



COYOTE DEN

Hassayampa Elementary School
Parent - School Connection



Welcome February!

Well, here we are already a month into the new year! 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

Feb. 1 – Penny Drive begins
Feb. 1 –Principal's Coffee – 8:15 a.m.
Feb. 1 –Site Council – 3:00 p.m.
Feb. 3 – Spirit Day: Sports Attire
Feb. 9 – Spring Pictures
Feb. 10 - No school - Gold Rush Holiday
Feb. 11 - Gold Rush Parade
Feb. 20 – No School – Presidents' Day
Feb 23 – PTA Meeting @ Board Room – 5:00 p.m.
Feb. 27 - Benchmark Testing Week
Feb 27 – Mar. 31 – PTA Book Drive
March 1 – Principal's Coffee – 8:15 a.m.
March 2 – Read Across America
March 10 – Festival Friday - ITALY
March 10 – End of 3rd Quarter
March 13-17 –Spring Break
April 4-21 – State Testing Window

Western Spirit Week

In support of the Town of Wickenburg's Gold Rush Days, Hassayampa students will be encouraged to pull out their favorite cowboy jeans and shirts during the week of **February 6**. Hats are permitted in classrooms at the discretion of the classroom teachers (off during lunch), and, of course, **no** spurs, ropes, and weapons are allowed at all.

Gold Rush Days Parade

On **February 11**, look for Hassayampa's float in Wickenburg's Gold Rush Days Parade. We will be celebrating our love of our school and community with the Gold Rush Parade's theme this year - “Ride for the Brand”. Honor Roll students in grades 3-5 will be selected to ride on or walk with the float. Look for us in the parade, we will be wearing our golden Hassayampa shirts and showing our Hassayampa pride.



Penny Drive

Over the years at Hassayampa, the students and staff celebrated Arbor Day by planting trees; over forty-six trees have been planted on our campus. These efforts have been funded through grants and private donations, but the largest single effort has come from Hassayampa students! Pennies for Trees were collected as part of their way of giving to the campus.



As the trees are in place we have turned our focus to the overall beautification and improvement of the campus. Last year's funds were used to replace a couple trees that were destroyed during monsoon season and remodel Kindergarten bathrooms. Every penny counts!

The collection of pennies will begin on **February 1** and end on the **February 28**. Then on **April 29**, we will hold our annual Field Day celebration and announce our winning teacher. The Penny Drive is a contest to see which classroom teacher raises the most pennies MINUS silver coins, paper bills and General Mills Box Tops collected. So when your child is looking around the house for pennies, you will know the reason why. The “Winning Teacher” will get to “Kiss the Hassayampa Pig”. The winning teacher will also get to choose a winning student from his or her classroom to join in on the fun.

This is a Wickenburg PTA sponsored event.



Principal's Coffee



Our next Principal's Coffee is scheduled for Wednesday, **February 1**. Please join the principal for an informal gathering over coffee. All are welcome!

Recap on what happened in January

Hassayampa Art and Science Night

Art & Science Night was held on Thursday, January 26th. This was a great night for the family to enjoy the hard work our Hassayampa students. We were so pleased to see so many of you there! We turned Hassayampa's halls into an art gallery. The walls look so colorful! If you missed out, please stop by. The art will be hung for awhile longer so that we can continue to enjoy it all!

Honors Celebration!

On January 20, we celebrated our students' accomplishments for the second quarter and first semester. Students received recognition for special grade level honors, 3-5 Principal's Honor Roll and Honor Roll as well as Perfect Attendance. Many thanks to the families who came to support the students and to those who support them every day!



APTT & Parent-Teacher Conferences

APTT meetings and traditional conferences were held in January. Thank you for your participation and continued collaboration between you and your child's teacher.



Synergy - ParentVUE

Are you signed up for ParentVUE? Parents, you can get current information on your child's progress. With a user ID and password, you have the ability to see your child's grade for each subject, missing assignments, and grade for a particular assignment plus many other things. This system can help you know how your child is doing in school and this can be done from your computer at home or work. **If you don't have your user ID, please stop by the front office for assistance in getting more information on this useful tool.**

A Note from the Health Station

There has been a LOT of absences. Please do what you can to keep you and your family healthy!

- Cover your cough.
- Wash your hands.
- Eat healthy foods.
- Get plenty of rest.
- Dress appropriately for the weather.



Book Fair!

We just want to thank everyone who helped with the fair, whether it was by shopping before or after school, Thursday night, or even just helping get the word out! The profit generated from the book fair goes to support both the Hassayampa library as well as classroom libraries. Each teacher was given credit to purchase books for the classroom.



Thank you again for your help and support!

PTA Book Fair is Coming!

This year the PTA Book Fair will partner with the Town's Literacy Festival to be held the first weekend of April. The proceeds will benefit the school library. Volunteers are needed! Flyers will be sent home soon asking for your help.

This is a Wickenburg PTA sponsored event.

We will be holding a contest to reward classrooms who bring in books for the Fair. All 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, to be used for classroom supplies. The contest will begin **February 27** and **end March 31**.



District Spelling Bee!

The District Spelling Bee was held on January 23 at Vulture Peak. Hassayampa students represented us well! Our spellers represented us well! Hassayampa students, Bailey Monesmith and Danica Carlson, earned the second and third place positions respectively. Congratulations to the first place winner from Festival Foothills, Eleanora.

If your child is interested in participating in next year's spelling bee, please visit <http://spellingbee.com/parents-and-students> to prepare!



3rd Quarter Benchmark

At the end of the month, students will participate in 3rd quarter benchmark testing – Week of **February 27th**. First through fifth grade students will take Galileo assessments in reading and math. The results will be used by teachers to determine the instructional needs of students for the final quarter of school.



The final DIBELS benchmark is scheduled in May. DIBELS reports let teachers know your child's overall progress in reading. To help your child do well in reading, have your child READ DAILY then ask him/her to tell you about what was read. For information on your student's progress, please talk to your child's teacher.

To learn more about DIBELS
Visit: <https://dibels.uoregon.edu/>

Accelerated Reader

Hassayampa students are AWESOME READERS!
Students have read and taken tests to earn over **2,500** AR points so far! Fifth grade has earned over 1,000!

Please check out the Hassayampa School website (News & Events) to see a real-time display of how many books Hassayampa students have read this month!
<http://www.hassayampa.wickenburgschools.org>

Also, from the Hassayampa School website-parent links - you can find a special link to the Renaissance Home Connect. Students may use their login information to check their AR progress as well as look up books they might be interested in reading (check on points).

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 standards. Also, we offer supports to students who aren't meeting their potential. 21st CCLC assists us in this endeavor through daily academic programs. Students failing the core content subjects of reading and math will be required to attend a minimum of 8 hours of assistance. Summer school will be required of students failing to meet standards in reading and math.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

As part of the Wickenburg Unified School District's Raising Expectations Policy, student's who missed 10 or more days of school in a semester will be required to complete 8 hours of after-school tutoring.

Hassayampa Elementary does its very best to educate your child each day, but we cannot do our job if your child is absent. When your student is not at school, they miss key discussions, questions and explanations of subjects from their teacher, and research shows that excessive absences attributes to lower scores on standardized tests.

Being late for school hurts a child's learning too – kids who are 10 minutes late for school each day miss a whole week of instruction per school year. Attendance is an important factor in school success and helps build a strong educational background. A child who misses a day of school misses a day of learning.

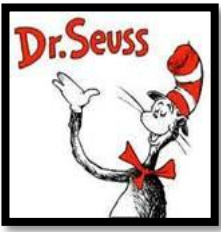
If your child is going to be absent, you must notify the school office at 684-6750.



Reading and Math Nook

Read Across America Day

National Read across America Day is **March 2nd**, which is Dr. Seuss' birthday. Mrs. Hershkowitz loves this celebration of reading. She will visit classrooms reading her favorite Dr. Seuss book. Can you guess what it is? You'll have to ask the kids. Our PTA will also be hosting an event the evening of March 2nd at the local library. More details will be shared at a later date.



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.
- * 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.
- * 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!

"Move on When Reading"

Parents of students in grades K-3 who are substantially deficient in reading will receive notification each quarter. It is important for parents to know how their child is progressing in reading and if help is needed. Parents should also be aware of how Hassayampa teachers are working with their children to get them to meet grade level reading standards. In addition, Hassayampa staff will provide parents with specific information on the deficient areas of reading along with strategies parents can use to help their children at home. Together we can build strong readers!

The Hassayampa Bike Giveaway!



As you may know, we have an awesome bike to give away to a hard working Hassayampa student. Actually, we have FOUR bikes to give away! 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 & subtraction facts

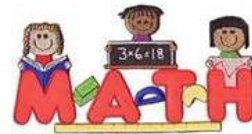
2nd Grade - addition & subtraction facts

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

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

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

Several K-5 students received their tickets during the Honors Assembly in January. Students have until May to earn their ticket. 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 21st during the annual Hassayampa Special Honors Assembly.



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

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

FEBRUARY: IS THE MONTH OF RESPECT.



Austus the lion helps to teach children how to:

- Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule
- Be tolerant and accepting of differences
- Use good manners, not bad language
- Be considerate of the feelings of others
- Don't threaten, or hit

LEAD Coyotes

There is a group of fabulous 5th graders who are helping Hassayampa students become better kids of character. LEAD Coyotes go with Ms. K-P to help teach Character Counts lessons.

LEAD Coyotes this quarter are helping:

Kindergarten: Bella Ernsberger, Danica Carlson, & Kira Harrington

1st Grade: Alexia Ruiz & Katie Chavarria

2nd Grade: Ricki Evans, Lane Haley, & Isabel Bowie

3rd Grade: Elena Dupont, Nathaly Galaz, & Jocelyn Oleson.



LEAD Coyotes version of the "Mannequin" pose!

Catching Kids of Character

In January, the theme for our Character Wall was New Year's! Each month, students bring home a letter to parents to explain good character. In January, there was a party hat on the back of the page. Parents and family did a great job of catching their children being kids of character. It was wonderful to get such positive feedback and participation.



In February, please look for the parent letter with the HEART on the back. The children LOVE seeing their names on the wall.

Kids of Character

Each quarter there is a drawing for students who earned golden tickets for being Kids of Character. Each grade level has a winner and this quarter, the Coyote Kids of Character winners enjoyed a tour and a spaghetti lunch at the Wickenburg Fire Station. The students even got to shoot the fire hose right from the truck! The winners were:

Kinder, Pablo Moralez

1st Grade, Kehlton Stander

2nd Grade, Criner Davis

3rd Grade, Marely Ruiz

4th Grade, Conner Yates

5th Grade, Jasmine Mora





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21st Century Community Learning Centers

We have started our third round of our 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) programming with over 200 students enrolled in at least one program before or after school. Of those students, **24** have completed their first 30 days!

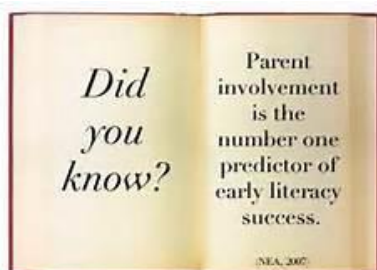
Bus Services: The 21st CCLC has been able to establish bus services to students who are in programs until 5:00. If transportation is a challenge for your family, please contact program coordinators to determine bus availability and bus stop locations.

Extended Studies

Each grade level offers weekly extended studies opportunities. Students meet with teachers after school on their designated days from 2:50-4:00 p.m. to work on their math and/or reading skills.



Under our Raising Expectations policy, students who are failing core classes or earn a Minimally Proficient on Galileo testing are **required** to attend tutoring. Other students may also be invited for additional assistance. If you feel that your child is struggling, please contact your child's teacher to identify options. Hassayampa offers a variety of supports for students. At this time, most programs are at capacity; however, your child can be added to the waiting list for 4th quarter programs. Also, summer school is a great option to continue learning.



APTT: First through fifth grade teachers facilitated their third parent meeting during the first week of the quarter. Parents learned more about grade level expectations and the assessments taken in December. Teachers appreciate the involvement of the families who were able to make it. Please continue to use the activities provided during the meetings at home as 3rd Quarter testing is approaching. Thank you for your support.

Let's not forget to mention that
Mrs. Macias was recently
recognized as the Educator of the
Year!

Only the best in WUSD!





21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS

HASSAYAMPA HEADQUARTERS

Day/Time	Programs for 3rd Quarter
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 Archery 4 th – 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	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
Friday – 12:15 – 4:00	K-5 th After School Program
Adult Program	
	Adult Family Classes available at WHS

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

A Corner of THANKS!

Wickenburg Fire Department

Thank you for hosting our Kids of Character Luncheon. Students LOVED the tour and the delicious spaghetti and meatballs!

Tax Credit Donations

Many parents, staff, and community members took advantage of the AZ tax credit and donated to Hassayampa Elementary School. Thank you for your support!



Just a few reminders:

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. To assist in having lost items returned, write your child's name on the tag.

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 WUSD and indicate your child's name and homeroom teacher in the memo.

Student Handbook: Families were provided a Parent-Student Handbook at the start of the school or when registering for school. It is important to review the contents of the handbook to ensure that you and your child are familiar with Hassayampa - [STUDENT HANDBOOK](#)

Transportation: Following the rules of the bus keeps everyone safe. Please visit the district website to learn more about bus expectations. [WUSD Transportation](#)

Festival Friday

Our next Festival Friday will be **March 10th** in the Hassayampa gym. We will be celebrating Italy which students have been studying. Come join us!



Box Tops Contest

We have just finished our fourth Box Tops contest. Our winners are Mrs. Shaw's class and Ms. Lanz's class, congratulations! They will soon get to enjoy a popcorn party! The next contest will begin soon so keep collecting!

Please visit www.boxtops4education.com to learn about other ways to earn money for Hassayampa.



Facebook

Have you checked us out on Facebook? We currently have 396! That's 28 more than last year! Tell a friend or other family members. Visit Hassayampa Elementary School on Facebook and "Like" our page to receive up-to-date information on what's happening at Hassayampa!



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:

We are over half way through the school year! Hassayampa teachers and staff and myself, know that the second semester is the big "push" to accomplish the year's goals. To be successful, our students, your children, need your support. Please stay abreast of your child's school work. Through ParentVUE, you can have your child's grades emailed to you weekly or you can login and get the details of your child's progress. Please contact the school office for your personal login information. This is, of course, in addition to communicating with your child's teacher. Also, make sure you encourage your child to read *daily*!

We are starting to prepare for 3rd – 8th grade AzMERIT. The staff and I have been working on becoming more familiar with the content of this test. Also, I have been working on a testing schedule to accommodate all three grade levels taking this test in an online setting (we are grateful to have two computer labs). A tentative test window has been set to start the second week of April. Please avoid scheduling dental visits or vacations during that time. On the state website, you will find additional information - <http://www.azed.gov/assessment/>. The state has recently added new parent resources. I highly recommend checking them out.

Also, if you'd like to hear more about it, please join me for Principal's Coffee on Wednesday, February 1.

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

