



# COYOTE DEN

Hassayampa Elementary School  
Parent - School Connection



## Hello September!

The school year is moving right along! 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](http://www.hassayampa.wickenburgschools.org), and “like” us on our school Facebook page.

### Calendar of Events

Sept. 5 – No School – Labor Day  
Sept. 7 – Principal's Coffee @ 8:15  
Sept. 7 – Picture Day  
Sept. 7 – Site Council  
Sept. 8 – Grandparents Luncheon  
Sept. 8 - Governing Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.  
Sept. 14 – K-2 Academic Parent Teacher meeting  
Sept. 15 – 3-5 Academic Parent Teacher meeting  
Sept. 22 - PTA Mtg. @ Board Room - 5:00 p.m.  
Week of Sept. 26 - Benchmarking Gr. 1-5

Oct. 5 – Principal's Coffee  
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 20 & 21 - Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Oct. 21 – Honors Assembly  
Oct 28 - Halloween Costume Walk

### Great Start to a New School Year!

This is the fifteenth year for Hassayampa Elementary School. This year Hassayampa staff has an attitude of excellence. This attitude is our focus in everything we do: it's how we treat each other; it's how we treat our students; it's what we expect from each other; and it's what we expect from students. As we continue to strive for excellence, the Hassayampa staff is expecting an absolutely excellent year!

The first four weeks of school have gone well. Returning students helped assist new students in finding their way. As is typical, many older brothers and sisters guided the way for their younger siblings. Fifth graders took on the responsibility of assisting the kindergarten and first graders with dismissal. The K-1 teachers really appreciate having the extra set of eyes on these little ones!

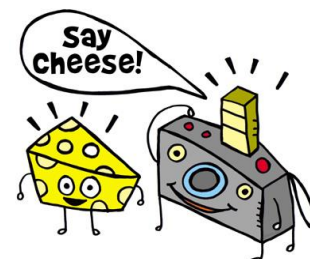
Overall, students and staff did an excellent job!

### Say, Cheese!

Fall Picture Day is **September 7**. All pictures are on a prepay basis. Students will have their individual and class picture taken. Photographers from Lifetouch will be in the library snapping pictures most of the morning. The photographer will be available to take Pre-school children's pictures. Call the school office for available times. Please come to the office and sign in, staff will direct you to the library.

### Principal's Coffee

Our next Principal's Coffee is scheduled for Wednesday, **September 7**. Please join the principal for an informal gathering over coffee. During this time, we will discuss hot topics impacting Hassayampa.



## 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.



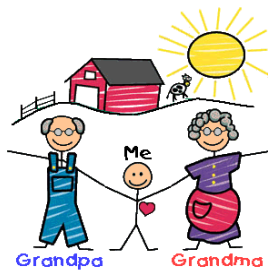
## Calling All Grandparents!

The cafeteria is celebrating Grandparents' Day on **Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**. If your child's Grandparents can join us for lunch in the cafeteria, please let your child's teacher know by September 6<sup>th</sup> so we have an accurate count for lunch on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Adult lunch price is \$3.00.** Please be sure to sign in at the office as a visitor and the office staff will direct you from there.

### Hassayampa School Lunch Times

- 10:45 - Kindergarten
- 11:05 - First Grade
- 11:25 - Second Grade
- 11:10 - Third Grade
- 11:30 - Fourth Grade
- 11:45 - Fifth Grade



This is a busy day for us! Please make sure you RSVP and come 5 minutes early.

## Site Council

Our first Site Council meeting for the 2016-17 school year is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7 at 3:00p.m. If you would like to be a part of the council, please visit the school website: [Site Council](#). You will find membership application information as well as meeting agenda notices.

## AIMS Scores Released

Last spring, students in grades 3-5 were tested with AzMERIT. The assessment is a standards-based assessment in English Language Arts which includes reading, writing, reading, and math. Results were mailed home in July. Parent resources are available on the Arizona Department of Education website.

<http://www.azed.gov/assessment/azmeritsupportmaterials/>

Throughout the year, we will focus on improving instruction and student understanding. Our time spent in implementing Eureka Math should pay off with an increase in student success. Additionally, we have identified time in the schedule for teachers to provide more writing instruction. Keyboard Navigation is one technical item for us to focus upon during the school year as well. Computer time will be allotted during library time.

## NCLB Parents' Right to Know

As a parent of a student in the Wickenburg Unified School District #9, under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001, you have a right to know the professional qualifications of the teachers who instruct your child. The No Child Left Behind Act gives you the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

- Whether the State of Arizona has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subject he or she teaches.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency permit or other provisional status by which state licensing criteria have been waived.
- The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
- Whether any instructional aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please contact the Hassayampa School Office at (928) 684-6750.

# School Hours

Students may arrive at school as early as **7:45 a.m.** Parents wishing to walk their children to class are welcome to do so. At 7:45 parents may enter the main building and take children to classrooms. The doors between the office and the classrooms will remain closed until 7:45. Thank you for your cooperation! Classroom instruction **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. **If your child will be eating breakfast at school, please ensure that they arrive in time to get breakfast, eat, and make it to class.**

# 7:45

Dismissal begins at **2:35 p.m.** with the Kindergarten through 2nd grade students. Third grade through fifth grade are 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.

# a.m.

## 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 child 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. If you are in line waiting to pick up your child, do not leave your vehicle. Remain with your car and we will send your child to you.

## Walkers and Bike Riders

In-town students may walk to school if parents choose. 3-5 students 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 back entrance to Hassayampa is not an entry for walkers and bike riders.

## A Note from the Health Station



Please remember that **ALL** medicines need to be brought to the Health Station by the student’s parent. Parents are required to sign a consent form before medicine can be dispensed through the Health Station. Please also understand that leftover medicine must be picked up by the parent as well; students may **NOT** take medicine home with them.

## 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.

**September 14 – Kindergarten -2<sup>nd</sup> grade @ 5:30 p.m.**

**September 15 – 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 p.m.**

## PTA Membership Drive

You are invited to join the Wickenburg PTA! Wickenburg School’s PTA has started their annual membership drive. Your membership supports PTA’s many special projects. 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 supports our schools to join the Wickenburg PTA. If you have children attending both Hassayampa and Vulture Peak Middle School, your membership will be credited to each child. To make things a little competitive, PTA is holding their annual membership contest. The grade level with the highest membership at either of the two schools will be awarded an ice cream party. The membership contest will end October 7. **Join today!**

You can visit the Wickenburg PTA on Facebook to learn more about their projects and activities.

## Reading and Math Nook

### DIBELS

Beginning of the year DIBELS testing took place during the first full week of school. Thanks to a dedicated assessment team as well as volunteers, we managed to assess the majority of our 405 students in just two and half days! Did you know that it takes approximately ten minutes per student? This is time well spent as the results from DIBELS help us to determine the reading needs of our students. DIBELS lets us know if a student is on the trajectory to reading success. After we had the results in our hands, the Hassayampa staff got together to make instructional decisions to move students to the next level. We also determined the extra supports needed for some students to get them on the right path to reading success.

### “Move on When Reading”

Arizona Revised Statute 15-701 states that beginning this school year, 3<sup>rd</sup> graders who score **Minimally Proficient** on the **State Reading** test will be retained in 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

More information about this statute can be found at [www.azed.gov/mowr/](http://www.azed.gov/mowr/).

### 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.

### Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader is up and students have been reading. 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>

### Progress Reports

Watch your mail for first quarter progress reports. They will be mailed out for all students on September 15. If you have any questions concerning your child’s progress, please contact your child’s teacher by phone at 684-6750 or by note.

### The Hassayampa Bike Giveaway!



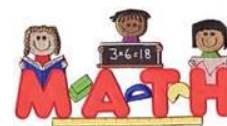
During the first full week of school, students spent just minutes taking a quick math fact fluency assessment based upon the goals defined below.

The bike is displayed in the building. 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 early May.

### Math Fact Fluency Goals

- Kinder** - Count and identify #'s to 100
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade** – addition & subtraction facts to 10
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** - addition & subtraction facts to 20
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** – addition, subtraction, & multiplication facts
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade** - addition, subtraction, multiplication facts & division facts
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade** – multiplication & division facts & percentage/fractions/decimals conversions

The drawing for the bikes will take place in May 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

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 daily in their teaching. Daily announcements also contain character messages. Each month, teachers choose a student from their classroom who exemplifies a certain pillar.



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!



I would like to give special thanks to **Family Dollar Store** and their **patrons!** This business and their patrons donated 6 boxes of school supplies to our school for our students and teachers! So many of our children were given these supplies. There is even some left for later on in the year when the supplies run low again. Many thanks!

Another HUGE THANK YOU goes to Wickenburg Ranch and their residents. They donated over 20 backpacks filled with back to school supplies! We also had a donation of about the same number of filled backpacks from an anonymous family. Our needy kids had a great selection of cool backpacks.



We also have 2 very generous families in our community who have donated new athletic shoes for our children who are in need. These children have been so delighted to have new shoes to wear to school. Again thank you. I feel so blessed to be part of this community!

Ms. K-P



## Hassayampa Elementary School 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers

21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) programs began on August 29. We have over 110 students enrolled in at least one program before or after school. Invitations were given to specific students in need of extended learning opportunities.

**Power Hour:** Every morning before school starting at 7:00 students get a chance to complete homework and use our adaptive iReady software.

**Bus Services:** The 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC has established limited bus services available to any students who are enrolled 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 – Mr. Knight - [mknight@wickenburg.k12.az.us](mailto:mknight@wickenburg.k12.az.us) or Ms. Lanz – [slanz@wickenburg.k12.az.us](mailto:slanz@wickenburg.k12.az.us) .

**Study Hour:** Study hour has been a huge success! Students are given an opportunity to complete homework and use our adaptive iReady software. Older students have shown great maturity in helping the younger students with homework.

**Fitness Wonders and Stay & Play:** Students get a chance to build character while participating in fun games and activities focused around health.

**Technology Titans:** Students will practice typing, learn basic coding, and learn to use Word Document and other handy computer skills.

**Mad Science & Science League:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students get a chance to further their learning on science standards from the classroom using hands-on projects and experiments.

**Coyote Chorus:** We have a lot of talent at Hassayampa. Unfortunately, the program capacity is limited. If you did not make it, please do not be discouraged!

**APTT:** Academic Parent Teacher Team meetings will be held for K-2 on September 14<sup>th</sup>, and 3-5 on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. Teachers and parents will work with students on creating an attainable goal. Teachers will go over Quarter 1 grades and benchmark scores. This is an amazing opportunity to build relationships and create a partnership with all involved.

If you didn't make our first round of programs, don't worry!  
Our second round of programming begins after Fall Break!

21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS

## HASSAYAMPA HEADQUARTERS

Day/Time	Programs for 1st Quarter
Daily – 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Power Hour
Monday – 2:50 - 3:50	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Tutoring/ K-5 Study Hour LEAD Coyotes – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Monday – 4:00 – 5:00	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Fitness Wonders 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Brainiacs
Tuesday – 2:50 – 3:50	4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Tutoring/ K-5 Study Hour K-1 <sup>st</sup> Stay and Play Art Club – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Awesome Attendance
Tuesday – 4:00 - 5:00	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science League 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Spanish
Wednesday - 2:50 –3:50	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Study Hour
Wednesday - 4:00-5:00	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Technology Titans
Thursday – 2:50 – 3:50	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Tutoring/Study Hour 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Coyote Chorus 1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> Creative Minds
Thursday – 4:00 – 5:00	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Mad Science 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Newspaper Club
Friday – 12:15 – 4:00	K-5 <sup>th</sup> After School Program
<b>Adult Program</b>	
Tuesday/Thursday – 4:15 -5:15	Parent Fitness

## 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! Last school year Hassayampa School earned over \$1,000.00 from this program. 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](http://www.boxtops4education.com) to learn about other ways to earn money for Hassayampa.

## Facebook

We currently have **382** Facebook likes! Please continue to visit Hassayampa Elementary School on Facebook and tell your friends. Once you "Like" our page, you will 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](#)

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## Note from the Principal:

The school year is moving right along, and I am excited for the year ahead of us! For greatest success, it will be important to have the dedication and collaboration of many good people: students, staff, parents, and community. During the school year, we will be facilitating Academic Parent Teacher Team meetings. Our first is scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup> (K-2) and 15<sup>th</sup> (3-5). During these meetings, parents will be provided information that is specific to the goals of the grade level, explanation of results of benchmark testing, and progress reports. Our goal is to build a partnership with parents so that grade level expectations are clear and we can work together to help our students achieve at the highest level. Keep an eye out for meeting notices or visit the school calendar on the Hassayampa School website ([www.hassayampa.wickenburgschools.org](http://www.hassayampa.wickenburgschools.org)). Also, you can click on our curriculum link, from there you will find links to other resources to help you learn more about the AZ College and Career Ready Standards.

We have many great events occurring in September and October. I hope to see you at one of the events including my Principal's Coffees. I enjoy hearing confirmation on what we are doing right. I also appreciate the family perspective on how we can create well-rounded students who are well-prepared for the future, both academically and socially.

Very truly yours,

*Mrs. Hershkowitz*

