



COYOTE DEN

Hassayampa Elementary School
Parent - School Connection



Welcome to the new school year!

This is the first newsletter of the 2016-2017 school 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

August 8 – Open House – 3:00-6:00 p.m.
August 9 – First Day of School
– 8:30 a.m. - Boohoo Breakfast
August 11 – Governing Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
August 15 -18 – Benchmark Testing Week
August 29 – 21st CCLC Programs Begins
Sept. 5 – No School – Labor Day
Sept. 7 – Principal's Coffee @ 8:15
Sept. 7 – Site Council @ 3:00
Sept. 7 – Picture Day
Sept. 8 – Grandparents Luncheon
Sept. 14 & 15 – Academic Parent Teacher Team Mtgs
Sept. 26 – 30 – Benchmark Testing Week

Hassayampa Preschool is Officially Here!

Hassayampa is proud to offer an early childhood program for four and five year old children. The program is the perfect environment for children to learn, grow, and make friends as they participate in various activities such as arts and crafts, group games, creativity development, music and imaginative play. Visit the school website for additional information or call today to enroll your child!



Boohoo Breakfast

Please join us for our fifth annual Boohoo Breakfast! The first day of school can be an emotional event especially for that first day of Kindergarten. We have often debated as to whether it is more difficult on the child or the parent. In an effort to offer both comfort and camaraderie, Hassayampa hosts an annual Boohoo Breakfast. After students have made their way to the classrooms, kindergarten teachers will read a story to students and parents. After which, parents will come together in the cafeteria for breakfast and conversation. Please join us!

Open House / Registration

Please plan to attend our Registration/Open House the afternoon of **Monday, August 8th from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.** Open House will run slightly different than usual. Teachers will be facilitating informational presentations in their classrooms. Doors open at 3:00 p.m., and sessions will begin every 30 minutes. There will be 5 opportunities: **3:15, 3:45, 4:15, 4:45, and 5:15.** Between sessions, please visit our many community representatives: PTA, AYSO, Girl Scouts, The Elks, etc. Both transportation and cafeteria staff will be present to answer questions. Join us in the library to get information to sign up for Parent VUE; have your family picture taken; and learn about our upcoming bond election which is incredibly important to the health and safety of our students.

This event will give you the opportunity to tour the school and meet your child's teacher. What a great opportunity to gather information and ask questions before school begins in the morning!

Back in the Swing of Things

Coming to school every day and soaking up new information is hard work! Help your child get the most out of school by providing him or her with plenty of sleep, scheduled homework time, and breakfast every morning. Children thrive on routine and consistency. They need to know your expectations for behavior and the consequences they'll receive if they should happen to make a poor choice for themselves. Providing your child with structure at home will make it easier for them to adjust to structure at school!



School Hours

The first day of school is **Tuesday, August 9**. School **begins at 8:00 a.m.** Students are considered **tardy at 8:05 a.m.** It is important for students to be on time and ready for school each morning. In the morning, all students assemble in the cafeteria until 7:50 a.m., and then they will be dismissed to their classrooms. Please do not send students to school prior to 7:45 a.m. as there is no adult supervision at Hassayampa School until that time. Parents wishing to walk their children to class are welcome to do so. We ask that you wait until 7:45 a.m. to enter the classrooms. The doors between the office and the classrooms will remain closed until 7:45.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Dismissal begins at **2:35 p.m.** with the Kindergarten through 2nd grade students. Third grade through fifth grade will be dismissed at 2:40. Remember that **Friday dismissal is at noon!** If there are changes to your child's route home, please communicate the changes early in the day. Changes can be very confusing for students and for staff trying to keep track of many children. However, with good communication we can ensure that everyone gets to where they need to be.

Parent Pick-up and Drop-off

The student drop-off in the morning is the parking lot in front of the stairs to the school. Ms. Henneman is our morning greeter and looks forward to seeing you and your child. Ms. Henneman as well as other staff are not on duty until 7:45. Please do not drop your off until you see someone on duty. For longer stops, please park and walk your child to the sidewalk. Students are not permitted in the parking lot without an adult. For those times that you may need to be somewhere early, please make arrangements for your child to either ride the bus or be taken to school by someone else.

In the afternoon, parents may wait in line for your child to be sent to your car or park in the lot and wait for students at the gate. Again, students are not permitted in the parking lot unless escorted by an adult. Please do not call your child from the car as they will not be permitted to enter the lot. This is for your child's safety. Please follow the traffic flow through the parking lot and be courteous to drivers and pedestrians.

Festival Fridays

Each Friday students will study a country. Then once per quarter we will have a celebration of all we've learned about the country. In addition to studying four countries, students will also have a review of Character Counts during the first few weeks of school. For the remainder of the quarter, students will study Australia. Second quarter will focus on France. In second semester, students will first learn about Italy, and then take a journey to learn about Costa Rica. We are excited to learn more about these countries!



Walkers, Bike Riders, and Bus Riders

In-town students may walk to school if parents choose or use bus services. Students in grades 3-5 wishing to ride their bikes must obtain written parental permission and approval of the principal. Forms are available in the Hassayampa office. All walkers and bike riders are reminded to use crosswalks and other safety procedures (see Hassayampa Handbook for additional information – p. 17). Walkers and bike riders must enter from the front of Hassayampa the same as those who are dropped off by parents.

The school bus is a privilege. In order for students to be transported in a safe and orderly manner, bus drivers must adhere to all state and district standards. Our Transportation Director, Dave Jacobson, or other transportation representatives will be available to assist you with your transportation questions during Open House. Mr. Jacobson is also available by phone – 928-668-5342.

A Note for the Health Station

Parents must bring ALL student medicines to the Health Station. Parents are required to sign a consent form before medicine can be dispensed through the Health Station. Mrs. Blalock, our health aide, will be available on August 8th during the Open House to answer questions and provide forms as needed.

We strongly encourage students to wash their hands frequently! We teach the covering of mouth and nose for those with sneezes and coughs, and washing hands afterwards. We instruct students to throw used tissues in trash not to be laid on their desks. All staff have been trained to send any students displaying flu like symptoms to the health office ASAP! Students are not allowed back to school until they are fever or vomiting free for 24 hours.

Reading and Math Nook

Read

Let's start the year off right! Reading is a vital part of elementary school life. Reading is a part of life. **Build the love for reading in your child today!**

Accelerated Reader

Last school year, Hassayampa students did a LOT of reading. A few students read over a million words! Our top ten readers were recognized during the special assembly at the end of last year. You can see their names painted on the Million Word wall above the library doors.

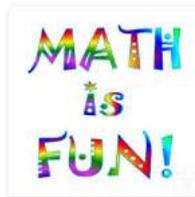
Please check out the Hassayampa school website to see a real-time display of how many AR books Hassayampa students have read this month!

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

"Move on When Reading"

Arizona Revised Statute 15-701 states that beginning this school year, 3rd graders who score **Minimally Proficient** on the **State Reading** test will be retained in 3rd grade. Parents of students in grades K-3 who are substantially deficient in reading will receive written notification each quarter. Parents will be informed if their child is deficient in reading as well provided information on how Hassayampa teachers are working with your child to get him/her up to level to pass the 3rd grade AZ Merit reading test. In addition, Hassayampa will provide parents with specific information on the deficient areas of reading along with strategies parents can use to help their child at home.

More information about this statute can be found at www.azed.gov/mowr/.



The Hassayampa Bike Giveaway!



Students have an opportunity to 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 within 10
- 2nd Grade** - addition & subtraction facts within 20
- 3rd Grade** - addition & subtraction facts and multiplication facts within 12
- 4th Grade** - addition, subtraction & multiplication facts and division facts within 12
- 5th Grade** - addition, subtraction, multiplication, & division facts and fractions/decimals/percents

The drawing for the bikes will take place in May during the annual Hassayampa Principal's Honors Assembly.

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

Raising Expectations Policy

Included in this mailing is a copy of the district's Raising Expectation Policy. This policy was enacted to focus attention on the value of academic achievement and to increase accountability. Please become familiar with the expectations of this policy. If you have any questions regarding these expectations, please schedule an appointment with your child's teacher or the principal.

DreamBox Learning Math

DreamBox Learning Math is our adaptive learning software for math. Please visit <http://www.dreambox.com/> to learn more about this program which provides individualized supports in math. You may also request login information from your child's teacher to learn more.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

I am so excited for this school year to begin! There are so many new and exciting things that will be happening here at Hassayampa and the Character Counts! program.

Character Counts! Our character is revealed by how we act when we think nobody is looking. During the first quarter, students will be learning about the 6 pillars of good character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. Character education is necessary to help children develop the tools and strategies they need to make moral choices that make them proud.

Our character program is three fold. First, the teachers at Hassayampa talk about the pillars of good character in their teaching. Daily announcements also contain character messages. Each month, teachers choose a student from their classroom who exemplifies a certain pillar. This month, the pillar focus is "caring". These students are showcased on the bulletin board by Ms. K-P's office.



The second part of the character program is the STUDENTS! Our students practice these pillars of good character daily. When a teacher sees exceptional character, the student is given a "golden ticket", to put on the tic-tac-toe board located in the front office. Pencils and bracelets are awarded for tic-tac-toe. All golden tickets are put into a quarterly drawing for more prizes.



The third and very important part of this program is YOU, the adult who your child lives with. Each month, your child will bring home a letter explaining the character pillars. Please, "catch your child being a kid of character" and fill out paper. When this is returned to school, it will be posted in the hallway by Ms. K-P's office. This month, your child was given a "pillar" to be filled out and returned.



Next month, please look for a conversation "bubble" to return. Please have that conversation, praise your child, and let them know how proud you are to be the adult in their life!

MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION: (contact MS K-P if any items are needed)

- We have free birthday bags available for families in need. This bag includes a cake mix, icing, and all you will need for a family party.
- School supplies
- Emergency clothing or shoes



Special THANK YOU!

A special thank you to our friends at Wickenburg Ranch. The Wickenburg Ranch **residents** and management donated 50 food boxes for families of WUSD in need this summer. Hassayampa was able to give 30 of these boxes to our students. We are truly grateful to all who donated.

If at any time I can be of help, please call or email. I will respond as soon as possible. 928-668-5309
dkeithprohl@wickenburg.k12.az.us

MS. K-P





Hassayampa Elementary School 21st Century Community Learning Centers

We are entering year two of our 21st Century Community Learning Centers programming! This grant will provide Hassayampa 5 years of funding (\$630,000) to implement after-school programs.

Both before and after school programs will be available. Power Hour starts at 7:00 a.m. this is a great option for families with parents who go to work very early. During Power Hour, students will receive homework assistance or will be able to log into their personalized learning environment on iReady and work toward math and reading goals. iReady is a highly rated and adaptive software – meaning that the program adjusts the level of instruction based upon the student’s responses and provides targeted intervention lessons.

The afterschool program goes until 5:00 pm. and offers modified bus services. Afterschool programs include extended learning opportunities in reading and math, as well as a variety of enrichment and youth development activities such as recreation, nutrition, hands-on science, Spanish, and more! These programs will allow students to grow academically, socially, and physically. Keep an eye out for program details and sign-up information which will be available after the start of the school year. Through partnerships with the Town of Wickenburg, Wickenburg Fire and Police Departments, Desert Caballeros Western Museum, the Az Game and Fish, the Univ. of Az SNAP-Ed Network, and the Wickenburg High School (current 21CCLC recipient), Hassayampa will be able to offer a rich variety of highly engaging programs.



In addition to student activities, the 21st CCLC program will offer a variety of family engagement opportunities. Family engagement activities will include Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT), English language programs, and other high interest events which will support parents so they can better assist their children’s learning and development. Our first APTT meetings will be scheduled in September. Kindergarten through second grade meetings are scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, September 14. Third through fifth grade meetings will be on the evening of Thursday, September 15. During these meetings, parents will receive information regarding grade level expectations and set personal learning goals for students. Please save the date on your calendars!



Invitations will be sent out after our Benchmark week. Programs will be up and running by August 29. Program start times will be posted on the school website. Keep an eye out for more information!

Please contact program coordinators with questions.

slanz@wickenburg.k12.az.us – Ms. Lanz

mknight@wickenburg.k12.az.us – Mr. Knight

General Mills Box Tops for Education Program

General Mills Box Tops for Education is a nationwide program that helps K-8 schools earn extra cash for items that are not covered by shrinking school budgets. With Box Tops for Education, our school can earn up to \$10,000 in cash for new playground equipment, library books, technology, art supplies, whatever our school needs most!

Box Tops for Education is the school project that's easy for everyone. All you have to do is clip and save Box Tops for our school. It's that EASY! There are more ways to earn money for Hassayampa. Please visit www.boxtops4education.com to learn about other ways to earn money for Hassayampa.

Box Tops

Hassayampa has an annual goal of **\$1,000.00**. Wouldn't it be great if we earned over \$2,000 this school year? We no longer have Target Red Card or eScrips as additional funding. Box Tops is our number one fundraiser!

Please help us out and continue to clip! Hopefully, during the summer, you continued to save Box Tops. Thank you for your support.

Start clipping those Box Tops, the first contest will start with school! We will have several contests throughout the year. Some friendly competition keeps the collecting interesting for students.

Note from the Principal:

Welcome back from a wonderful summer! Hopefully, you found plenty of time to have fun in the sun and enjoy some unstructured time with your families and friends.

The staff has rested and played as well this summer. With the various changes in education, many teachers also worked on curriculum, attended trainings, and read professional literature to prepare for the year ahead. We are looking forward to a fantastic school year.

I spent much of my summer searching for high quality teachers to add to our Hassayampa team. I am very pleased to welcome eleven (yes, you read that correctly) new staff members to the Hassayampa family: Mrs. Brown (3rd grade), Mrs. Bremser and Ms. Breckenridge (4th grade), Ms. Versetto (5th grade), Mrs. Boyle (music), Ms. Griswold (Title 1 Teacher), Mrs. J. Keith-Prohl (library), Ms. Bromm and Ms. Orlando (both Title 1 paraprofessionals). I also have two teachers who aren't new to the district, Ms. Smith (Special Education) and Ms. Henneman (Title 1 Teacher), both of whom have transferred from Festival Foothills. I am delighted to have all of them join our Hassayampa family. Please help welcome them and make them feel at home. It is certain to be an exciting year! We have great faculty at Hassayampa!

Please know that staff at Hassayampa work very hard, every day, to create a rigorous and challenging curriculum as well as a positive and welcoming school climate for students. We want to make strong connections with students, offer them an engaging curriculum, and help them develop and grow into responsible and respectful citizens. Not a day goes by when we are not reflecting on how we can improve as a school. With that said, please also know the great importance that you play in your role as the parent. You have the greatest impact on your child's school performance. As partners in your child's education, you will be doing your part to keep in-tune with everything going on at school and to get to know your child's teacher well.

I am excited about this new school year! I hope to see you at the many great events throughout the year. I look forward to working with you and your child as we start our new school year because together we make a difference.

Very truly yours,

Kindergarten Round-up

Each spring and July Hassayampa holds a Kindergarten Round-up. If you have a child who will be five next September 1st, please mark your calendar now for April!

Facebook

Just four years ago we were hoping to get 100 likes. We have surpassed that goal and currently have **379!** Please continue to visit Hassayampa Elementary School on Facebook and tell your friends and family. Once you "Like" our page, you will receive up-to-date information on what's happening at Hassayampa!

Let's make sure that Hassayampa gets a share!



Mrs. Hershkowitz