



# COYOTE DEN

Hassayampa Elementary School  
Parent - School Connection



## Spring is HERE!

Did we have a winter? This may be why many of us choose to live here. ☺ The *Coyote Den* is your guide to all the great things happening at Hassayampa! Please make sure the school has your correct email address so the *Coyote Den* and other important school information will reach you each month. If you have any questions about items in the *Coyote Den*, please contact your child's teacher or the school office at (928)684-6750.

For additional school information, please refer to the Parent-Student Handbook, visit the Hassayampa website – [www.hassayampa.wickenburgschools.org](http://www.hassayampa.wickenburgschools.org), and “like” us on our school Facebook page.

## Calendar of Events

April 3 – Lockdown Drill – morning  
April 4 – 6 -3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> AzMERIT – Writing (one day /class)  
April 5 – Principal's Coffee - FINAL  
April 5 – 4<sup>th</sup> Gr. AIMS Science Testing  
April 5 – Site Council @3:00 - FINAL  
April 10-13 – 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> AzMERIT  
April 13 – Governing Board Meeting @ 6:30  
April 17-21 – 3<sup>rd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup> AzMERIT  
April 25 & 26– Kindergarten Round-up  
April 27 – PTA Meeting: 3:30 @ Board Room  
April 28 – Field Day  
May 2-5 – Benchmark Testing Week  
May 2-5 – Teacher Appreciation Week  
May 8 – 10 – Science Camp – 5<sup>th</sup> graders  
May 11 – Governing Board Meeting 6:30  
May 12 – Kinder Visitation (incoming K)  
May 16 – 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Celebration @ 5:30 p.m.  
May 17 – 5th Grade VP Visitation  
May 18 –ALL Year Attendance/ Honor Roll Ice-Cream Celebration  
May 19 – Festival Friday: Costa Rica  
May 23 – Math & Reading Awards  
May 24 – Special Honors Assembly – Webb Center  
May 25 – Last Day of School: Movie Day  
May 30 – June 9 – Summer School  
May 30- June 2 – STEM Camp  
August 8– First Day of School

## Kindergarten Round-up

**Spread the word:** Kindergarten Round-up is scheduled for **April 25 – 26**. On Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup>, there will be a morning and afternoon sessions beginning at 8:30 a.m. and noon. On Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup>, we will have an afternoon session with Spanish translator available at noon. Later on Wednesday, we are offering a 4:00 p.m. opportunity to complete the registration process.

The student must be 5 by September 1, 2017 to be eligible. The clinic consists of a two-hour period during which the students will participate in a variety of skill assessments and health checks.

Parents will be asked to fill out pre-registration paperwork at that time.

Parents need to bring the following:

- Certified birth certificate
- current immunization record
- 2 proofs of residence that show your physical address



Also on **Friday, May 12**, there is a special **Kindergarten Visitation** day. Parents bring students to the school at 12:30 and return for pick up at 2:30. During that time, students rotate through various activities. They will visit the playground, read a story and write a little. The finale is a short bus ride around Wickenburg.

## Principal's Coffee

Our final Principal's Coffee is **Wednesday, April 5** at 8:15. Please bring a friend, all are welcome!



**It is important to note that the District uses these pre-registration numbers to determine Hassayampa staff needs for next school year. Although it may seem optional, this early registration process assists the school in making many important decisions. Please call the Hassayampa office to pre-register today!**

### Is your child ready for state testing?

All year students have been learning the AZ College and Career standards as taught by their classroom teachers. Through Galileo benchmark testing, teachers are able to determine how students are progressing in learning the standards.

State testing will begin April 4 and continue through April 21. Yes, this is a long testing window, but students aren't testing each day. Please consider the testing schedule when making doctor and dentist appointments. If you know your child will be out, please let your child's teacher know ahead of time. On testing days, please make sure your child has a healthy breakfast and gets plenty of rest the night before.

### AIMS Science – 4<sup>th</sup> grade

You may have heard that AIMS (Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards) was no longer going to be used in Arizona. Well, almost! The AIMS Science test will continue as in the past. Hassayampa 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be tested on Wednesday, **April 5**. It is a 54 question, paper and pencil assessment. It is not timed. Students are tested in the morning, and are, typically, done in less than two hours.

### AZMERIT – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be tested using the state test, AzMERIT. This test is designed to measure student learning and progress towards readiness for college or career. Reading, writing, and math will be assessed in an online format. As Hassayampa has two computer labs, the tests will be given over several days.

- April 4-6 – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade writing

-Week of 10<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> finish Writing and 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Reading & Math

-Week of 17<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Reading & Math

-Make-up testing will be ongoing

Parent resources are available on the Arizona Department of Education website:  
(<http://www.azed.gov/assessment/azmeritsupportmaterials/>).

### TEST TIPS

The following is a short list of tips to help your child perform at his/her highest level.

- 1) Send your child to school every day.  
There are makeup dates available, but it has been proven that students perform better when they are in their regular educational environment.
- 2) Make sure your student arrives on time.  
Once a class begins a testing session, no tardy students will be sent to class. They will have to stay in the office for the remainder of the session and make up the test at a later date.
- 3) Schedule appointments and absences outside of the testing dates. Students who leave school before completing a particular testing session, including those students who leave due to illness, are ineligible to continue that portion of the test and cannot be permitted to finish it when they return to school.
- 4) Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep.
- 5) Make sure your child gets a healthy breakfast.

Your student has been working hard all year mastering grade level concepts. Please do everything you can to aid in his/her success. Our students are ready to show what they know!



### Raising Expectations Policy

This district policy was enacted to focus attention on the value of academic achievement and to increase accountability. In order to meet the expectations of this policy, Hassayampa celebrates those students who are Proficient and Highly Proficient on Galileo. Also, we offer tutoring to specifically identified students who require academic assistance. Your student may be required to attend summer school based upon not meeting the goals measured through Galileo.

## Reading and Math Nook

### Read

What can you do to encourage your child to read? It's simple:

- \* Take your child to the library or find something in your home library.
- \* Find a book to read together. However, it doesn't have to be a book, find a magazine or read the cereal box.
- \* Let your child know what your favorite children's story is.
- \* Have your child tell you all about his/her favorite book.
- \* Make sure your child sees you reading. You are the role model!
- \* Make sure your child practices reading fluency measures daily.
- \* Encourage your child to read daily!

Reading is a part of life. **Build the love for reading in your child today!**

### Accelerated Reader

Hassayampa students have been doing a LOT of reading! Students who read one million words during the school year will have their names added to the **Million Word Club** wall outside the library entrance. The top readers will also be recognized during the end of the year ceremonies.

Please check out the Hassayampa school website to see a real-time display of how many AR books Hassayampa students have read this month!

<http://www.hassayampa.wickenburgschools.org>

### PTA Book Sale

Hassayampa students collected a LOT of books! All proceeds from the PTA Book Fair is divided between the two K-8 libraries to purchase new books and other library needs. We are excited to hear how much we earned.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, and shopped!



### The Hassayampa Bike Giveaway!



As you may know, we have an awesome bike parked in the Hassayampa hallway. In May, at our Special Honors Assembly, four bikes will be given away to students. Students will have one more opportunity to earn an entry ticket during the first week of May.



### Math Fact Fluency Goals

**Kinder** - Count and identify #'s to 100

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade** - addition & subtraction facts to 10

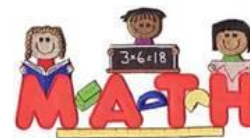
**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** - addition & subtraction facts to 20

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** - addition & subtraction facts and multiplication facts to 12

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade** - addition, subtraction & multiplication facts and division facts to 12

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade** - addition, subtraction, multiplication, & division facts and fractions/decimals

During Quarterly Honors Assemblies, K-5 students receive tickets. Students have until May to earn their ticket. The drawing will take place on May 24<sup>th</sup> during the annual Hassayampa Special Honors Assembly held at the Webb Center.



Encourage your child to  
LEARN THEIR MATH FACTS and  
EARN A CHANCE TO WIN A BIKE!



### Honors Assembly

On March 24, we held our 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Honors Assembly. We had A LOT to celebrate! Over 60 family members were in attendance as we recognized students for perfect attendance, Honor Roll, Principal's Honor Roll, Galileo proficiency and growth as well as other achievements.

Please mark your calendars for our reading and math assemblies on **May 23**. Students will be recognized for meeting grade level goals as well as for achieving significant growth.

### Field Day

On **April 28**, we will hold our annual Field Day. Students will compete in various team games and activities. Please make sure your child wears sunscreen, has a hat, and brings a water bottle. Also, make sure to check the weather for that day and have your child dress accordingly. Parents are welcome to come and watch. If you plan on helping, make sure to fill out a volunteer form. Also, on this day, our "Winning Teacher" will get to "Kiss the Hassayampa Pig" as part of our celebration. This is a great day of fun for students, staff, and families.



### Science Camp



On **May 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>**, thirty 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be traveling to Prescott Pines Camp. This is a wonderful time to explore scientific concepts with hands-on activities. All classes are conducted by professional educators and allow the students to explore scientific ideas that we are unable to do in a regular classroom. As part of our afterschool programs, students who have signed up to attend this camp, will meet after school to discuss what to ready themselves for the experience and the trip. Mr. Monesmith and Ms. Cleys will accompany the students along with other adult chaperones. 5<sup>th</sup> graders who are not attending Science Camp will be participating in hands-on science activities right here at school.



If you have a 4<sup>th</sup> grader, visit <http://prescottpines.org/programs> to learn about this great opportunity that your child will have next year.



Hassayampa Preschool is offering a 12-day summer program. It will run at the same times as Hassayampa Summer School. Contact Mrs. Hohn for more information – 684-6750.

Also, accepting preschool applications for the 17-18 school year .



# COUNSELOR'S CORNER



We hope you had a relaxing and restful Spring Break. School is now in session for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and we are hoping to finish out this year with a bang! For some students, the end of the year is a difficult stretch. It's hard to keep focused on school work with the gorgeous weather outside! Yet this is not the time to give up on good study habits.

As a parent, it's important to make sure there are procedures in place at home so that kids can get their work completed for the following day. Even the most challenged of students can benefit from improved study habits when a routine is in place.

Are you asking yourself where to begin? Encouragement is a great way to start the process. Children need to know that the adults in their lives are there to support and believe in them. Having the right attitude is especially important when beginning any assignment. Secondly, set up a designated study space that is only used for that purpose. You may want to consider your child's individual learning style and think about if the space helps to support it. Try to match up the study space with their personality as well. Establishing a routine early in elementary school can help tremendously when students get older and their assignments become more rigorous. We hope to see our largest number of honor roll students at the end of the last quarter! Help your child reach their potential by ensuring that success starts at home first.

The month of March celebrated the pillar of Respect. We also had shamrocks, from parent on the Character Wall. Look for my parent letter concerning kids of character to come home. This month you will find an Easter egg on the back. Help encourage your child to be a kid of character and fill out the egg. Children love seeing their name on the wall next to my office. Let's see how many "good eggs" we have in our school!



The 5<sup>th</sup> graders have all completed 4 lessons in career education, with 2 more to go. Students were able to take an inventory quiz on the "Paws in Jobland" site. After taking this inventory, the website directs them to areas the inventory reflected interests. If you would like to go on this site, go to [www.choices360.com](http://www.choices360.com) and click on "Paws in Jobland". The activation code is AZ01581.

Don't forget, we have birthday bags available for those families who would like to have a family "birthday party" for one of their children. These bags have all you will need for a family birthday.

Teachers try to catch children being Kids of Character and reward students with a Golden Ticket. The child then puts the ticket in the Golden Ticket box in my office. Once a tic-tac-toe is made, the student gets a prize. At the end of each



quarter, names go into a drawing by grade level. There were 6 students drawn from the Golden Ticket drawing at the Honors Assembly. Those students got to stay after school for a party with games, popcorn, and a movie. Those students were, Landon Plemons (kinder), Razelle Rodriguez (1<sup>st</sup>), Edwardo Cano (2<sup>nd</sup>), Becca Evans (3<sup>rd</sup>), Dayra Paz Tomas (4<sup>th</sup>), and Emma Wayas (5<sup>th</sup>).

Lastly, a HUGE thank you to Wickenburg Fire Department for supplying food bags for many of our families. We are so thankful to have this service available to our families in need.

Ms. K-P





## Hassayampa Elementary School

### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers

Thank you to everyone who helped us start off an amazing quarter 4. The after school coordinators would like to thank the transportation team and Hassayampa's cafeteria staff for all their hard work, as well as all the teachers who help make these programs possible. We would like to especially thank Mrs. Healy, Mrs. Macias, Ms. Henneman, Ms. Orlando, and Mrs. Marquez for all the hours they put into the program.

**21<sup>st</sup> CCLC End-of-Year Celebration:** We have been working hard and May is the time to celebrate! To celebrate an amazing year of supportive instruction and enriching programs, Hassayampa will be having an after school event on **May 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.** After school programs will get a chance to showcase what they have learned in activities such as science, chorus, theatre, cup stacking, chess, and more. Grade levels will have end of the year data and goals to share with parents. Please mark your calendar for this first annual extravaganza!

**Summer School:** Mark your calendars early! Summer School will run: **Week 1 – May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup>; Week 2 – June 5<sup>th</sup> – June 8<sup>th</sup>; Week 3 June 12<sup>th</sup> – June 15<sup>th</sup>.** This is a twelve-day, highly structured program designed to assist students in bridging the summer learning gap. Under the District's Raising Expectations policy, a student may be required to attend. Summer School invites will be sent out soon.

Transportation is provided as well as breakfast and lunch. Anyone under the age of 18 can stop by and get a free lunch at our cafeteria during these 3 weeks so bring the whole family.

**STEM Camp:** STEM Camp will coincide with the first week of summer school running from May 30<sup>th</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Teachers will identify students who have demonstrated an interest in the sciences to be invited to this hands-on, four-day camp. STEM Camp is a very popular event, so if your child receives an invitation, please complete it and return to school promptly.

**English Classes:** In collaboration with Wickenburg High School, Hassayampa is sponsoring an English Language Learning class for adults. Participants will be able to use our Rosetta Stone software and have access to a bilingual staff for support. This class is offered **Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00**, at Wickenburg High School.

**Bus Services:** The 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC has bus services available to students who are enrolled in programs until 5:00 p.m. If transportation is a challenge for your family, please contact program coordinators – Mr. Knight - [mknight@wickenburg.k12.az.us](mailto:mknight@wickenburg.k12.az.us) or Ms. Lanz – [slanz@wickenburg.k12.az.us](mailto:slanz@wickenburg.k12.az.us).

21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS

## HASSAYAMPA HEADQUARTERS

Day/Time	Programs for 4th Quarter 2017
Daily – 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Power Hour
Monday – 2:50 - 3:50	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Tutoring/Study Hour LEAD Coyotes – 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science Camp – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Monday – 4:00 – 5:00	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Brainiacs 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Dark Knights 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Theater Club 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Young Authors Club
Tuesday – 2:50 – 3:50	K - Tutoring 4 <sup>th</sup> , & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Tutoring/Study Hour K-1 <sup>st</sup> Stay and Play 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Art
Tuesday – 4:00 - 5:00	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science League 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Fitness Wonders 4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> AR Club
Wednesday - 2:50 –3:50	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Study Hour
Wednesday - 4:00-5:00	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Technology Titans
Thursday – 2:50 – 3:50	K - 3 Grade Tutoring/Study Hour 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Coyote Chorus 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> The Quest
Thursday – 4:00 – 5:00	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Mad Science 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Newspaper Club 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Mega Minds 2 <sup>nd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Roadrunner Rebels(Stackers)
Friday – 12:15 – 4:00	K-5 <sup>th</sup> After School Program
<b>Adult Program</b>	
Wednesday - 5:00 – 6:00	English Class (High School)





It's the generosity of many that  
makes great things possible.

### A Corner of THANKS!



#### Picture Day Volunteers

Each year, we hold two picture days for our students to have their picture taken. These events are sponsored by our local PTA and mom helpers organize and run the day. Many thanks to all of our helpers! These helpers make sure the day runs smoothly and do special things like combing a student's hair so they look just right for their special picture. THANK YOU!



#### HS Classroom Volunteers

Every day we have parent volunteers helping in classrooms. In addition to our parents, we also have high school helpers who come from the Wickenburg Digital Learning Program (WDLP). Mrs. Garcia works with her students on special service learning projects in which students are trained to come to Hassayampa and help our students. We are deeply grateful for the dedication and assistance from all of our volunteers!

#### Tax Donators

As the tax season finishes, we'd like to give a special thanks to those who have entrusted us with their tax dollars. Remember that, new this year, donations for 2016 taxes may be made until **April 15!**

To learn more about the AZ Tax Credit option, please visit the district website.

#### Just a few reminders:

**Toys at School:** Please remind your children that toys belong at home. We don't want to lose educational time being the referee over students' toys.

**Lost and Found:** Our lost and found rack is **FULL!** We have jackets, sweaters, lunch boxes and more! If you know that your child has been missing something, please encourage them to take a serious look in lost and found.

**Bus Rules:** If your child rides the bus, please review the bus rules with your children. For their safety, they need to stay in their seats until the bus comes to a completed stop. It is also imperative that they use an appropriate voice level.

**Parking Lot Drop-off:** When dropping off students from the drop-off lane, please release them **from the passenger side** of the car. If parking to bring students in, keep in mind that students are not to be unattended when walking through the parking lot. Your child's safety is a priority!

#### Festival Friday: Costa Rica

Our next Festival Friday will be **May 19** in the Hassayampa gym.  
K-2 will begin at 8:30 a.m. and 3-5 starts at 9:30 a.m.  
Please come join us!



## Box Tops Contest

We will begin our final Box Tops contest April 3. The real winner of this contest will be the classroom teacher who will have one hour of help from a special visitor. All of the previous contests benefitted students directly, but this one's for the teachers!



## Facebook

We currently have **405!** Visit Hassayampa Elementary School on Facebook and "Like" our page to receive up-to-date information on what's happening at Hassayampa!



## General Mills Box Tops for Education Program

Hassayampa has met the annual goal of **\$1000.00, but we're not done!** There are more ways to earn money for Hassayampa. Please visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) to learn about other ways to earn money for Hassayampa.



## Pennies

Annually we have a penny war to determine who will kiss the pig at our Field Day event. Pennies don't seem like a lot, but when everyone brings in a few, they can add up. So start collecting now to prepare for next year's penny war!

## Note from the Principal:

It is difficult for me to believe how quickly this school year is flying by! Our students have been learning so many great things each and every day. It is exciting to consider the academic and social gains they have made. Obviously, social gains aren't easily quantified, but I am certain both teachers and parents have seen their students mature. Academically, we are able to quantify gains made based on Galileo, math fact fluency, and DIBELS. In our quarterly data review, we noted great growth in our students. We celebrated students who demonstrated proficiency or exceeded growth expectations on Galileo during our 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Honors Assembly. Please join us at the end of the year when we have our final celebration of our great students!

Clearly, our students did quite well on their benchmark assessments in February. We are feeling confident that these gains will be reflected in how students perform on AzMERIT which is around the corner (this week!). To keep the testing process smooth, please make sure you work your family schedules around our testing times. It is additional work for everyone to make up tests that students have missed. Also, make sure your child gets plenty of rest the nights before testing and has a healthy, low-sugar breakfast on the mornings of testing. We want the best for all of our students!



As is typical, we have many great things happening at Hassayampa. Please review the calendar of events closely and add the information to your family calendar. I look forward to seeing you all at any one of our many events!

Very truly yours,

*Mrs. Hershkowitz*

