



FESTIVAL FALCON NEWS

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4th Quarter 2015-2016

A Note from Mrs. Strauss, Principal

Hello Falcons,

The 4th quarter is already here, and our students have jumped right back into learning after Spring Break. 3rd-8th Graders will participate in AZMerit State Assessments April 4th-15th. You can see a daily schedule of testing on page 2. Please make sure students are sleeping well at night and eating a good breakfast to help them perform their best on these days. They may also bring a healthy snack or get one from the school.

After testing, we celebrate our hard work with Spirit Week! Please see the daily themes on page 3 and watch for a flyer in your child's backpack. This last quarter will go quickly and we have lots of activities coming up including the Art Show and Ice Cream Social, Track meet, Spirit Week, Field Day, Field Trips, and Awards Assemblies.

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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ART SHOW & ICE CREAM SOCIAL.

We hope you can join us for the upcoming Art Show & Ice Cream Social for Preschool through 8th grades.

Thursday, March 31st
5:30pm-7:30pm

Student Council will be hosting their ice cream social and ice

cream will be available for \$3 per bowl.



Please RSVP for ice cream by calling the office at 928-501-6000 or online at <http://goo.gl/forms/GfZpvXX8wy>.

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, 2016 for the 2015 year.

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

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.



**Kindergarten Round-up
Friday, April 15th 1-3pm**

We hope our future Kindergartners can join us for Kindergarten Round-up on Friday, April 15th. Students who will be 5 by Sept. 1st get to come meet the teachers and get introduced to a variety of Kindergarten skills. Parents will have an opportunity to complete registration forms. Please bring a birth certificate, immunization record, and two proofs of residency. Please contact the school office at 928-501-6000 to register.



AZMerit State Testing

Students in 3rd-8th grades will take AZMerit State Assessments April 4th-April 15th. Attendance is very important on these days, and please let the office or teachers know if students will be absent or leaving early. Students who leave during a test will not be able to go back and make up and those missed items will be counted against them. Students may bring a healthy snack or snacks will be available from the school. Below is our testing schedule.

Week #1	April 4 th -8 th
Monday, April 4 th	3 rd Zent- writing 4 th Curtiss- writing 4 th /5 th Zasada-writing 5 th Hladik- writing 8 th grade- writing
Tuesday, April 5 th	3 rd Zent- Reading and Math part #1 4 th /5 th Zasada- Reading and Math part #1 6 th Grade Writing 7 th Grade Writing
Wednesday, April 6 th	4 th Curtiss- Reading and Math part #1 5 th Hladik- Reading and Math part #1
Thursday, April 7 th	6 th Grade- Reading and Math part #1 8 th Grade- Reading and Math part #1

Week #2	April 11 th -15 th
Monday, April 11 th	3 rd Zent- Reading and Math part #2 7 th Grade- Reading and Math part #1
Tuesday, April 12 th	4 th Curtiss- Reading and Math part #2 5 th Hladik- Reading and Math part #2
Wednesday, April 13 th	6 th Grade- Reading and Math part #2 8 th Grade- Reading and Math part #2 4 th Ms. Zasada- AIMS Science
Thursday, April 14 th	4 th /5 th Zasada- Reading and Math Part #2 4 th Ms. Curtiss- AIMS Science 7 th Grade- Reading and Math Part #2 8 th Grade- AIMS Science

Gym Games Spring Session

The last gym games session for the year will take place the week of April 4th through the week of May 9th. The programs listed below will be offered. Watch for flyers to come home soon. There is a \$15 activity fee for the day your child wishes to sign up for. The cost is \$30 if they wish to sign up for both days.

Grades	When 2:45 – 3:45	Cost	What & With Who
K – 5 th	Tuesdays: April 5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th ; May 3 rd , 10 th	\$15	Theater Club Ms. Henneman
K - 2 nd	Thursdays: April 7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th ; May 5 th , 12 th	\$15	Tennis Mr. Dickey
3 rd -5 th	Thursdays: April 7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th ; May 5 th , 12 th	\$15	Soccer Mrs. Oberdieck/Ms. Curtiss

Summer Calendar

May 23-27 STEM Camp in Wickenburg
 May 23-June 3 Summer School at FFE (K-3rd)
 May 30-June 3 Summer Camp
 at FFE Session 1



June 13-17 Possible Session 2 Summer
 Camp at FFE

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.

PTA

PTA meets on the first Tuesday of each month in the school library on the dates and times below:
 Apr. 5th– 6:30pm 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.

8th Grade—High School Information

If you plan to attend Wickenburg High School, don’t forget to turn in registration papers and class/elective choice forms to the Festival Foothills’ office.

May 6th– 8th grade will travel to WHS for the **Transition Assembly** with all other incoming Freshman from Wickenburg and other feeder schools

May 31st-June 22nd– Jump Start Summer School Program (transportation will be provided from FFE)

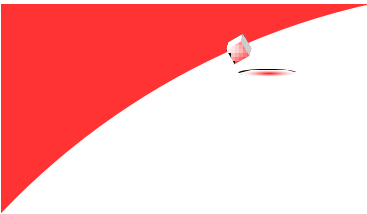
August 3rd– WHS Freshman Orientation (transportation will be provided from FFE)

SPIRIT WEEK

April 18th-22nd
 Monday– Pajama Day
 Tuesday– Crazy Hair Day
 Wednesday– Sports Day
 Thursday– Monochromatic Day (wear 1 color)
 Friday– Field Day (wear school colors)

Yearbooks

Yearbooks will be available for sale until April 22nd. The cost is \$20 and payment can be made to WUSD. Order forms are available on the news page at www.Festival.wickenburgschools.org



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Mar 25 No School– Good Friday
- Mar 31 PreK-8th Art Show/Ice Cream Social
5:30-7:30pm
- Apr 2 Intercession 8am-12pm
- Apr 4-15 AZMerit State Testing 3rd-8th
- Apr 5 PTA Meeting 6:30pm
- Apr 8 Track Meet at WHS
- Apr 9 Intercession 8am-12pm
- Apr 13 K-2 Field Trip
- Apr 14 WUSD School Board Meeting 6:30pm
- Apr 15 Kindergarten Round-up 1-3pm
- Apr 18-22 Spirit Week & Field Day
- Apr 22 Yearbook Orders Due
- Apr 25-29 4th Quarter Benchmark Assessments
- Apr 28-May 1 8th Grade Field Trip to Catalina Island
- May 2-6 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 3 PTA Meeting 3pm
- May 3 Elks’ Lodge Dinner in Wickenburg for
8th Grade Students of the Quarter
- May 6 8th Grade attends Transition Assembly
at Wickenburg High School
- May 12 WUSD School Board Meeting 6:30pm
- May 17 8th Grade Promotion Assembly 6:30
- May 18 PreK-7th Awards Assembly
PreK-2nd at 1:00pm
3rd-8th at 1:30pm

- May 19 Last Day for students
- May 20 Last Day for teachers

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.”

