



COYOTE DEN

Hassayampa Elementary School
Parent - School Connection



Spring is around the corner!

We're wrapping up the third quarter and preparing for the final quarter of school! 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

March 1 – Spirit Day – Wear your favorite Dr. Seuss shirt
March 2 – Read Across America – PJ Day
Dr. Seuss Night -Wickenburg Library – 6:00p.m.
March 5 – McTeacher's Night @ 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
March 6 – Principal's Coffee
March 7 – PTA Meeting @ 4:00 p.m.
March 7 – Governing Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
March 8 – Festival Friday: K-2@8:30/3-5@9:30 - Spain
March 8 – End of 3rd Quarter
March 11-15 –Spring Break
March 18 – 29 – PTA Book Drive
March 22 – Honors Assembly – HES Gym
March 26 – 28 4th Gr. AIMS Science Testing Window
April 2 -4 – 2nd Grade Gifted Testing
April 1-18 – AzMERIT State Testing Window– Grades 3-5
April 13 – Literacy Festival/ PTA Book Fair – Com. Center
April 19 – Good Friday – No School
April 30 - May 1 – Kindergarten Round-up (registration)

Festival Friday: Spain

We are excited to see what is in store for us for our next Festival Friday scheduled on **March 8**. K-2 will begin at 8:30 a.m. and 3-5 starts at 9:30 a.m. Please come join us!



Hassayampa staff would like to invite all friends and family to join us at our Wickenburg McDonald's on **Tuesday, March 5** from **5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** Teachers will be available to visit. A percentage of all **dine-in** sales will be donated to Hassayampa. Join us for an evening of food and fun!

Kindergarten Round-up

Spread the word: Kindergarten Round-up is scheduled for **April 30 – May 1**. On Tuesday the 30th, there will be a morning and afternoon sessions beginning at 8:30 a.m. and noon. On Wednesday the 1st, we will have an afternoon session with Spanish translator available at noon. Later on Wednesday, we are offering a 4:00 p.m. opportunity.

The student must be 5 by September 1, 2019 to be eligible. The clinics consist of a two-hour period during which the student will participate in a variety of skill assessments and health checks. Parents will be asked to fill out registration paperwork at that time. Please bring:

- Certified birth certificate,
- current immunization record, and
- 2 proofs of residence that show your physical address.

Please call the Hassayampa office to pre-register. Also please keep in mind that the District uses our pre-registration numbers to determine our staff needs for next school year.

PTA Book Drive

The PTA Book Fair will be the second weekend in **April** at the Community Center. All proceeds benefit the HES and VP school libraries. Volunteers are needed to set up and run the Book Fair. Flyers will be sent home asking for your help. **Please volunteer!**

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.

The contest **will end March 29**.

This is a Wickenburg PTA sponsored event.



Principal's Coffee

Our next Principal's Coffee is scheduled for Wednesday, **March 6**. Please join the principal for an informal gathering over coffee. All are welcome!



HASSYAMPA YEARBOOK!

The 2018-19 HES Yearbook sale is in progress. The cost is **\$12.00**. Orders are due to Ms. Joy by **Friday, March 22**. OR, if you're ready to place your order now, you can easily order your yearbook online use Yearbook ID: 12393317 at ybpay.lifetouch.com.

Gold Rush Days

Hassayampa staff and 45 Honor Roll students participated in this year's Gold Rush Days Parade. We celebrated our love of the West with the Gold Rush Parade's theme - "Riding for the Brand".

Honors Celebration!

On **March 22**, we will celebrate our students' accomplishments for the third quarter. At 8:30 a.m., students in grades K-2 will receive awards for

Perfect Attendance and other grade level honors. At 9:30 a.m., students in grades 3-5 will receive recognition for Principal's Honor Roll, Hassayampa Honor Roll, and Perfect Attendance. Families are encouraged to come support the students!



AZMERIT

Starting on April 1 our school will begin testing students in grades 3- 5. The battery of tests will be given over several days. These are state mandated assessment tools given to all students in grades 3 - 8. The assessment is a standards-based assessment in writing, reading, and math. Parent resources are available on the Arizona Department of Education website. <http://www.azed.gov/assessment/azmeritsupportmaterials/> You will find a student guide and sample tests for each grade level.

New this year, 4th grade will be taking the Science test ONLINE – no more paper & pencil testing! **4th graders** will participate in the **4th grade Science AIMS** which will be facilitated on the morning of **MARCH 26**.

Penny Drive

Each year, Hassayampa has a penny drive as part of having students give back to their campus. In past years, over 45 trees have been planted.

The year's collection of pennies ended on February 28. The buckets were looking quite full, but we don't know who had more silver! We will keep it a secret until **April 27** when the "Winning Teacher" will get to "Kiss the Hassayampa Pig" as part of our Field Day celebration.

A Note from the Health Station

WHACK the Flu! Communities across the country have adopted the pneumonic-based slogan "WHACK the Flu" to promote healthy behaviors during flu season.



- **Wash or sanitize your hands often**
- **Home is where you stay when you are sick**
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.**
- **Cover you coughs and sneezes**
- **Keep your distance from sick people**



Reading and Math Nook

Read Across America Day

National Read Across America Day on March 1st, which is Dr. Seuss' birthday. This day is one of Mrs. Hershkowitz' favorite celebration days.

What can you do to participate in this celebration? It's simple:

- * Take your child to the library or find something in your home library. See if you can 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.
- * Make sure your child practices reading fluency measures daily.
- * Mark your calendar for Wickenburg's Literacy Festival on **April 13**.
- * 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!**

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 exceed grade level standards. Additionally, before school and after school tutoring is available for students not meeting the standard.

"Move on When Reading"

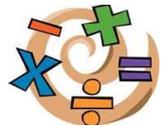
Arizona Revised Statute 15-701 states that 3rd graders who score in the lower end of the category of Minimally Proficient on the AzMERIT Reading **will be retained in 3rd grade**. Parents of students whose children are substantially deficient in reading will receive notification. Throughout the year, parents receive information on how Hassayampa teachers are working with their children to get them up to level to pass the 3rd grade AzMERIT. In addition, Hassayampa will provide parents with strategies parents can use to help their children at home. **More information about this statute can be found at www.azed.gov/mowr/.**

The Hassayampa Bike Giveaway!



As you may know, we have an awesome bike parked in the Hassayampa hallway. 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 October, December, March, and May.

Math Fact Fluency Goals



Kinder - Count and identify #'s to 100

1st Grade- addition and subtraction facts to 10

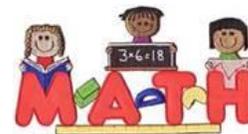
2nd Grade - addition & subtraction facts to 20

3rd Grade - addition & subtraction facts and multiplication facts to 10

4th Grade - addition, subtraction & multiplication facts and division facts to 12

5th Grade - addition, subtraction, multiplication, & division facts and fractions/decimals

During the Honors Assembly in March, K-5 students receive tickets. Students have until May to earn their tickets. Tickets will be placed in respective buckets - K-2 - girls, K-2 - boys, 3-5 - girls and 3-5 - boys. The drawing will take place on May 23rd during the annual Hassayampa Special Honors Assembly held at the Webb Center.



Encourage your child to
LEARN THEIR MATH FACTS and
EARN A CHANCE TO WIN A BIKE!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Parent Tips to Help Prepare Your Student the AzMERIT Test?

-by Pete Garlinghouse

The night before:

- Help your child get to bed on time.
- Keep your normal routine.
- Talk about the test, but don't dwell on it.
- Plan ahead to avoid conflicts in the morning.

The morning of the test:

- Get up early to avoid rushing.
- Eat a good breakfast.
- Be positive about the test.

After the test:

- Talk about the test and how the child felt about it.

Did you know?

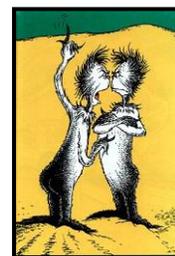
1. Hassayampa 4th and 5th graders will be video chatting with 4th and 5th graders in China.
2. Our Kids of Character had a great time at the fire station!
3. The 5th graders have completed their career education unit. Ask your 5th grader what they learned and what they want to be when they grow up.

Worth Quoting...

"Change is the end result of all true learning"

Leo Buscaglia

March is the Character Counts month of Respect! We teach that showing respect means following The Golden Rule (treat others the way you want to be treated); be accepting of differences; use good manners, not bad language; don't threaten, hurt or hit anyone; be considerate of the feelings of others; and deal peacefully with anger, insults and conflicts.



Respect at home: If your child becomes disrespectful and defiant at times, try offering fixed choices. By letting them choose between one thing or another, they'll still feel like they have some control. For example, say, "You can choose to do either 10 minutes of reading or practice math facts". Some of you may be thinking that they'll say "neither", but you can offer to decide for them if you need to. This usually prompts them to make a choice. One added bonus (shhh!) is you can always make one choice something less than thrilling so they end up picking what you wanted anyway.

Internet Safety Tips From Parenting Magazine:

Keep the Computer in a Central Location

It's much easier to keep tabs on any online activity when the computer is located in a high-traffic zone than if your child is using a computer in the privacy of her own room. Place the computer in a central location like your kitchen or family room so that everything is out in the open.

Urge Your Kids to Avoid Questionnaires, Free Giveaways and Contests

A pop-up ad appears and tells kids they can win a free iPad by simply clicking the link. Anyone would be tempted by this kind of offer, but kids are particularly susceptible, so it's important to warn kids against falling for this kind of Internet trick. Many of these ruses are attempts to glean personal information. Inform kids that even if they are forwarded a fun questionnaire from a friend, it's best to close the window and not participate.

Kids of Character

Each quarter, all the Golden Ticket winners for each grade level go into a drawing. Second quarter had 6 winners! These students went to the Wickenburg Fire Station for a VIP tour and lunch with the fire fighters. The fire fighter's even had 2 calls while our children were there. Everyone ate their fill of spaghetti and had a great time touring the fire house. Thank you, Wickenburg Fire!

Ms. K-P



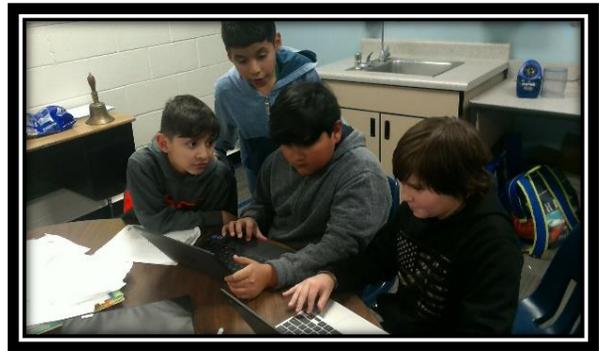


Hassayampa Elementary School 21st Century Community Learning Centers

We have 1 week left in our 3rd quarter of after school programs. We have 72 students who have completed over 30 days of attendance.

Bus Services: The 21st CCLC has bus services available to students who are enrolled in programs until 5:00 p.m. If transportation is a challenge for your family, please contact program coordinators – Mr. Knight - mknight@wickenburg.k12.az.us or Ms. Lanz – slanz@wickenburg.k12.az.us .

Tutoring: We would like to thank all the teachers who tutor during the week. Thank you for your time and effort. Tutoring allows us extra time to target standards and review skills. Our new chromebooks have been an amazing tool to use.



Chess: Students experience 4-player chess. This really puts a new spin on the game! Students compete 1 on 1 as well as virtually in a safe environment.

New Programs: Our new Zumba and Art classes have been a huge success. Keep an eye out for them on 4th quarter invites. Many thanks to Ms. Henneman and Mrs. Veraldi for offering these great programs!

4th Quarter: Please let your student's teacher know if you would like your student signed up for after school programs. Placement in programs is based upon academic need and availability.

4th Quarter after-school programs begin **March 25th** and runs to **May 10th**.



21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS
 HASSAYAMPA HEADQUARTERS

Day/Time	Programs for 4th Quarter
Daily – 7:00a.m. – 8:00a.m.	Power Hour
Monday – 2:50 - 3:50	1 st Grade Tutoring 4 th Grade Tutoring 5 th Grade Tutoring Study Hour LEAD Coyotes
Monday – 4:00 – 5:00	4 th Grade Science 3 rd -5 th Quest 3 rd -5 th Fitness 1 st -2 nd Art Club
Tuesday – 2:50 – 3:50	2 nd Grade Tutoring 3 rd Grade Tutoring 4 th Grade Tutoring 5 th Grade Tutoring Study Hour
Tuesday – 4:00 - 5:00	2 nd Grade Science 3 rd -5 th Chess Club 4 th – 5 th Drama 3 rd -5 th Art Club
Thursday – 2:50 – 3:50	1 st Grade Tutoring 2 nd Grade Tutoring 3 rd Grade Tutoring Study Hour Coyote Chorus
Thursday – 4:00 – 5:00	1 st – 3 rd Grade Stackers 1 st -3 rd Brainiacs 4 th -5 th Zumba 3 rd -5 th Technology
Friday – 12:15 – 4:00	K-5 th After School Program



Are you signed up for ParentVUE? Parents, you can access current information on your child’s academic progress. With a user ID and password, you have the ability to see your child’s grades in each subject area, identify missing assignments, and grade for a particular assignment plus many other things. This can be done from your computer or cell phone. **If you don’t have your user ID, please stop by the front office for assistance in getting more information on this useful tool.**



Daddy Daughter Dance

Many thanks to the PTA for organizing an incredible family event! Check out our Wickenburg PTA Facebook to see the fun pictures. Mark your calendar to participate in future PTA events.

Just a few reminders:

Absences: Regular attendance and being on time to school is critical to your child’s educational success. However, we know that there have been some nasty flu bugs going around. To help your child stay healthy, please make sure that they are getting plenty of rest and eating well. In the event of a necessary absence, please make sure to call the school at 928-684-6750 by 9:00 a.m. If your child becomes ill in the middle of the night, it is okay to call and leave a message. Please indicate your child’s name, your name, the student’s teacher’s name, and the reason for the absence.

Emergency Contact Information: If your address or phone number (work, home, or cell) changes, please let the school office know so that files can be updated. Many times the office or health aide is not able to reach parents when their child is ill. It is a difficult situation for both the student and health aide.

Food Services: If your child purchases breakfast or lunch at school, please make sure that his/her accounts have sufficient funds. You may pay with check or cash. If paying by check, please make it payable to **Wickenburg Unified School District** (no abbreviations) and indicate your child’s name and homeroom teacher in the memo.



HASSAYAMPA PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

We are accepting new enrollments for 3 - 5 year olds.

The program is the perfect environment for children to learn, grow, and make friends as they participate in various activities that allow them to explore, investigate, create, and discover new learning through age-appropriate and engaging activities.

Spark the wonder today!

Please call the Hassayampa Office or visit the school website.

Box Tops Contest

We are in need of a Box Top coordinator. If you are interested, please call the Hassayampa office.

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

Amazon Smile

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

[Amazon Smiles for Hassayampa](#)



Facebook

We currently have **509 likes on the Hassayampa Facebook**

page! 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 or other family member to follow us on Facebook!



Note from the Principal:

Spring is around the corner and we have many hot topics!

State testing is nearly here – on **March 26** 4th grade students will start things off with **AIMS Science**. Then **3rd -5th graders** will begin their **AzMERIT Writing** the **week of April 1**. Check with your child’s teacher for the tentative plan for your child’s classroom. Please make sure to schedule dental exams and other appointments outside of the testing dates. Students have been working hard all year mastering grade level concepts. Please do everything you can to aid in their success. This means that they should be getting plenty of rest each night, eating healthy, and getting their daily dose of reading practice. We know our students are ready to show what they have learned! Please visit the state’s website to learn more about our state assessments - <http://www.azed.gov/assessment/azmeritsupportmaterials/>.

Please help us spread the word - **Kindergarten Round-up** is scheduled for **April 30 & May 1**. On Tuesday, April 30th, there are two times slots available – 8:30 and noon. On Wednesday, May 1st, there are only afternoon times available starting with the first session at noon. At this session, there will be a Spanish translator available to assist families. Our last session will be later that afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Hopefully, the varied meeting times will help you find the time that works for your busy schedules so that you may attend this important event. In addition to this being a wonderful opportunity for your child to have an early taste of school, it is important for us to have this occasion to get to know your child and our incoming group of learners. We look forward to seeing you!

A hot topic these past two months has been the possibility of the District moving to a 4-day school week. There have been many surveys and forums for Q & A. During the March 7 Board Meeting, the Board will make a final decision. To learn more, please visit the district website – www.wickenburgschools.org. Regardless of the final decision, the staff and I work hard every day to provide your child the best education. We appreciate the trust and confidence you have given us in this endeavor. Principal’s Coffee is great time to stop by to discuss what these potential changes mean for Hassayampa.

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. The final quarter of the year tends to be a busy one! I look forward to seeing you all at any one of our many events!

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Hershkowitz

