



FESTIVAL FALCON NEWS

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1st Quarter 2015

A Note from Mrs. Strauss, Principal

Hello Falcons,

This school year got off to a great start and it is hard to believe we are almost through the 1st quarter. Students and teachers have classroom expectations and procedures established and are now busy learning their essential standards. We have Reteach and Enrich built into our schedules to help when students do not master essential standards, and if more help is needed, tutoring is available.

We have a busy quarter coming up with Character Counts Week, Spirit Week, the annual Sun City Festival Cancer Walk, Parent/teacher conferences, gym games and more.

Please read through this newsletter to stay up to date on school information and events. Don't forget, you can always find out more information about our school on our website at www.festival.wickenburgschools.org and on our Facebook page.

Take Care, *Christina Strauss*

Festival Foothills Elementary School

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Gym Games Session #1

During the Fall, Winter, and Spring Quarters, we offer gym games sessions featuring a variety of activities for students. During the Fall, activities are offered for K-5, since Middle School has competitive athletics. Once volleyball and basketball are over, gym games are also offered for Middle School. The first session will run Oct. 27th-Dec. 10th and will offer cheerleading and a variety of active, sports games for K-5. Registration forms were sent home with kids, are available in the office and on the school website, or you can register online at <http://goo.gl/forms/mBbZhbh3M6>.

Synergy ParentVue Access

Did you know that you can check your student's grades and/or missing assignments online? Activation keys are sent home out at the beginning of the year for all students. You can request a copy of your activation key by contacting the school office at 928-501-6000. The website for ParentVue is https://az-wusd9.edupoint.com/login_pxp.aspx or you can access it through the school's website www.Festival.WickenburgSchools.org. A mobile app is also available by searching "ParentVue" in your app store.

New Staff

We are excited to have new teachers and staff joining us this year. They bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to our school.

- Claudia Castro-AM/PM Care
- Natalie Volopich- SPED Aide
- Caitlin Schaefer- 2nd Grade
- Terri Hladik- 5th grade
- Patty Roeder- 6th-8th Math
- Cynthia Carr- 6th-8th English
- Dion Koltes- 6th-8th Science/Social Studies
- Amy Monesmith- Counselor/Social Worker

Character Counts

Festival Foothills Elementary is a Character Counts School. We value good character and know this goes hand in hand with a strong school culture and academic success. The six traits of Character Counts include Responsibility, Trustworthiness, Fairness, Caring, Citizenship, and Respect.

This year we are partnering with the Be Kind Project to support Character Counts. The Be Kind Crew will be at our school on Tuesday, October 20th at 9:00am during National Character Counts Week for an assembly. This encouraging and upbeat group uses music, dance, and their positive message to remind and help students know how to treat others. Parents are welcome to join us. Please check in at the school office if you plan to attend. For more about the Be Kind Crew and The Be Kind Project, see their website at <http://www.thebekindpeopleproject.org/>.

Volunteers

We are grateful to our volunteers for the support they provide to our staff and students. If you are interested in volunteering at Festival Foothills, please pick up a volunteer application at the front office.

Health office information

Medications— Tylenol is available to students (with signed parent permission from registration papers). If you would like your student to have other medications (cough drops, ibuprofen, allergy medicine, etc.), you may leave these items for your child in the health office. Medication needs to be delivered by an adult and a permission slip needs to be completed.

Hygiene— please encourage students to wash their hands regularly and make sure to wash out lunch boxes regularly.
Immunizations— Maricopa County Health Department offers Free Immunizations for children at 6666 W. Peoria Ave 623-979-4895.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences are a great way for parents to find out how students are progressing in their classes and for parents and teachers to partner together to help students succeed.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 20th and 22nd

Middle School Teachers will be available from 3-6pm to visit with parents.

K-5 teachers will contact parents to schedule a time for a conference on these dates.

Band Night

Tuesday, October 6th

6:00pm-7:30pm

For students currently in 5th-8th grade.

A flyer will be sent home next week with more information. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Bub.

abub@wickenburg.k12.az.us



Spirit Week 2015

Monday, Oct. 26th- Hat Day

Tuesday, Oct. 27th- Pajama Day

Wednesday, Oct. 28th- Sports Day

Thursday, Oct. 29th- Tacky Day

Fri, Oct. 30th- Book Character Day



Student Council

Congratulations to our new officers and representatives:

President- Collin Rose

Vice President-Veronica Rivas

Secretary- Kalee Livingston

Treasurer- Izzy Beauvais

8th Grade Rep-Anthony Lopez

7th Grade Rep- Bengie Castro

6th Grade Rep-Cesar Murphy

5th Grade Rep-Deion Riley

4th Grade Rep-Reece Schiermann

Student Council meets every other Tuesday after school. For more information, please see Ms. Zasada, Student Council Sponsor.



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. For more information about these programs, please visit our website at www.Festival.wickenburgschools.org or stop by the front office.



“Del Webb Goes Pink” Sun City Festival Cancer Walk/Run

Festival Foothills students have been invited to help again with the annual Cancer walk/run by helping to cheer on the participants. Our kids' encouragement is always so appreciated, and it is a good way for kids to give back to the community. If your child plans to participate, please

RSVP on forms sent home with students or online at <http://goo.gl/forms/V9AJ0ZB1jq>. Please remember, students who participate need an adult in attendance with them.

When: Saturday, October 10th, please arrive no later than 8:45am. The race begins at 9:00am.

Where: Copper Canyon Golf Course, 26577 W Desert Vista Blvd
Please wear pink and white, or a school t-shirt.

2015 Volleyball Schedule

Date	Opponent	time
9-15	Canon	4:00 (home)
9-17	WCA	4:00 (away)
9-22	Congress	4:00 (away)
9-24	WCA	4:00 (home)
10-1	Canon	4:00 (away)
10-6	Congress	4:00 (home)
10-8	Morristown	4:00 (away)
10-27	Morristown	4:00 (home)
11-6	Tournament	
	At WCA	
	TBA	



PTA

PTA meets on the first Tuesday of each month in the school library on the dates and times below:

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| Oct. 6th– 3:00pm | Feb. 2nd– 6:30pm |
| Nov. 3rd– 6:30pm | Mar. 1st– 3:00pm |
| Dec. 1st– 3:00pm | Apr. 5th– 6:30pm |
| Jan. - no meeting | May 3rd– 3:00pm |

We hope you can join us as we plan fun events and work to help support Festival Foothills students and teachers.

Upcoming Events:

- United Fundraiser– Sept. 28th—Oct. 9th
- Scholastic Book Fair– Oct. 26th-30th

Picture Retakes

Picture Retake Day is Tuesday, Oct 6th. If students would like their pictures retaken, please return the pictures from the August 28th Picture Day. If students were absent or did not get pictures taken that day, please send in the order form or order online at www.mylifetouch.com using Picture Day ID: SR225447Q1. Order forms are also available from Mr. Maloley.

Morning Drop off and Afternoon Pick-up Procedures

Thank you for helping us keep our students safe!

Morning Drop off Procedures-

Students may arrive after 7:40 am, as Supervision is not available before this time. Students in Kindergarten 5th will meet in the gym, and Middle Students will meet in the courtyard. Breakfast is available for all students in the cafe, if needed, and class begins at 8:00am.

Students should be dropped off in the loading zone in front of the school. Please pull forward so several can drop off at once. If you need to get out of your vehicle, please help us avoid congestion by parking in the parking lots, or if you need to get out to assist your student, please stop towards the front of the drop off zone. This helps avoid blocking the crosswalk and congestion of vehicles.

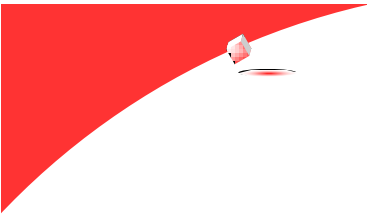
Walkers and bike riders may come in the West gate near the park or the East gate near the school bus entrance. Please help us to keep our students safe, and keep this area free of moving vehicles. Again, car riders are dropped off in the front of the building.

Afternoon Pick up Procedures-

Car riders will be brought to the west door in the front of the building (near the front of the loading zone). Please pull to the front of the loading zone, and students will be called out by school staff to load into vehicles. We try to load 10-15 cars at a time. Parents help the dismissal go smoothly and quickly by pulling as far forward as possible. Again, please do not park in the loading zone. If you need to get out of your vehicle, please park in the parking lot.

School dismisses at 2:40 pm Monday through Thursday, and at 12:10 pm on Friday.





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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sept. 28-Oct. 9	PTA fundraiser
Oct. 6	Picture Retake Day
Oct. 6	PTA 3:00pm– Media Center
Oct. 6	Band Night 6:00
Oct. 8	School Board Meeting 6:30pm
Oct. 9	End of 1st quarter
Oct. 10	Sun City Festival Cancer Walk 8:45am
Oct. 12-16	Fall Break– No School
Oct. 20	Be Kind Crew Assembly 9:00am
Oct. 20 & 22	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Oct. 19-23	National Character Counts Week
Oct. 26-30	PTA Book Fair
Oct. 26-30	Spirit Week
Oct. 27	Gym Games Session #1 Begins
Nov. 3	PTA 6:30pm– Media Center
Nov. 9	Hoop Shoot by Elks Lodge
Nov. 11	Veteran’s Day– No School
Nov. 12	School Board Meeting 6:30pm
Nov. 17	Site Council– 3pm
Nov. 26-27	Thanksgiving Holiday– no school
Dec. 1	PTA 3:00pm– Media Center
Dec. 3	Preschool– 5th Concert 6:30pm
Dec. 7-11	Benchmark Assessment 2 nd Qtr 1st-8th
Dec. 10	Last Day of Gym Games Session #1
Dec. 10	School Board Meeting 6:30pm
Dec. 14-18	PTA Holiday Shop
Dec. 18	End of 2nd quarter

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.”

