

## Before & After School Programs Are All Over Town!!

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The programs started six years ago at Wickenburg High School and now we have programs all over town!

I am pleased to announce that another school in Wickenburg Unified School District is a new recipient of the five-year 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center grant. Vulture Peak Middle School will begin offering before and after school programs for students. The current plan is to provide morning Power Hour from 7AM-8AM where students will receive homework assistance or will be able to receive extra help in math or reading. The afterschool program will consist of two hours. One hour will include intervention in core subjects and another hour will include a variety of free enrichment and youth development activities such as health, recreation, art, music, hands-on science, and more. These opportunities will allow students to grow academically, socially, and physically.

Hassayampa Elementary and Wickenburg High School are also offering before and after school programs this year. Through partnerships with other organizations in town, there will be a rich variety of highly engaging programs that will entice all types of interests.

In addition to student learning opportunities, parents and guardians of our students will be able to participate in family engagement activities such as fitness, cooking, computer classes, and more. All of these activities are offered at no cost. Details are coming soon!

We are excited for the future possibilities that the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center program can provide for our students and families! These grants will run until 2021. Come and get involved!



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