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2nd Quarter 2015-2016

A Note from Mrs. Strauss, Principal

Hello Falcons,

It is hard to believe that we are almost halfway through this school year. We are proud of our students' hard work and progress in this first semester. Festival Foothills has awards assemblies at the end of each semester. The Awards Assembly for the 1st Semester will take place on Thursday, January 14th at 1:30 for Kindergarten-2nd grade and at 2:00pm for 3rd-8th grades. Watch for more information to come about the Awards Assembly.

We have a busy few weeks coming up with the Music Concert, 2nd quarter Galileo Benchmark, basketball games, PTA Holiday Shop, Christmas Parties 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.

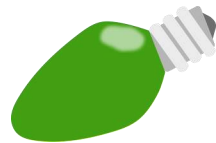
Take Care,
Christina Strauss

Festival Foothills Elementary School

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"HOLIDAY LIGHTS"



FESTIVAL Foothills CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Preschool- 5th Grade

Thursday, December 3, 2015 6:30 p.m.

Students need to be in their assigned locations by 6:15. Preschool-2nd will meet in their classrooms, 3rd grade in the Elementary Music room and 4th-5th grades will meet in the Middle School Music room.

We need flashlights for the concert. If you have one we can borrow, please label with your student's name and give to classroom teacher.

What to Wear?

Girls: may wear dresses, skirts, pants or shorts. These must reach the knees or have tights or leggings underneath. This is very important as they will be sitting in front of an audience. They may wear any color they choose, but please no pictures on the clothing.

Boys: may wear pants or shorts that are knee length. Please no holes or threads. Boys should wear shirts with no holes or threads. Boys should wear shirts with no pictures on them. Please do not feel you need to go out and buy new clothes.



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.

Mrs. Monesmith, School Counselor, meets with classes regularly for Character Counts lessons and teachers incorporate Character Counts and activities from the Be Kind Project into their daily lessons.

November’s focus is CITIZENSHIP and December’s focus is CARING.

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.



Silent Auction

Student Council will be holding their annual Themed Basket Silent Auction during the concert on Dec. 3rd from 6-7pm. Winners will be announced at the end of the concert. Students, don’t forget to bring in items for your class basket.

Food Drive: Student Council is hosting a food drive until December 14th. All non-perishable items will be donated to a local church to benefit local families in need this holiday season.

Holiday Grams will be sold during all lunch periods Dec. 15-17 for \$2 each.

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



NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE:

***If student has fever or is throwing up they have to be free of that for 24hrs before returning to school.**

We are now entering the season of getting colds, the flu, allergies, etc, and I would like to pass along some information to remember during the next 3-4 months to avoid getting sick and spreading illness to others.

- Make sure to wash your hands often with soap and water. It is okay to use hand sanitizer, however, it takes away the “good” germs, so use it occasionally.
- Make sure to wash your hands if you touch your eyes, mouth, or nose. Please do not touch other students like hugging, high fiving or hand games if you or those students are sick.
- Please do not share drinks or food with others students.
- Cover your mouth with your sleeve, elbow, or a tissue when you sneeze. Please do not use your hands.
- If you would like to have cough drops, allergy medicine, etc. that is over the counter on hand for your student(s), please bring it in (do not send with student) and fill out an over the counter form so that we may dispense to your student(s).
- The only thing we are allowed to give out is Tylenol, unless you bring something in for your student.



Spelling Bee 2015-2016

3rd-8th grade students will be participating in class spelling bees in the next few weeks to prepare for the school wide spelling bee on Wednesday, Dec. 16th at 1pm. The top 3 spellers from each grade will participate in the school wide spelling bee. On Dec. 16th, we will identify the School winner but also the top speller from each grade. The top speller from each grade will be invited to participate in the district spelling bee on Monday, Jan. 11th at 6:00pm.



2015-2016 Basketball Schedule

12-1	Canon	4:00 (home)
12-8	Morristown	4:00 (home)
12-10	WCA	4:00 (home)
1-7	Canon	4:00 (away)
1-12	Congress	4:00 (home)
1-14	WCA	4:00 (away)
1-21	Morristown	4:00 (away)
1-26	Congress	4:00 (away)
1-29	Tournament	At FFE



PTA

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

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

Upcoming Events:

- T-Shirt Orders due Nov. 30th
- Holiday Shop– Dec. 14-18

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.

Morning Drop off and Afternoon Pick-up Procedures

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.

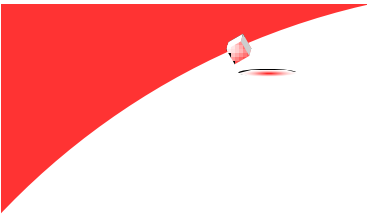
Students should be dropped off in the loading zone in front of the school. Please pull forward so several can drop off at once. If you need to get out of your vehicle, please help us avoid congestion by parking in the parking lots, or if you need to get out to assist your student, please stop towards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





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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Nov. 26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday– no school
- Dec. 1 PTA 3:00pm– Media Center
- Dec. 1 Basketball Game vs. Canon at FFE 4pm
- Dec. 3 Preschool– 5th Concert 6:30pm
- Dec. 3 Student Council Silent Auction 6-7pm
- Dec. 7-11 Benchmark Assessment 2nd Qtr 1st-8th
- Dec. 8 Basketball vs. Morristown at FFE 4pm
- Dec. 10 Last Day of Gym Games Session #1
- Dec. 10 Basketball vs. WCA at FFE 4pm
- Dec. 10 School Board Meeting 6:30pm
- Dec. 14-18 PTA Holiday Shop
- Dec. 15-17 Student Council sells Holiday Grams
- Dec. 16 Student Council Food Drive Ends
- Dec. 16 School Spelling Bee 1pm
- Dec. 18 End of 2nd quarter
- Dec. 21– Jan. 1 No School– Christmas Break
- Jan. 4 School Resumes
- Jan. 7 Basketball at Canon 4pm
- Jan. 8 PTA Bingo Night
- Jan. 11 District Spelling Bee 6pm
- Jan. 12 Basketball vs. Congress at FFE 4pm
- Jan. 14 Awards Assembly, K-2 at 1:30pm
 3rd-8th at 2:00pm
- Jan. 14 Basketball at WCA 4pm
- Jan. 21 Basketball at Morristown 4pm
- Jan. 26 Basketball at Congress 4pm
- Jan. 29 Basketball Tournament at FFE



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.”