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A Note from Mrs. Case, Principal

Festival Foothills Elementary School

Hello Festival Foothills Families,

Happy New Year! We want to thank all of our volunteers that donated so much of their time during our last quarter. We truly appreciate all of your support.

We are half way through with this school year and we still have so many things to accomplish. This month your child should have brought home their goal sheets with their district assessment scores along with their report card on January 20, 2017. If you did not receive it please contact your child's teacher. We will have our Awards Assemblies in the morning on Thursday, January 26, 2017. Teachers sent home letters with all students that are receiving an award that day. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's educational journey!

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**Sincerely,
Mrs. Julie Case**

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Teachers had parent teacher conferences during the week of January 16, 2017. If your child is progressing and meeting the standards the teacher may not have scheduled a conference. If you have any questions or you would like a conference, please contact your child's teacher.



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.

Preschool Information

Festival Foothills offers a tuition based preschool program for students who are 3 years of age or older. Students may attend 2, 3, or 5 days per week. Before and After School Care is also available for preschool students or elementary students through age 12.

Registration forms for 2016/2017 are now available.

Please stop by the front office or visit our website at www.Festival.wickenburgschools.org.



Student Goal Setting

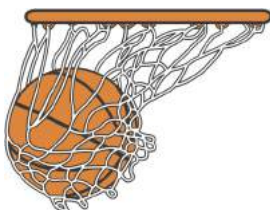
For students in grades 1-8, please be on the look out for the Goal Setting Sheet(s) with their scores on our last district assessment (CBAS#2). These should have come home with the report card on January 20th. Contact your child's teacher if these items do not make it home.



Basketball

Our boys and girls basketball season will be coming to an end soon. They have a tournament on Friday in Wickenburg. We know they will play their best!

1/27 Friday - Tournament
@ Round Gym - Wickenburg 9:30am



PTA

PTA will meet the first Tuesday of every month in the library. Listed below are the meetings for 3rd Quarter:

Feb. 14th @ 3:30 *Revised Date
Mar. 7th @ 6:00



Updating Email Addresses

If you have changed your email address or you have a new email address please update that information in the office. Lots of school information is sent to the parents' email addresses that are on file. We do want to make sure you are getting all of our communications. If you are not getting emails, please contact the school office to update your email address.

Az Merit Testing

Our AZ Merit testing will take place during our last quarter of the school year, after spring break. AZ Merit is our statewide assessment. Students in grades 3rd-8th will be tested in the areas of reading, writing, and math. Students in fourth grade and in eighth grade will also be taking the AIMS Science assessment. The testing dates will be in our next newsletter and will also be emailed to parents.

Gym Games

Gym Games for grades K-5 have started. This session will last for six weeks. We are offering the following classes:

- Chess for grades 3-5 on Mondays.
- Art Club for grades 1-2 on Tuesday.
- Art Club for grades 3-5 on Wednesdays.



The Awards Assemblies will be on January 26, 2017

K-2: 8:15 3rd-5th: 9:15 6-8th: 10:00

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.

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-5th 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-8th 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.

Please note that not all students will be receiving an award. Teachers have sent home a letter informing you if your child is receiving an award on the 26th. If your child is not getting an award that day, please contact your child's teacher to discuss their assessment scores and grades to determine a plan so that they can work towards raising their achievement for the next awards assembly.

Visit our website!
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

1/9	Return to School
1/16	No School– Martin Luther King Day
1/19-1/20	Parent Teacher Conferences
1/26	Student Awards Assemblies
1/30	McDonald’s Night
2/7	PTA Meeting at 3:30 PM
2/10	No School—Gold Rush Day
2/20	No School-President’s Day
3/3	Dr. Seuss Night
3/7	PTA Meeting at 6:00 PM
3/13-3/17	Spring Break
3/20	Return to School

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.”