



COYOTE DEN

Hassayampa Elementary School
Parent - School Connection



Ready for October!

As we near the end of our first quarter of school, we welcome October and hope for some cooler temperatures. October is packed full of events! Our first Festival Friday of the year, Safety Day, Academic Parent-Teacher Team meetings and conferences are scheduled, our fall book fair, and our traditional costume walk is held! This *Coyote Den* can be 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

Oct. 5 – Principal's Coffee
Site Council @ 3:00
Oct 4-5 – Health Safari
Oct. 6 – PTA Mtg – Board Room – 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 6 – Governing Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 7 – Safety Day and End of First Quarter
Oct. 10 - 14 - Fall Break - No School
Oct. 17-21 - Character Counts Week
Oct. 19 – K-2 Parent Meeting (APTT)
Oct. 20 – 3-5 Parent Meeting (APTT)
Oct 21 - Parent/Teacher Conferences APTT
Oct. 21 – Honors Assembly
Oct. 31 – Nov 4 – Scholastic Book Fair
Oct 28 - Halloween Costume Walk
Oct. 25 – Picture Retakes

PTA Membership Drive in Full Swing!

You are invited to join the Wickenburg PTA! Wickenburg schools PTA has started their annual membership drive. Flyers were sent home last month. Your membership helps support PTA's many projects such as school pictures, the Scholastic Book Fair, and special programs. Basic membership is \$20.00 per person. Members who are able to assist with special school events may join for only \$10! We encourage everyone who cares about and supports the students in our two elementary schools to join the Wickenburg PTA. If you have more than one child attending Hassayampa and Vulture Peak Middle School, your membership will be credited to all of them.

PTA held a membership contest is extended through Fall Break. Currently, there is a tie among Kinder, First and third grade. The grade level with the highest membership will be awarded an ice cream party. The winner will be announced after break.

Academic Parent Teacher Team

Come join us for a great opportunity to better understand the expectations of your child's education! You will receive your child's beginning of the year test results, an explanation of the essential standards for the grade level, and your child's progress report.

October 19 – Kindergarten -2nd grade @ 5:30 p.m.

October 20 – 3rd -5th @ 5:30 p.m.

Principal's Coffee

Our next Principal's Coffee is scheduled for Wednesday, **October 5**. Please join the principal for an informal gathering over coffee. During this time, we will discuss hot topics impacting Hassayampa.



Festival Friday

Our first Festival Friday was an AWESOME event! Students learned a bit about Australia. The celebration was held on Friday, September 30th in the Hassayampa gym. Our next Festival is in December. Please come join us! The program for grades K-2 will start at 8:30 a.m. and 3-5 will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Parent / Teacher Conferences

Parent / Teacher Conferences are an essential component to building the working relationship between parents and teachers. Conferences will occur October 21 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. Additional individual conferences will be held the following week as needed. Conference notices will be sent home the week before Fall Break. Please be watching for these notices and plan on attending your child's conference.

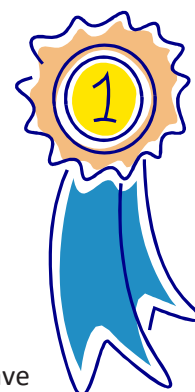
Title One Open House

Parents and guardians are invited to attend the Title One Open House on October 19 and 20 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Title 1 teachers will be available before and after the APTT meetings.

The Title One teachers are looking forward to meeting parents and sharing ideas that parents can use at home to help their children succeed. During the Open House, Mrs. Henneman will be in room 124 and Ms. Griswold in room 217. We hope to see you there!

Honors Celebration!

Mark your calendars! On October 21, we will celebrate our students' accomplishments for the first quarter. Grades K-2 Honors assembly will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 3-5 will be held at 9:30 a.m. Both assemblies will take place in the gym. Grades K-2 will receive awards for Perfect Attendance and other grade level honors. For grades 3-5, Principal's Honor Roll, Hassayampa Honor Roll, and Perfect Attendance will be celebrated. So, pack up the whole family, and come on down to join us!



Fall Book Fair!

Help us connect your kids with books they want to read! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school library on October 31st through November 4. Every student will have an opportunity to shop during their scheduled library time.

You can also shop at the online book fair. All online orders will be shipped to our school FREE OF CHARGE and delivered to the student named in the order.

OPENINGS at the Hassayampa Preschool!

Hassayampa offers 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!



HB 2732 "Move on When Reading"

In May 2010, voters passed Proposition 100. Part of the proposition was a requirement that all third graders in the school year 2013-14 will be required to pass the AIMS reading test in order to be promoted to the next grade level. Parents of students in grades K-2 who are substantially deficient in reading will receive written notification each quarter. It is our hope to help parents know if their child is substantially deficient in reading.



Also, it is our intent to provide information on how Hassayampa teachers are working with your children to get them up to level to pass the 3rd grade AzMERIT 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. To learn more about your child's progress, please attend our APTT meeting schedule October 19 and 20 and contact your child's teacher. Together, we can achieve success for your child!

Raising Expectations Policy

Our 21st CCLC program supports our Raising Expectations policy. Students identified as having academic deficits attend before/ after school programs for support.

Along with offering support, we will also celebrate accomplishments of students. Therefore, during the Honors Assembly, Hassayampa will be celebrating students who demonstrated proficiency of the Arizona standards on AzMERIT last spring.



HASSAYAMPA ART WITH MRS. MACIAS

Costume Walk

On October 28, Hassayampa will hold the annual Costume Walk. Students and staff will dress up and parade through the building and into the gym. When putting your costumes together, please remember to follow the school rules: no makeup, no weapons. Also, don't wear your costume to school; you will have an opportunity to change clothes before the walk.

Did you know that Mrs. Hershkowitz's favorite costumes aren't the scary ones? She loves the great character ones and the clever ones. She is excited to see them all!

At 9:00, K-2 will gather in the gym to have some musical fun – a little monster mash.

At 9:45, 3-5 will walk the K-2 hallways and enter the gym for musical fun as well as costume judging.

**We Are Listening Tour 2016**

State Superintendent Diane Douglas will be at Hassayampa school on **October 5 at 6:30.**

Please come to ask questions regarding education in Arizona.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Wow! It is October already! October has two very special celebrations! CHARACTER COUNTS! Week is October 17-21. Student will be doing different activities that are related to the character pillars all week long.

- On Monday, please wear the color **BLUE** for TRUSTWORTHINESS
- On Tuesday, please wear the color **YELLOW** for RESPECT
- On Wednesday, Please wear **ORANGE** for FAIRNESS
- On Thursday, Please wear **RED** for CARING
- On Friday, please wear PURPLE or **GREEN** for RESPONSIBILITY and CITIZENSHIP



The week of October 24-28 is dedicated to Red Ribbon Week. During Red Ribbon Week, students will learn about drugs and different strategies on saying "No!" The Red Ribbon theme this year is "RESPECT yourself! Be drug free". This certainly fits in well with our Character Counts messages.

This month I am asking parents to "catch" their children being good kids of character and fill out a paper "ribbon" in honor of Red Ribbon Week! You should have already received this in your child's newsletter.

Last month, the 4th graders won the competition for the most "conversation bubbles" returned!



Upcoming Event Dates

If you would like your children to be included in either or both of these activities, please call or send a note to Ms. K-P.

◦ Turkeys -n- Tables

On November 17, join us for a resource fair including free family holiday pictures! If your family is in need of a Thanksgiving turkey, please contact Ms. K-P.

◦ Wrangler Wishes

This is our district's own program that is similar to the Christmas Angel program at the mall. If your child needs assistance this holiday season, please let Ms. K-P know by Fall Break so that we can make sure we get them on the tree. It's completely anonymous.



- Ms. K-P does have Halloween costumes to loan if your child needs one for the Costume Walk!
- Ms. K-P does have "Birthday Bags" available for those who would like to have a family birthday party. These bags are just perfect for a family to make their own party.

One final word, food boxes/bags are available. Food boxes/ bags can be picked up from Wickenburg High School on Mondays, from Hassayampa Elementary School on Fridays, from the Wickenburg CAP office the last Tuesday of the month and throughout the year as requested. If you are in need of a food bag for your child, please call or visit with Ms. K-P. The local firefighters work very hard to help supply

food each weekend for Hassayampa students. Thank you firefighters!



MS. K-P



Hassayampa Elementary School

21st Century Community Learning Centers

Thank you: We would like to give a thank you to everyone involved in our after school programs. We had an amazing first quarter of programs.

2nd Quarter: All programs end October 7th. Forms for 2nd Quarter will be sent out Monday, October 3rd. Please contact your classroom teacher if you would like your student to be invited to any after school program. Please remember space is limited.

Friday After-school Program: We have partnered with Cops Who Care for our Friday After-school Program. We have officers coming in every other week to talk students about various topics. So far they have talked to students about the life of an officer, and drugs and alcohol. We are hoping to grow a relationship between the officers and the students.



Coyote Chorus: Coyote Chorus did an amazing job on their first Festival Friday! They performed music from Australia as well as a pop hit. They were awesome! We are very excited to hear from them again.



APTT: Academic Parent Teacher Team meetings will be held for K-2 on **October 19th** and 3-5 on **October 20th** at **5:30**. Teachers and parents will work with students on creating attainable academic goals. Teachers will go review Quarter 1 grades and benchmark scores. This is an amazing opportunity to build relationships and create a partnership with all involved. Report cards from Quarter 1 will be shared at this time. If you are unable to attend, please schedule an individual conference with your classroom teacher.



21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS

HASSAYAMPA HEADQUARTERS

Day/Time	Programs for 2nd 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	3 rd – 5 th Grade Fitness Wonders 2 nd Grade Brainiacs
Tuesday – 2:50 – 3:50	4 th & 5 th Grade Tutoring/Study Hour K – 1 st Stay and Play Awesome Attendance
Tuesday – 4:00 – 5:00	4 th Grade Science League 3 rd – 5 th Spanish
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 (Gifted)
Thursday – 4:00 – 5:00	2 nd Grade Mad Science 3 rd – 5 th Newspaper Club
Friday – 12:15 – 4:00	K – 5 th After School Program
Adult Program	
Tuesday/Thursday – 4:15 – 5:15	Parent Fitness

Hassayampa Site Council

Last month, the Hassayampa Site Council had their first meeting of the year. This year's members are Mrs. Moralez, Mrs. Bowers, Mrs. Monesmith, Ms. Cleys, and Mrs. Hershkowitz.

Agenda items discussed included Council's Bylaws, approval of Tax Credit funding, PTA membership drive, and Title I updates. For a full agenda or minutes, please visit the Hassayampa office. You are always welcome to join us. If you would like to become an official member, please visit the school website for an application. Our next meeting is October 5 at 3:00 p.m.

Smile Again, Please!

Hair was neatly combed or brushed, everyone was dressed with special care and smiles were abundant, it was Picture Day at Hassayampa! All students had their picture taken in September and anyone absent on that day or who are not satisfied with their pictures can have retakes on October 25.



Thank you to the PTA Moms who helped out by touching up hair and straightening collars. All profits from the pictures are used at Hassayampa for the benefit of students.

Health Safari

On November 4th and 5th, Hassayampa will hold its annual Health Safari. Students will have their height and weight measured; hearing, and vision checked. In order to make the most of this opportunity, parent volunteers are needed. Please contact Mrs. Blalock, our school health aide, at 684-6750.

Grandparents

Thank you for joining us in September for lunch! We had more than 130 visitors. We hope to see you again soon!

Synergy

Teachers are using the new Synergy gradebook to calculate students' grades electronically. Synergy is the new student management system used by the Wickenburg Unified School District to keep student information, like attendance. One component of Synergy is the teacher gradebook. There are many advantages to using an electronic grade book. Teachers have access to information about their students' assignments, missing assignments, grades, class averages, and up-to-date grades.

The use of Synergy also allows information to be shared with parents through ParentVUE. With a user ID and password, parents can have the ability to see their child's grade for each subject, missing assignments, and grade for a particular assignment plus many other things. You can have this information automatically e-mailed to you on a weekly basis. This system can help a parent know how their child is doing in school and this can be done from your computer at home or work via the internet. When you come for parent-teacher conferences or any time, please stop by the front office for assistance in getting more information on this useful tool.



A Note from our Health Aide

To help prevent the spread of lice, here are some steps you can take:

- Avoid direct head-to-head contact with anyone known to have live, crawling lice.
- Do not share hair-related personal items.
- Avoid sleepovers and slumber parties during lice outbreaks.
- After finishing treatment with lice medicine, check everyone in your family for lice after one week. Be sure to talk to your healthcare provider about treatments for those who have lice.
- Machine-wash any bedding and clothing used by anyone having lice.

Box Tops Contest

Start clipping those Box Tops, the next contest will begin after break! The winning classrooms of our first contests will be announced when we return from Fall Break.

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.



Facebook

Have you checked us out on Facebook yet? 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!

Amazon Smile



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

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Note from the Principal:

It is difficult to believe that we are nearly at the close of the first quarter of school! Although it seems like school just began, we have already accomplished so much. While visiting classrooms, I have been impressed by the material being presented to our Hassayampa students. Our students are actively involved in their learning. I see high levels of student participation and an energy level that makes learning exciting!

As you know, as of September 19, we have had quite the construction project in our parking lot area. Although the parking lot wasn't expected to be closed, it has been determined to be necessary. It will be closed starting Wednesday, October 5th through Fall Break.

Drop-off & pick-up by car will continue to be on Tegner St., behind the WEC (round gym). Staff will be on duty for students to enter through the back gate. For their safety, students are not be permitted to cross the street at any other point along Tegner. For the safety of all students, please adhere to the suggested flow of traffic. School starts at **8:00** and **the gate will close at 8:00**, you will need to park in the Town Lot and walk your child into school using the front entrance. School dismisses at 2:35. Please plan to **pick up by 2:45**. At that time, the gates will be closed and students will be brought to the front office.

If you would like to **park**, please use the **town parking lot** on Valentine/Coconino Street then walk your child to the school entrance. At this time, the afterschool program (4:00 or 5:00 p.m.) as well as Power Hour (7:00 a.m.) will use the corner of the front entrance for pick-up and drop-off. A staff member will walk students to the corner to be picked up. If you are late, you will need to park in the Town Lot and walk to the school office. Fortunately, this will be for only three days.

Once again, the construction project is expected to go through Fall Break, but the end result for temporary inconvenience will be a newly surfaced parking lot with a safer entry for students, buses, and emergency vehicles. Additionally, the flooding issues will be alleviated which makes everybody safer. I appreciate your patience during this process.

I enjoyed our first Festival Friday, and hope that you were able to join the fun! There are many great events occurring in October. Please review the calendar of events closely and add the information to your family calendar. I would love to have you join us!

Best regards,

Mrs. Hershkowitz

