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4th Qtr. 2016-2017

A Note from Mrs. Case, Principal

Hello Festival Foothills Families,

We are now in the last quarter of the year. There are so many activities happening this quarter. Please be sure to check the calendar so that you don't miss any events.

We want to thank the many volunteers that have helped our school both on campus and off campus this year. We appreciate all of your support. Festival families, students, staff, and the community truly make this a great place to be.

We will be closing this school year with the Art Show, 8th grade promotion, a kindergarten celebration, and our awards assemblies for students. Please make sure you mark your calendars. We look forward to seeing you.

**Sincerely,
Mrs. Julie Case**

Festival Foothills Elementary School

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ART SHOW

The Art Show will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2017 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Please come out and see the amazing work our students have been doing this year. Student Council will also be selling Ice Cream Sundaes! We look forward to seeing everyone there!



Tax Credit

Did you know that Arizona allows you to contribute money that would be paid to state taxes towards our school instead? Individuals can contribute up to \$200 and couples up to \$400. The amount given to Festival Foothills Elementary is subtracted from any taxes owed to the state.

This program greatly helps us fund our athletics, after school activities, summer school, field trips, and assemblies.

For more information, you can visit the district website at www.wickenburgschools.org under "quick links" or pick up a form at the school office. The deadline for this tax credit is now April 15, 2017 for the 2016 year.

Gym Games and Track

Gym Games for grades K-5 and Track for grades 5-8 will start after spring break. Gym Games for K-5 will be a 6 week session. Track will be a 2 week session concluding with a track meet in Wickenburg on 3/31/17.

We are offering the following classes:

Theater for grades K-2 on Mondays.

Sports for grades 3-5 on Thursdays.

Track for grades 5-8 on Mondays and Wednesdays (2 weeks) and a Track Meet on 3/31/17 in Wickenburg.



Pennies for Patients

It's once again time for our annual Pennies for Patients donation drive, benefitting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Foundation. From March 20th-March 31st, we'll be collecting coins in hopes of beating our \$1473.09 total from last year. Immediately following Spring Break, be on the look-out for an informational letter and your student's collection box. See how much spare change you can scrounge up from your vehicles, seat cushions, and pockets. To boost our donation efforts, we'll be holding a cake walk on Tuesday, March 28th during students' lunch periods. A \$1 donation will allow your student to participate in the cake walk. Students may also buy additional \$1 tickets in hopes of winning the grand prize drawing. This donation drive is a wonderful opportunity to teach your child the blessing of giving while helping out a great cause. Thanks in advance for your support!

Student Goal Setting

For students in grades 1-8, please be on the look out for the Goal Setting Sheet(s) with their scores on our last district assessment (CBAS#3). These will come home with the report card on March 24, 2017.

Contact your child's teacher if these items do not make it home.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks are now on sale until April 3rd. The price is \$15 a yearbook. Order forms Can be picked up in the school office. Checks need to be made out to Wickenburg Unified School District #9.

PTA

PTA meetings this quarter will be on April 4th at 3:30 and May 2nd at 6 PM. We will be having PTA elections. Be sure to check out our PTA Facebook page for more information.



**Eighth Grade Visits
Wickenburg High School**

There will be a transition assembly for students on May 11th. Students will participate in an assembly, take a tour of the campus, meet the coaches and have lunch.



Kindergarten Round Up

We hope our future kindergarteners can join us for Kindergarten Round Up on Friday, March 31 or Friday, April 21. Students that are 5 by Sept 1st may come and meet the teacher and get introduced to kindergarten skills. Parents will have the opportunity to complete registration forms. Please bring a birth certificate, immunization record, and two proof of residency. Please contact the school office to register at 928-501-6000.

AzMerit/AIMS Science Testing

Students in 3rd-8th Grade will be taking the AzMerit, our statewide assessment March 28th-April 13th. Our 4th and 8th graders will also be taking the AIMS Science Test. Attendance is very important on these days. Students who leave during a test will not be able to go back and make it up and the items left blank will be counted against their score. Students may bring a healthy snack on their testing day. Third graders will be the first to test which is a requirement to comply with the state for the Move on When Reading Legislation. Please see the attached testing schedule to know when your child is testing.

The Awards Assemblies will be on Wednesday, May 24, 2017

K: 12:30 1st and 2nd: 1:15 3rd-7th: 1:45

We will be giving out awards in the following areas:

Kindergarten: Falcon Awards for meeting the benchmark on the DIBELS assessment, for making enough growth on the DIBELS assessment to move to the next level, character awards, and perfect attendance. Kindergarten will also receive their kinder completion certificate.

1st-2nd Grade: Falcon Awards for meeting the benchmark on the DIBELS assessment, for making enough growth on the DIBELS assessment to move to the next level, passing the ELA/Math Galileo assessment, or for making enough growth to move to the next level on the ELA/Math Galileo assessment, character awards, and perfect attendance.

3rd-6th Grade: Falcon Awards for meeting the benchmark on the DIBELS assessment, for making enough growth on the DIBELS assessment to move to the next level, passing the ELA/Math Galileo assessment, or for making enough growth to move to the next level on the ELA/Math Galileo assessment, Honor Roll, and Principal's Honor Roll, character awards, and perfect attendance.

6th-7th Grade: Falcon Awards for passing the ELA/Math Galileo assessment, or for making enough growth to move to the next level on the ELA/Math Galileo assessment, Honor Roll, and Principal's Honor Roll, character awards, and perfect attendance.

We hope you can join us!



Summer Calendar

May 30-June 2 Stem Camp in Wickenburg
June 12-June 23 Summer School at FFE
May 30-June 2 Possible Summer Camp at FFE



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 3/13-3/17 Spring Break
- 3/20 Return to School
- 3/21 Health Fair 6-8 PM in the Gym
- 3/24 Report Cards go home
- 3/28 State testing begins
- 3/31 Kindergarten Round Up 1:30-3:30
- 4/17 6th Grade to visit MIM
- 4/20 Art Show
- 4/20 K-2 Field Trip
- 4/21 Kindergarten Round Up 1:30-3:30
- 4/27 8th Grade-Catalina Island Trip
- 4/28 Bingo Night 6-8 PM
- 5/1 Benchmark Testing
- 5/12 Muffins with Mom
- 5/23 8th Grade Promotion 6:30 PM
- 5/24 Awards Assemblies
- 5/25 Last day of School for Students



Wickenburg Unified School District

VISION

(A picture of what we can become)

*Every Child Has Hope
Every Student is a Graduate
Every Graduate has a Dream*

MISSION

(Why we exist)

The mission of the Wickenburg Unified School District is to be a *proponent* of a comprehensive, research-based education program which focuses on effective school factors to meet the needs of our students, staff, families and the Wickenburg School District Community.

FOCUS STATEMENT

(How are we targeting our efforts)

“We are creating A+ schools where there is a laser-like focus on the Essential Elements of Instruction (EEI) and moving each student to the next academic level.”

Festival Foothills
AzMerit/AIMS Science Testing Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3/27	3/28 3 rd Grade Writing	3/29 3 rd Grade ELA 1/Math 1	3/30 3 rd Grade ELA 2/Math 2 8 th Grade Writing	3/31 Make Ups (Only One Test)
4/3 6th Grade Writing 7th Grade Writing 4 th Grade Writing	4/4 5th Grade Writing 5th Grade Writing (2 classes) 4th Grade AIMS Science 8th Grade AIMS Science	4/5 5th Grade ELA 1/Math 1 (2 classes)	4/6 5th Grade ELA 2/Math 2 (2 classes)	4/7
4/10 4th Grade ELA 1/Math 1	4/11 4th Grade ELA 2/Math 2	4/12 6th Grade ELA 1/Math 1 7th Grade ELA 1/Math 1 8th Grade ELA 1/Math 1	4/13 6th Grade ELA 2/Math 2 7th Grade ELA 2/Math 2 8th Grade ELA 2/Math 2	4/14 No School
4/17 Make Ups	4/18 Make Ups	4/19 Make Ups	4/20 Make Ups	4/21 Make Ups (Only One Test)
4/24 Make Ups	4/25	4/26	4/27	4/28