



# FESTIVAL FALCON NEWS

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2nd Qtr. 2016-2017

## A Note from Mrs. Case, Principal

Hello Festival Foothills Families,

It is hard to believe the first quarter has passed by already and Fall is here! We have many fun and exciting things happening this quarter.

Our volleyball team will continue with their season through the end of the month concluding with a tournament in Wickenburg. The basketball season for 6-8th grade boys and girls will start in November. Kindergarten-5th grade Gym Games will be offered and start this month. Your child should have brought home a notice and it can also be found on our school website. When we return from Fall Break we will have Character Counts/Red Ribbon Week, Spirit Week, a school book fair, parent teacher conferences and many other events. Please be sure to check our website for upcoming events.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Julie Case

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### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Please join us for Parent Teacher Conferences. Information will be sent home about scheduling a time to meet with your child's teacher. Please take this opportunity to meet with the teacher to discuss your child's progress towards meeting the standards.

Oct. 27-28, 2016



## 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](http://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](http://www.Festival.wickenburgschools.org).



## Welcome to Our New Staff Members

We are very excited to have two new staff members joining us. Ms. Lucas is our new first grade teacher! Ms. Lucas comes to us from Wyoming and is a graduate from N.A.U. Ms. Early will be our long term substitute in 5th grade, as we look for a new teacher. Ms. Early has many years of teaching experience with 15 of those years in 5th grade. Join us in welcoming both of these new teachers!

## Volleyball

Congratulations to our volleyball team for their many successes. Their season will continue into the month of October. There are only two home games left. One on Oct. 20th and the other game is on Oct. 27th. Games start at 4:00 PM in our school gym. Come out and support our team! Go Falcons!



## PTA

PTA will meet the first Tuesday of every month in the library. Listed below are the meetings for 2nd quarter:

Nov. 1 @ 3:30 PM

Dec. 6 @ 6:00 PM



**BASKETBALL**

Boys and Girls Basketball for 6-8th grade students will start in the month of November.

**Gym Games**

Gym Games will start the week of 10/24. A notice was sent home the week of 10/3/2016. We are offering one K-2 session and two 3-5 sessions. Classes are limited to 30 students. Once the class is full we will not accept any more students.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Oct. 17-21	Character Counts Week/Red Ribbon Week
Oct. 24-28	Scholastic Book Fair
Oct. 24-28	Spirit Week
Oct. 27-28	Parent Teacher Conferences
Nov. 3	Patriotic Assembly
Nov. 4	Donuts with Dad
Nov. 11	No School-Veteran's Day
Nov. 15	Elk's Hoop Shoot
Nov. 24-25	No School-Thanksgiving
Dec. 3	Wickenburg Hoop Shoot
Dec. 5-9	Benchmark Testing K-8
Dec. 7	K-5 Deck the Halls Christmas Concert
Dec. 12-16	Santa's Shop
Dec. 19-23	Fun Run Week
Dec. 26-Jan. 6	No School-Winter Break

**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.”**