



COYOTE DEN

Hassayampa Elementary School
Parent - School Connection



Spring is around the corner!

We're wrapping up the third quarter and preparing for the final quarter of school! 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, and "like" us on our school Facebook page.

Calendar of Events

February 27 – Benchmark Testing Week
February 27 – Mar. 31 – PTA Book Drive
March 1 – Principal's Coffee@8:15 a.m.
- Site Council @ 3:00 p.m.
March 2 – Read Across America
-McTeacher Night 5:00-7:00 p.m.
March 9 – Governing Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
March 10 – Festival Friday: K-2@8:30/3-5@9:30
March 10 – End of 3rd Quarter
March 13-17 –Spring Break
March 24 – Honors Assembly – HES Gym
March 29 –31 – 2nd Grade Gifted Testing
April 4 – 4th Grade **AIMS Science**
April 8 – Literacy Festival/ PTA Book Fair – Com. Ctr
April 4-20 – AzMERIT State Testing Window– Grades 3-5
April 25 & 26– Kindergarten Round-up (registration)

Festival Friday: Italy

We are excited to see what is in store for us for our next Festival Friday scheduled on **March 10**. Rumor is that there will be something fun. K-2 will begin at 8:30 a.m. and 3-5 starts at 9:30 a.m. Please come join us!



Hassayampa staff would like to invite all friends and family to join us at our Wickenburg McDonald's on **Thursday, March 2** from **5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** Teachers will be available to visit. A percentage of all **dine-in** sales will be donated to Hassayampa. Join us for an evening of food and fun!

Kindergarten Round-up

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

The student must be 5 by September 1, 2017 to be eligible. The clinics consist of a two-hour period during which the student will participate in a variety of skill assessments and health checks. Parents will be asked to fill out registration paperwork at that time. Please bring:

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

Please call the Hassayampa office to pre-register. Also please keep in mind that the District uses our pre-registration numbers to determine our staff needs for next school year.

PTA Book Drive

The PTA Book Fair will be the second weekend in **April** at the Community Center. All proceeds benefit the HES and VP school libraries. Volunteers are needed to set up and run the Book Fair. Flyers will be sent home asking for your help. **Please volunteer!**

Classrooms that bring in 500 books or more will receive \$25.00 and the class which brings in the most books school wide will receive \$100.00.

The contest **will end March 31**.

This is a Wickenburg PTA sponsored event.



HASSYAMPA YEARBOOK!

The 2016-17 HES Yearbook sale is in progress. The cost is **\$12.00**. Orders are due to Ms. Joy by **Friday, March 10**. OR, if you're ready to place your order now, you can easily order your yearbook online use Yearbook ID: 12393317 at ybpay.lifetouch.com.

Gold Rush Days

Hassayampa staff and 60 Honor Roll students participated in this year's Gold Rush Days Parade. We celebrated our love for reading with the Gold Rush Parade's theme - "Ride for the Brand".



Honors Celebration!



On **March 24**, we will celebrate our students' accomplishments for the third quarter. At 8:30 a.m., students in grades K-2 will receive awards for Perfect Attendance and other grade level honors. At 9:30 a.m., students in

grades 3-5 will receive recognition for Principal's Honor Roll, Hassayampa Honor Roll, and Perfect Attendance. Families are encouraged to come support the students!

AZMERIT

Starting on April 4 our school will begin testing students in grades 3- 5. The battery of tests will be given over several days. These are state mandated assessment tools given to all students in grades 3 - 8. The assessment is a standards-based assessment in writing, reading, and math. Parent resources are available on the Arizona Department of Education website. <http://www.azed.gov/assessment/azmeritsupportmaterials/> You will find a student guide and sample tests for each grade level.

Additionally, **4th graders** will participate in the 4th grade Science AIMS which will be facilitated on the morning of **April 5**.

Penny Drive

Each year, Hassayampa has a penny drive as part of having students give back to their campus. In past years, over 45 trees have been planted.



The year's collection of pennies ended on February 28. The buckets that were looking quite full were Ms. Breckenridge's and Mrs. Brown's, but we don't know who had more silver! We will keep it a secret until **April 28** when the "Winning Teacher" will get to "Kiss the Hassayampa Pig" as part of our Field Day celebration.

A Note from the Health Station

WHACK the Flu! Communities across the country have adopted the pneumonic-based slogan "WHACK the Flu" to promote healthy behaviors during flu season.



- **W**ash or sanitize your hands often
- **H**ome is where you stay when you are sick
- **A**void touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- **C**over you coughs and sneezes
- **K**eeP your distance from sick people

FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 3

BENCHMARK TESTING WEEK

1st - 5th GRADE GALILEO AND MATH FACT FLUENCY

Reading and Math Nook

Read Across America Day

National Read Across America Day on March 2nd, which is Dr. Seuss' birthday. This day is one of Mrs. Hershkowitz' favorite celebration days. She visits classrooms reading her favorite Dr. Seuss book. Can you guess what it was? You'll have to ask the kids.

What can you do to participate in this celebration? It's simple:

- * Take your child to the library or find something in your home library. See if you can find the silliest Dr. Seuss book and read it together.
- * 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 practices reading fluency measures daily.
- * Mark your calendar for Wickenburg's Literacy Festival on April 8.
- * Encourage your child to read daily!

Reading is a part of life. Although we have this special day of celebration, reading should be celebrated daily.

Build the love for reading in your child today!

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 exceeded the grade level standards. Additionally, before school and after school tutoring is available for students not meeting the standard.

"Move on When Reading"

Arizona Revised Statute 15-701 states that 3rd graders who score in the lower end of the new category of Minimally Proficient on the AzMERIT Reading **will be retained in 3rd grade**. Parents of students whose children are substantially deficient in reading will receive notification. Parents will receive information on how Hassayampa teachers are working with their children to get them up to level to pass the 3rd grade AzMERIT. In addition, Hassayampa will provide parents with strategies parents can use to help their children at home. **More information about this statute can be found at www.azed.gov/mowr/.**

The Hassayampa Bike Giveaway!



As you may know, we have an awesome bike parked in the Hassayampa hallway. In May, four bikes will be given away to students. Students will earn an entry ticket each time they pass their grade level Math Fact Fluency benchmarks given in October, December, March, and May.

Math Fact Fluency Goals



Kinder - Count and identify #'s to 100

1st Grade- addition and subtraction facts to 10

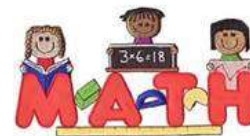
2nd Grade - addition & subtraction facts to 20

3rd Grade - addition & subtraction facts and multiplication facts to 12

4th Grade - addition, subtraction & multiplication facts and division facts to 12

5th Grade - addition, subtraction, multiplication, & division facts and fractions/decimals

During the Honors Assembly in March, K-5 students receive tickets. Students have until May to earn their tickets. Tickets will be placed in respective buckets - K-2 - girls, K-2 - boys, 3-5 - girls and 3-5 - boys. The drawing will take place on May 18 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!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER



March is the Character Counts month of Respect! We teach that showing respect means following The Golden Rule (treat others the way you want to be treated); be accepting of differences; use good manners, not bad language; don't threaten, hurt or hit anyone; be considerate of the feelings of others; and deal peacefully with anger, insults and conflicts.

Respect at home: If your child becomes disrespectful and defiant at times, try offering fixed choices. By letting them choose between one thing or another, they'll still feel like they have some control. For example, say, "You can choose to do either 10 minutes of reading or practice math facts". Some of you may be thinking that they'll say "neither", but you can offer to decide for them if you need to. This usually prompts them to make a choice. One added bonus (shhh!) is you can always make one choice something less than thrilling so they end up picking what you wanted anyway.



During the month of February I asked parents to "catch" their children being a Kid of Character, write their name on a heart and send it in to school. Please note the picture of the "Character Bushes" that are displayed in the hallway.

The month of March celebrates St Patrick's Day! This month's character letter has a "shamrock" on the back of the paper. Please catch your child being a kid of character, fill out the shamrock, and return it to school to fill the grade level bush! Let's see what grade level wins this month!

Has your child earned a "Golden Ticket"? Our teachers try to "catch" students being Kids of Character. So far, over 260 students have received Golden Tickets. These students have all received a sticker, a prize, and their name has been entered in the end of the year drawing for a Kindle Fire!

In one Character Counts lesson, Ms Hansen's students worked to build a "kindness Quilt". Students wrote a kind act they performed and drew a picture. Ms Joy helped tape the drawings together and it formed a quilt.

Mr. Baker's class learned about FAIRNESS as they chose whose shoes they would use to walk a mile!

Career Education will continue with all 5th grade students. This year, the students are learning about different careers using the interactive computer site "Paws In Jobland". If you have computer access at home, ask them to log on and you can visit the site with your child!



REMINDER: There are Birthday Bags available in Ms K-P's office! These bags are available for any family who would like a little help with a family birthday party. These bags include cake mix, frosting, birthday banner, candles, party favors, paper plates, and napkins. Let me know if you need one!

Ms. K-P
Hassayampa Counselor



Hassayampa Elementary School 21st Century Community Learning Centers

We are preparing for our 4th quarter of 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) programming which will begin on **March 27th**. This is a new quarter and a new invitation will be required for Quarter 4. Please contact your student's teacher if you would like an invitation to after school programs. Please refer to the schedule below as some programs have been moved. If you would like further information on a program please refer to our school website.

Bus Services: The 21st 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 or Ms. Lanz – slanz@wickenburg.k12.az.us .



Power Hour: Power Hour has been a huge success! Students are provided an opportunity to start their day out right! They can complete homework and complete their iReady lessons. The program starts daily at 7:00 a.m. This is a great option if you need to be at work early. Please contact your child's teacher or 21st CCLC program coordinators to sign your child up today!

English Class: 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 support staff available. This class is offered Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00 at Wickenburg High School. Please contact Hassayampa's front office for more information.

New Programs:

Young Authors Club Mrs. Ellis will facilitate a program which allows our 3-5 graders to be creative in writing. Students learn create, write and edit fictional stories.

Theater Club Ms. Henneman will bring 3-5 graders into the world of improvisational theater games and learn about acting. The focus will be on **Commedia dell'arte** which will allow students to enjoy learning about this Italian theater art form and developing characters.

Check out 4th quarter's schedule for all after school programs. Invitations will be sent out March 6th. Please respond as soon as possible as availability is limited. Check out the school's website for more information on our programs.



21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS

HASSAYAMPA HEADQUARTERS

Day/Time	Programs for 4th Quarter (2016-17)
Daily – 7:00a.m. – 8:00a.m.	Power Hour
Monday – 2:50 - 3:50	2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th , & 5 th Grade Tutoring/Study Hour LEAD Coyotes – 5 th Grade Science Camp – 5 th Grade
Monday – 4:00 – 5:00	2 nd Grade Brainiacs 3 rd – 5 th Dark Knights 3 rd – 5 th Theater Club 3 rd – 5 th Young Authors Club
Tuesday – 2:50 – 3:50	K - Tutoring 4 th , & 5 th Grade Tutoring/Study Hour K-1 st Stay and Play 4 th Grade Art
Tuesday – 4:00 - 5:00	4 th Grade Science League 3 rd - 5 th Grade Fitness Wonders 4 th -5 th AR Club
Wednesday - 2:50 –3:50	3 rd , 4 th , & 5 th Grade Study Hour
Wednesday - 4:00-5:00	3 rd , 4 th , & 5 th Grade Technology Titans
Thursday – 2:50 – 3:50	K - 3 Grade Tutoring/Study Hour 4 th & 5 th Grade Coyote Chorus 3 rd - 5 th The Quest
Thursday – 4:00 – 5:00	2 nd Grade Mad Science 3 rd – 5 th Newspaper Club 3 rd – 5 th Vision Strategists 2 nd -5 th Roadrunner Rebels
Friday – 12:15 – 4:00	K-5 th After School Program
Adult Program	
Wednesday 5:00 – 6:00	English Class (High School)

Synergy - ParentVUE

Are you signed up for ParentVUE? Parents, you can access current information on your child's academic progress. With a user ID and password, you have the ability to see your child's grades in each subject area, identify missing assignments, and grade for a particular assignment plus many other things. This can be done from your computer or cell phone. **If you don't have your user ID, please stop by the front office for assistance in getting more information on this useful tool.**

**Just a few reminders:**

Absences: Regular attendance and being on time to school is critical to your child's educational success. However, we know that there have been some nasty flu bugs going around. To help your child stay healthy, please make sure that they are getting plenty of rest and eating well. In the event of a necessary absence, please make sure to call the school at 928-684-6750 by 9:00 a.m. If your child becomes ill in the middle of the night, it is okay to call and leave a message. Please indicate your child's name, your name, the student's teacher's name, and the reason for the absence.

Emergency Contact Information: If your address or phone number (work, home, or cell) changes, please let the school office know so that files can be updated. Many times the office or health aide is not able to reach parents when their child is ill. It is a difficult situation for both the student and health aide.

Food Services: If your child purchases breakfast or lunch at school, please make sure that his/her accounts have sufficient funds. You may pay with check or cash. If paying by check, please make it payable to Wickenburg Unified School District (no abbreviations) and indicate your child's name and homeroom teacher in the memo.

**HASSAYAMPA PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

We are accepting new enrollments for 3 - 5 year olds.

The program is the perfect environment for children to learn, grow, and make friends as they participate in various activities that allow them to explore, investigate, create, and discover new learning through age-appropriate and engaging activities.

Spark the wonder today!

Please call the Hassayampa Office or visit the school website.

Box Tops Contest

We will begin our fifth Box Tops contest right after break. Mrs. Shaw's and Ms. Lanz's; classes won the last contest and earned popcorn parties.



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 to learn about other ways to earn money for Hassayampa.

Facebook

Yay, we hit our goal! We currently have **401!** Visit Hassayampa Elementary School on Facebook and "Like" our page to receive up-to-date information on what's happening at Hassayampa! Tell a friend or other family member to follow us on Facebook!



Amazon Smile



Are you an Amazon shopper? Please use Amazon Smile to help raise additional funds for Hassayampa.

[Amazon Smiles for Hassayampa](#)

Note from the Principal:

Spring is around the corner and we have many hot topics!

State testing is right around the corner – **beginning April 4**. Please make sure to schedule dental exams and other appointments outside of the testing dates. Students have been working hard all year mastering grade level concepts. Please do everything you can to aid in their success. This means that they should be getting plenty of rest, eating healthy, and getting their daily homework done. We know our students are ready to show what they have learned! Please visit the state's website to learn more about our state assessments - <http://www.azed.gov/assessment/azmeritsupportmaterials/>.

Please help us spread the word - **Kindergarten Round-up** is scheduled for **April 25 & 26**. We're offering an additional appointment time to help families who have difficulty meeting during the day. On Tuesday, April 25, there will be two times slots available – 8:30 and noon. However, on Wednesday, April 26th, there will be only afternoon times available starting with the first session at noon. At this session there will be a Spanish translator available to assist families. Our last session will be later that afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Hopefully, the varied meeting times will help you find the time that works for your busy schedules so that you may attend this important event. In addition to this being a wonderful opportunity for your child to have an early taste of school, it is important for us to have this occasion to get to know your child and our incoming group of learners. We look forward to seeing you!

During the last week of January, you may have noticed students wearing the yellow school choice scarves. We were celebrating National School Choice week. I would like to take this moment to **thank YOU** for choosing Hassayampa Elementary School. We know that your child's education is important to you and you have many options available. Every day, the staff and I work hard to provide your child the best education. We appreciate the trust and confidence you have given us in this endeavor.

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. The final quarter of the year tends to be a busy one! I look forward to seeing you all at any one of our many events!

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Hershkowitz

