

21st Century Community Learning Center Programs Coming to Hassayampa Elementary

Four years ago, Wickenburg High School received the 21st Century Community Learning Center grant that provided funds for after school programming, such as academic support and clubs, summer credit recovery, and Jump Start programs that allowed our incoming 9th graders an opportunity to get a taste of the high school campus. This grant also provided opportunities for parents to participate in a variety of classes from fitness to computer skills. The 21st Century Community Learning Center changed the culture at WHS.

I am pleased to announce that another school in Wickenburg Unified School District is a new recipient of the five-year 21st Century Community Learning Center grant. Hassayampa Elementary School will begin afterschool programs starting at the end of this month. 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 reading and math and another hour will include a variety of free enrichment and youth development activities such as Young Rembrandts', Girl Power, Little Leaders (Student Council), gardening, health, recreation, hands-on science, and more, which will allow students to grow academically, socially, and physically. Through partnerships with the Town of Wickenburg, Wickenburg Fire and Police Departments, Desert Caballeros Western Museum, the Arizona Game and Fish, the University of Arizona SNAP-Ed network, and Wickenburg High School, Hassayampa will be able to offer a rich variety of highly engaging programs.

In addition to student activities, the 21st Century program will offer family engagement activities. Family engagement activities such as Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT), literacy programs, fitness classes and other high interest activities will build capacity in parents so they can better assist their children's learning and development. All of these activities will be offered for free.

We are excited for the future possibilities that the 21st Century Community Learning Center program can provide for our students and families!