC program supports our Raising Expectations policy. Students identified as having academic deficits attend before/ after school programs for support.

Along with offering support, we also celebrate accomplishments of students. Therefore, during the Honors Assembly, Hassayampa will be celebrating students who demonstrated proficiency of the Arizona standards on AzMERIT last spring.



Smile Again, Please!

Hair was neatly combed or brushed, everyone was dressed with special care and smiles were abundant, it was Picture Day at Hassayampa! All students had their picture taken in September and anyone absent on that day or who are not satisfied with their pictures can have retakes on **October 22**.



Thank you to the volunteers who helped out by touching up hair and straightening collars. All profits from the pictures are used at Hassayampa for the benefit of students.

Costume Walk

On **October 31**, Hassayampa will hold the annual Costume Walk. Students and staff will dress up and parade through the building and into the gym. When putting your costumes together, please remember to follow the school rules: no makeup, no weapons. Also, don't wear your costume to school; you will have an opportunity to change clothes before the walk.

Did you know that Mrs. Hershkowitz's favorite costumes aren't the scary ones? She loves the great character ones and the clever ones. She is excited to see them all!

At 1:00, K-2 will gather in the gym to have some musical fun – a little monster mash.

At 1:45, 3-5 will walk the K-2 hallways and enter the gym for musical fun as well as costume judging.

Grandparents

Thank you for joining us in September for luncheon! We had more than 180 visitors. We hope to see you again soon!

A Note from our Health Aide

To help prevent the spread of lice, here are some steps you can take:

- Avoid direct head-to-head contact with anyone know to have live, crawling lice.
- Do not share hair-related personal items.
- Avoid sleepovers and slumber parties during lice outbreaks.
- After finishing treatment with lice medicine, check everyone in your family for lice after one week. Be sure to talk to your healthcare provider about treatments for those who have lice.
- Machine-wash any bedding and clothing used by anyone having lice.

Hassayampa Site Council

Last month, the Hassayampa Site Council had their first meeting of the year. I am happy to report that all Site Council positions have been filled! This year's members are Mrs. Hilbert, Mrs. Mandl, Ms. Keith-Prohl, Mrs. Levin, Mrs. Corea, Mrs. Butler, and Mrs. Hershkowitz.

Agenda items discussed included Council's Bylaws, PTA membership drive, and Title I updates. For a full agenda or minutes, please visit the Hassayampa office. You are always welcome to join us. To become an official member, please visit the school website for an application. Our next meeting is October 2 at 3:30 p.m.

Are you signed up for Parent VUE?

Ask your child's teacher or the front office for more information.

Counselor's Corner

Special Days - Special Clothes...

Character Counts week is October 21-24. We will be learning about the different pillars each day.

October 21, please wear the color Green for RESPONSIBILITY or YELLOW for RESPECT

October 22, please wear ORANGE for FAIRNESS

or RED for CARING

October 23, please wear PURPLE for CITIZENSHIP

October 24, please wear BLUE for TRUSTWORTHINESS

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 by the end of Fall Break so that we can make sure we get them on the tree. It's completely anonymous.

Halloween Costumes

Ms. K-P does have Halloween costumes to loan if your child needs one for the Halloween festivities!

Turkeys-n-Tables

November 20th 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.

Worth Quoting...

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

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Wow! It is October already! October has two very special celebrations!

CHARACTER COUNTS! Week is October 21-24. Student will be doing different activities that are related to the character pillars all week long.

This month I am asking parents to "catch" their children being good kids of character and fill out a paper "ribbon" in honor of Red Ribbon Week! You should have already received this in your child's newsletter.

The week of October 28-31 is dedicated to Red Ribbon Week. During Red Ribbon Week, students will learn about drugs and different strategies on saying "No!" The Red Ribbon theme this year is "Send a message, stay drug free".

Daily Routine

Several parents have asked me to help with ideas for routines that are appropriate for school age children. Therefore, I would like to publish a chart to help parents remind students about their daily hygiene habits. Every school age child should be able to do these things independently, but with gentle reminders. Here is a little chart you can use to help your children when they are getting ready for school.

NIGHTLY:

1. Lay out CLEAN clothes, underwear, and socks for the next school day.
2. Organize backpack and have it ready.
3. Put a jacket with your backpack if needed.
4. Brush teeth.
5. Shower or bath with soap! (This can be in the morning)

MORNING:

1. Shower or bath if not night before.
2. Brush teeth.
3. Brush hair.
4. Put on clean clothes, underwear, and socks.
5. Eat breakfast.
6. Get backpack.
7. Arrive at school BEFORE 8 am.
8. Be in your classroom by 8 am.

A chart has been included with this mailing to help your child be more independent! Thank you, parents, for your help!

Ms. K-P



Hassayampa Elementary School 21st Century Community Learning Centers

The last day of after school for Quarter 1 will be **October 3rd**. We would like to say thank you to our amazing staff for helping everything run smoothly.

Power Hour: We had about 30 students every morning working with Ms. Lanz 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.

Coyote Chorus: Our Coyote Chorus students will have many opportunities throughout the school year to perform not only at Hassayampa but also around the community. Mrs. Boyle does an amazing job developing students' love of music.

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.

2nd Quarter

Invitations will be sent home and confirmations will be made.

Power Hour begins Monday, October 14

Afterschool Programs begin Monday, October 21



Box Tops



There are more ways to earn money for Hassayampa. Please visit www.boxtops4education.com to learn about other ways to earn money for Hassayampa.



Facebook

Have you checked us out on Facebook yet? Visit Hassayampa Elementary School on Facebook and “Like” our page to receive up-to-date information on what’s happening at Hassayampa. Tell a friend!



Amazon Smile



Are you an Amazon shopper? Please use Amazon Smile to help raise additional funds for Hassayampa.

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Note from the Principal:

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 material 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. If you missed out on the APTT events held in September, please make sure to mark your calendars for parent-teacher conferences in October. 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 APTT events and 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.

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 us!

Best regards,

Mrs. Hershkowitz

