

THE COYOTE DEN

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2nd Quarter

HASSAYAMPA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOOL-PARENT CONNECTION

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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.

A Note from Mrs. Hershkowitz

It's hard to believe that it is already October! Thank you for responding to our surveys and communicating the needs of your children and your families with us. I appreciate the difficulty that families have had to face in making decisions regarding their children's education. We are excited to have students return to in-person learning! Our goal is to reopen and remain open. Only with your support will this goal be achieved.. We have new protocols and changes around our campus. For our full reopening plan, please visit the District website:

<https://www.wickenburgschools.org/domain/2272>.

Each day, our gates will open at 7:30 a.m. Students will be directed to enter through the cafeteria. An opportunity will be provided to either eat breakfast or go directly to classrooms. Student learning begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 3:15 p.m. At Hassayampa, we have a unique opportunity to reduce class sizes by utilizing the talents of all staff members. This change allows us to create small classes which will allow for social distancing within classrooms, which means masks may be removed while in the classrooms. This will only be possible while enrollment remains low. During the day, students will primarily be with one teacher and one group of students. All students will have breaks throughout the day including recesses. We are planning for outside instruction when possible.

Things are going to look differently, but we know that this plan will help us lower our risks with COVID-19. I have attached a video to welcome students back and provide an overview of what to expect:

https://youtu.be/Kne_mKBFwgE. I know the sound isn't great, but I hope the message further answers questions regarding our return.

If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher or to me.

Thank you for your support.

Best regards,

Mrs. Hershkowitz



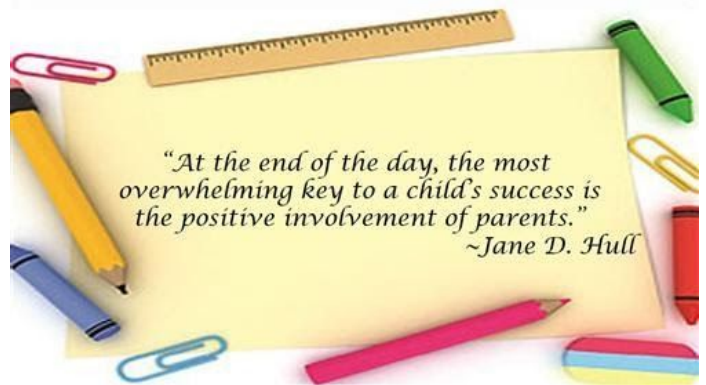

Calendar of Events

First 3 Weeks - Parent Conferences (virtual)
 Week of Oct. 19 – Character Counts Week
 Oct. 20 – Governing Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
 Week of Oct. 26 – Red Ribbon Week

Although student meals will continue to be free through December, families still need to submit an application. If you have not already applied this school year, please apply at <https://family.titank12.com/>

PARENT PARTNERSHIP!

Parent - Teacher Conferences are an essential component to building the working relationship between parents and teachers. Conferences will occur over our next few weeks back. Conferences will occur through Google Meets or by phone. Please be watching for these notices.

BUS RIDERS

Our schools are getting ready to reopen!

Families need to fill out the **BUS REQUEST FORM** for all students wanting to ride the bus.

If you need help determining if your child qualifies for transportation, please call the transportation department at 928-668-5342.

Follow the link and complete the application if your child will be riding the bus:

<https://forms.gle/QdPCHJyBE5FsmuFx5>

Bus Route information can be found on the district website:

<https://www.wickenburgschools.org/domain/66>

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Special Days -

Character Counts week is October 19-22. We will be learning about the different pillars each day.

October 19 - RESPONSIBILITY & RESPECT

October 20 - FAIRNESS & CARING

October 21 - CITIZENSHIP

October 22 - 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 October so that we can make sure we get them on the tree. It's completely anonymous.

Turkeys-n-Tables

This event has been cancelled this year due to the COVID situation. If your family is in need of a turkey for Thanksgiving, please call Ms. K-P. 928-668-5309.

Red Ribbon Week

Our students will celebrate Red Ribbon Week October 26-29. Students will receive red ribbons to wear to school each day to celebrate being drug free.

Worth Quoting...

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

Martin Luther King, Jr.

At school, we are so excited to have children back in our building! It is exciting for the students and scary, too. We are very aware that children are experiencing stress with the return to school, as it is very different than it has been in the past. Here are some ideas to help make their transition back more seamless.

Daily Routine

Several parents have asked me to help with ideas for routines that are appropriate for school age children. 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, socks, and face covering.
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. (if eating school breakfast, arrive at 7:45)
6. Get backpack
7. Arrive at school BEFORE 8 am. Classwork starts at 8:00.

Stress Management

Try some of these ideas to see which ones work for your child:

1. Exercise. Regular exercise is one of the best ways to manage stress.
2. Write or draw. Older children often find it helpful to write about the things that are bothering them.
3. Let feelings out.
4. Do something fun.
5. Learn ways to relax.
6. Laugh.

Ms. K-P