

A Note from the Health Station

It is soon to be cold and flu season, so please remember that ALL cough drops and cold medicines need to be sent to the Health Station along with a signed note, which includes the child's name and written instructions. All medicine can be kept in the Health Station until the end of the school year.

Recommendations for the season:

- Dress appropriately for the weather.
- Get plenty of rest.
- Cover your cough.
- Wash your hands.
- Get the flu shot.



Spelling Bee



In years past, the third grade has held a spelling bee at the end of the school year. This year we have expanded the tradition to include 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. With the support of our PTA and 21st Century Realty, we will host a school level spelling bee where we will identify classroom winners to participate in a district-wide spelling bee and, perhaps, the regional and state spelling bees! Join us on **December 15 at 12:30 p.m.** to silently cheer on classroom spellers!

Cowboy Poetry Contest



Each December, the Wickenburg Chamber of Commerce hosts the Cowboy Christmas Poetry Gathering which has become a very popular event for both the community and cowboy wordsmiths from around the west. Again this year, some of our fourth and fifth graders along with other students in neighboring schools had the opportunity to show their creativity and participate in this poetry event. Students are given the opportunity to create poetry with a western theme. Hassayampa students visited the museum to listen and be inspired by real cowboy poets. Several top student poems were submitted for judging by the Chamber's Poetry Committee. In November, the committee selected winners. Congratulations to Jocelyn Olesen

for winning second place in the Elementary Division!

These students have been invited to read their poems during the Cowboy Christmas Poetry Gathering on **Saturday, December 3** at the Desert Caballeros Western Museum.

Just a few reminders:

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.

Dress for the Weather: The weather has been incredible; however, mornings at Hassayampa are chilly! Please make sure you send your child in clothes that fit the temps. Also, it is highly recommended that you put your child's name on the inside of coats and sweatshirts.

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.

Math and Reading Nook

Mid-year benchmark testing is here! It is scheduled for the weeks of November 30 through December 15. Talk to your child's teacher for specific classroom testing dates. During benchmark testing, students will be assessed in both math and reading skills. A variety of assessment will provide teachers specific information on how individual students are progressing as well as how the entire grade level and school is doing.



"Move on When Reading"

Parents of students in grades K-3 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 their child to get them up to level to pass the 3rd grade state 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.



Math Fact Fluency Goals

- Kinder** - Count and identify #'s to 100
- 1st Grade** - addition & subtraction facts to 10
- 2nd Grade** - addition & subtraction facts
- 3rd Grade** – addition, subtraction, & multiplication facts
- 4th Grade** - addition, subtraction, multiplication facts and division facts
- 5th Grade** – multiplication & division facts & percentage/fractions/decimals conversions

AZMERIT – New State Assessment

Wickenburg students in Grades 3 through high school will took the AzMERIT in English Language Arts and Mathematics last spring.

You may find additional information on ADE's website at www.azed.gov/AzMERIT.

To ensure your child is able to do his/her best, there are some simple things you can do to help.

- * Make sure your child practices math and reading fluency measures daily.
- * Encourage your child to read daily!
 - If you get a new family game, let your child read the instructions to everyone that participates.
 - Your child can also read the holiday cards to the family.
 - Are you traveling over the winter break? This is a great time to read and discuss new books.
 - Christmas is a great time to explore other cultures. Spend some time reading books about traditions in other countries and cultures.
 - Search for and begin a new tradition in your family. Books are a great resource.
 - Reading doesn't always have to include books. Try the internet for limitless research. Remember to sit with your child to help them search safely.
- * Make sure your child gets plenty of rest and a good nutritious breakfast all week.
- * Communicate regularly with your child's teacher.
- * If you have any questions about the mid-year expectations, you can contact your child's teacher or Ms. Henneman or Ms. Griswold.

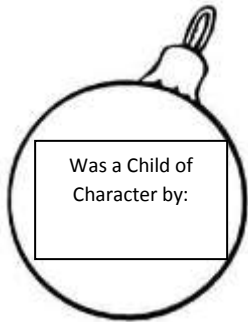
This is a busy time of year, but also a great time to spend quality time with your child.

DreamBox Learning Math

DreamBox Learning Math is one of our adaptive learning software programs 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

December is the Character Counts month of Caring! Throughout the month, the 4th grade students are being challenged to perform random acts of kindness. They are having specific lessons concerning kindness and are also journaling.



Did you receive a letter from Ms. K-P explaining how you can help with the Character Counts Program? Don't forget to fill out your child's ornament and send it in to be hung on their grade level tree. Please try to catch your child being a kid of character!

See how the turkeys from the November Character counts turned out! Pretty awesome! We also had "adults of character"! The LEAD Coyotes caught all the adults showing character and wrote about them!

In November, our month of citizenship, Hassayampa collected over **347** pounds in donations for our Food and Supplies Drive! What a tremendous effort by everyone! Mrs. Ellis' classroom came in 3rd place by bringing in 46 pounds. In 2nd place, Mrs. Brown's class brought in 68 pounds worth of donations. Our 1st place was Ms. Versetto's class! Their classroom alone brought in **112** pounds of food and supplies! Ms. Versetto's class will celebrate with a pizza party. Congratulations to these classrooms and thank you again for all the community support received. All proceeds benefited the Wickenburg CAP Office.



December is a good month to help children focus on being "kind" to others. It is important for children to know that "kindness counts" no matter how small the act. Therefore, December is a good month to talk with your children about bullying or being bullied. Our school district believes that it is the right of every student to be educated in a positive, safe, caring and respectful learning environment, and bullying in any form will not be tolerated.

The 4th grade classes are working hard on doing Random Acts of Kindness. 4th grade is exploring kindness through 8 different lessons. Parents, have you witnessed any Random Acts of Kindness at home?



Turkeys and Tables was a huge success! The Arizona Science Center joined the fun to make it extra exciting for students! There were lots of activities for everyone.

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

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MS. K-P





Hassayampa Elementary School

21st Century Community Learning Centers

We are half way through our 2nd quarter of after school programs. Thank you to everyone who helps us run smoothly. Please remember the last day of the program is Friday, December 16th. We will be sending out invitations for quarter 3 soon.



Science League: Mrs. Healy and her Science League had a blast using vinegar and baking soda to launch rockets. Mrs. Healy has done an amazing job of integrating 2nd and 4th grade science standards into a fun and engaging science club. The students get a chance to incorporate what they learn in class, and apply to a fun activity.



LEAD Coyotes: The 5th grade LEAD Coyotes have done an amazing job at displaying good character in the school. They have made several presentations in various classrooms about the danger of peer pressure, and how to say no. Their talks include games, dramas, and a Q and A.

Calendar: Here are the remaining dates for quarter 2 after school programs.

December 5th-9th December 12th-16th

APTT: We will be hosting our 3rd APTT meeting in January. K-2 will meet on **January 11th**, and 3-5 on **January 12th**. During this time, we will review test scores, pass out 1ST Semester report cards, and work together to create attainable goals. The afternoon of Friday, January 13th is available for individual conferences with you as needed if you cannot attend our meeting.

Thank you! The 21st Century coordinators would like to give a shout out to our cafeteria and transportation staff for helping our program run smoothly. We would also like to thank all the teachers who help make these programs happen as well as our partners Cops who Care who come in on Fridays to build relationships with our students.

Quarter 3 programs will begin January 17th.

NO FRIDAY AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM ON DECEMBER 2ND.



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 3 rd – 5 th Dark Knights
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
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

Please contact your child’s teacher if you are not sure which days your child should be staying after school.

Many thanks to the WCO for supporting our trip to the Welcome to the Jazz Cabaret at the Webb Center!

Hassayampa Science and Art Night

Don't miss out on one of our most popular parent events! Science & Art Night is scheduled on Thursday, **January 26 from 6-7:15 p.m.** In the cafeteria, grade levels will have science displays of what students have been working on in class. Mrs. Macias will display student art work *within the hallways* of Hassayampa. It will be quite a colorful display of talent!



This is a great night for the family to enjoy the hard work our Hassayampa students.

We hope to see you there!



Book Fair!

It's nearly time for the Book Fair! Starting the week of January 23, every student will have an opportunity to shop during their scheduled library time. Also, students will be able to shop before school from 7:30 to 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Additionally, parents will have the opportunity to shop during our Science & Art Night on Thursday, January 26 at 6 p.m. Information on how parents and students can make a wish list by visiting the book fair website will sent home in January.



Once the website link is available, purchases may be completed from the book fair website, click on the blue button to access the online book fair. It will be available BEFORE and AFTER the in-school fair. From here, you may order the same books that you can at the in-school fair. All books ordered online will be shipped to the school free of charge and delivered to the student named in the order.

What's happening in January?



Honors Celebration!

On **January 20**, we will celebrate our students' accomplishments for the second quarter. The **K-2 Honor's** assembly will be held at **8:30 a.m.** and grades **3-5** will be held at **9:30 a.m.** Grades K-2 will receive awards for Perfect Attendance, and other grade level honors. Grades 3-5 will receive recognition for Principal's Honor Roll, Hassayampa Honor Roll, and Perfect Attendance. Special recognition will be also be given to students who achieved Exceeds on the on Galileo in December. So, pack up the whole family, and come on down to join us!

APTT / Parent-Teacher Conferences

Our Academic Parent Teacher Team meetings continue into the New Year! Please mark your calendars for **January 11th for K-2 and January 12th for 3-5.**

These meetings offer us a great opportunity to build partnerships with parents. Parents will receive their child's report cards as well as other grade level data. In addition to these group meetings, parents will have opportunities to schedule traditional, individual conferences.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Now accepting new students for the second semester.

Will your child be 4 by September 1, 2017? Space available for 3 and 4 year olds.

Please call the Hassayampa Office or visit the school website for more information.

Programs being January 9.



Wickenburg Unified School District -Tax Credit Program

Arizona Revised Statute (A.R.S.) 43-1089.01 allows individual taxpayers to receive a tax credit up to \$400.00 (joint return) for payment to a fund set aside for extra curricular activities fees. Generally, any educational or recreational activity that is a supplement to the educational program of the school is considered to be an extra curricular activity. This is a dollar for dollar tax credit. It allows you, the taxpayer, to decide where you would like to put up to \$400.00 of your tax dollars to work. When it comes time to fill out your tax forms, you will receive a tax credit for up to \$400.00. It is a win-win situation for yourself and the school activities you support with your tax dollars. You do not have to have a child in school so grandparents or anyone can also take advantage of this tax credit.

Questions and Answers:

What public schools and grades are eligible for the credit?

Public schools that provide instruction in grades kindergarten through 12 are eligible for the credit. What is a fee paid for the support of extra curricular activities? A fee is a dollar amount paid to a public school for the support of extra curricular activities.

What are extra curricular activities?

Extra curricular activities means school sponsored activities that require enrolled students to pay a fee in order to participate. Such activities may include, but are not limited to use of band uniforms, use of equipment or uniforms for athletics, or use of scientific laboratory equipment or materials. Any educational /recreational activities that supplement the educational program of the school.

If a school establishes a fund to pay for extra curricular activities, would a payment to this fund qualify for a tax credit?

Yes, the credit is authorized for fees paid by any taxpayer to a public school for the support of extracurricular activities.

Must a taxpayer have a child enrolled in order to claim the tax credit?

No, a taxpayer is any person subject to tax.

What is the Claim limit for a married couple?

The credit claimed by married couples filing a joint return is limited to a maximum of **\$400.00**. Married couples filing separate tax returns can claim only one-half of the allowable credit on each return.

What kind of receipt will I receive for my tax return?

The school will issue a receipt that includes the school name, district number, taxpayer name, social security number, amount paid, date paid and description of the activity for which the fee was paid.

At Hassayampa Elementary, we currently have several extra curricular activities that we charge a fee. Our approved extra curricular activities are:

- Science Camp for 5th graders,
- Field Trips,
- Character Education,
- Coyote Chorus, Archery, Literacy, and Art Clubs
- Friday Afternoon Program.

You may also choose "**No Preference**". Money in these accounts is discussed during Site Council meetings to determine the extracurricular activity with the greatest need.

Your tax credit donation will be used to provide children the opportunity to participate and also provide supplies, guest speakers, and field trips. If you would like to make a tax credit donation to any of these activities, fill out the enclosed form and send it along with your check to school. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 684-6750 for more information.

Box Tops Contest

We've just completed our third Box Tops contest. The winner of this contest is Ms. Cleys class – two years in a row! The winning class gets to pick two school spirit days! Some friendly competition keeps the collecting interesting for students. Our next contest winners will get a class popcorn party.

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! Wouldn't it be great if we earned over \$2,000 this year?

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? Our new goal is to get 400 "likes" by the end of the school year. We currently have **392!**

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

Getting ready for holiday shopping? Are you an Amazon shopper? Please use Amazon Smile to help raise additional funds for Hassayampa. It's a simple way to support our school



[Amazon Smiles for Hassayampa](#)

PIZZA PIZZA!

The Wickenburg PTA is hosting a fund raiser in partnership with Little Caesars Pizza. Flyers have been sent home.



Just in time for APPT, P/T Conferences, NFL Playoffs, and Super Bowl parties - Pizza Kit delivery is **January 10, 2017** from 4-5 p.m. in Hassayampa Parking Lot.

Note from the Principal:

As we near the end of this first semester of school, I'd like to take a moment to think of all the wonderful, educational experiences our students have had so far. Students have been working hard on the basics of math fact fluency and abc's. Students have been writing poetry, studying France, and what it means to be a kid of character. Students have been collecting Box Tops for Education and participating in a food drive to demonstrate citizenship in the community. This is a time for us to reflect on the things for which we are thankful. As a school, we have been fortunate to have the support of many parental volunteers as well as community support.

We are so excited to have our new parking lot! I am almost sad to report that there is no more Lake Hassayampa... not really sad. With the past two storms that have come through, it has proven to be flood resistant! We are fortunate to have a great partnership with the Town of Wickenburg and support from the WUSD School Board and Dr. Carlson. Together, they made this all possible. Thank you!



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

