



COYOTE DEN

Hassayampa Elementary School
Parent - School Connection



Welcome November!

November is here! We welcome the cooler temperatures. Last month was certainly busy, and November is looking like much of the same! 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

Oct. 31 – Nov 4 – Scholastic Book Fair
Nov. 2 – Principal's Coffee @ 8:15
Nov. 2 – Site Council Meeting @ 3:00
Nov. 8 – Election Day
Nov. 10 – Governing Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day Holiday Observed - No School
Nov. 17 – PTA Meeting
Nov. 22 –Webb Center Event (TBA)
Nov. 24 & 25 – Thanksgiving Break – No School

Week of Nov. 30 – Galileo Benchmark Testing
Week of Dec. 7 – DIBELS and MFF
Dec. 9 – Festival Friday: France
Dec. 15– Spelling Bee
Week of Dec. 19 – Holiday Sale
Dec. 23 – End of Quarter/Semester
Dec 26 – Jan. 6– Winter Break
Jan. 9 School Resumes
Jan. 11 and 12 - APTT

Honors Celebration!

On **October 21**, we celebrated our students' accomplishments for the first quarter. Grades K-2 received awards for Perfect Attendance and other grade level honors. For grades 3-5, Principal's Honor Roll, A/B Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance as well as other special honors were celebrated. Over 100 family members came out to help us recognize our students. Thank you for your support!



Book Fair - online

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level.

If you were unable to attend the Book Fair last week in person, we invite you to visit our online Book Fair at [Book Fair](#).

Our online Fair is available from October 31 – **November 10th**. Remember, all purchases benefit our school.



Principal's Coffee

Our next Principal's Coffee is scheduled for Wednesday, **November 2 at 8:15**. Please join the principal for an informal gathering over coffee. All are welcome!

PTA Membership Drive!

Congratulations to Hassayampa Kindergarten and 3rd grade who **TIED** for having the largest percent of PTA member sign-ups. They received a special treat. The Wickenburg PTA supports our school in many ways. Your membership dues help with special projects and special celebrations all year long.

Health Safari

In October, Hassayampa held its annual Health Safari. Students had their height weight, hearing, and vision checked. We identified several students who require medical follow up to ensure that issues with their hearing or vision doesn't impede their learning. Years ago this was a grant funded project. Now it is only possible with the help of caring volunteers! Mrs. Blalock along with the Hassayampa staff would like to give a **BIG THANK YOU** to the volunteers who helped with this important day!

Navil Fernanda Amezola
Shanalyn Valles
Kelly Ernsberger

Dress for the Weather!

Our Arizona weather has been incredible; however, mornings at Hassayampa can be chilly! Please make sure you send your child in clothes that fit the temperature. Layered clothing is ideal. It is recommended that student names are added to the clothing tags.

A Note from the Health Station

Research shows that attendance is an important factor in school success. A child who misses a day of school misses a day of learning. There are several things you can do to improve your child's school attendance:



- Avoid scheduling family trips or doctor appointments during school hours.
- Don't accept excuses for why your child "must" be late or miss school. Support school rules and consequences for missing class and being tardy.
- Lead by example. If your child sees you take off work for no reason, they might expect to be able to do the same thing.
- Talk with your child about the importance of attending school regularly.



Safety Day - Thanks!

Prior to Fall Break, Wickenburg Fire Dept., Wickenburg, Police Dept. Wildland Fire, and the Life Line EMT crew all came out to educate students about safety and their jobs. Thank you to all who serve and protect us!

Staff and students were quite a sight during the annual Costume Walk!



HASSAYAMPA**Headquarters**

Hassayampa Elementary School

21st Century Community Learning Centers

Our 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) programs for Quarter 2 began on October 24th and will run until December 16th. Please be advised you will need to fill out a new form if you would like your student to attend programs in Quarter 3. We currently have over 130 students attending after school programs one day a week or more. Reminders of what days your students have signed up for will be sent home Monday. Our after school bus leaves at 5:00, please let us know if you would like your student to ride the bus home after their programs.

Archery: Mr. Mo has begun our first session of Archery club. We have 10 new archers participating. Students are currently practicing their archery form and technique as well as working on strengthening their arms and core. Archery club meets every Tuesday from 2:50-4:00. Due to the nature of this club space is extremely limited. Students will get another chance to participate in Quarter 3. Board members are always welcome to stop by and see what Archery club is all about.

Art Club: This year there will be three sessions of Art Club, each lasting the quarter. The first group just completed projects like designing and making pillows, creating plaster flowers, crayon drips, and other creative endeavors!

Coyote Chorus: The chorus is well on its way for the 2016-2017 school year! We have 38 strong, respectful, talented, and happy singers. We had a fabulous performance at the Festival Friday for Australia. Now, we are gearing up for France Festival Friday, Christmas Tour, and a performance at the Town Tree Lighting ceremony.

Spelling Preparation: The 21st Century after-school program has started a spelling preparation club for Quarter 2. This club will help students prepare for our upcoming school-wide spelling bee. Students will get to practice spelling patterns, and proper etiquette while participating in a spelling bee. Thank you, Ms. Henneman, for taking on this program. Participation in this club is not mandatory for students to participate in the school wide spelling bee, but is highly encouraged.

The Quest: Mrs. Brown is hosting this enrichment program. Students will use higher order thinking and participate in challenging activities.

The Dark Knight: This is a chess program for beginners and students who have a little more experience. Students will learn the fundamentals of chess and how it relates to important math skills such as graphing, ratios, and place value.

Power Hour: This is our only before school program. It provides homework assistance to students so they can start their day off right. Students meet Ms. Lanz at the gate at 7:00 a.m.

APTT: We had our 2nd APTT meeting on October 19th for K-2, and October 20th for 3-5. This was a great time to build partnerships with parents and set attainable goals for students. Parents received their child's report cards as well as other grade level data. In addition to these group meetings, parents were given opportunities to meet with teachers individually. We will be hosting our next meeting on January 11th for K-2, and January 12th for 3-5.

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.



21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS

HASSAYAMPA HEADQUARTERS

| Day/Time | Programs for 2nd Quarter |
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| 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.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER



National Character Counts Week was October 17-21. During this week, students practiced good character not only at school but also at home. Many students demonstrated their spirit for Character Counts by wearing colors designated for each pillar on specific days. Students have also been asked to see if their parents can “catch them” being a “Kid of Character”, fill out the paper ribbon and return it to school! Students were caught being “Kids of Character” here at school and had their names added to the “Character Chain” as well as the tic-tac-toe board.

The last week of October students celebrated Red Ribbon Week. This week also proved to be a huge success with students learning about certain drugs as well as signing a drug free pledge that framed

the Pillar Banners on the Character Wall. Thanks to MS Joy for allowing time during Library to complete these bricks! You can view photos of Character counts week as well as Red Ribbon Week on Facebook.

The school will also be hosting a **Food and Supplies Drive** from **November 1-18th** to promote being a good citizen. You can help by donating canned fruits, vegetables and meats, boxed pastas/macaroni & also laundry detergent, toothbrushes, soap, toilet paper, shampoo/conditioner, and deodorant. All proceeds will be collected in the cafeteria and will be donated to the Wickenburg CAP Office prior to Thanksgiving; prizes will be awarded to the most generous classrooms. The class that collects the most pounds of food will win a pizza party!

Finally, **November 20th-26th** is National Family Week. Thanksgiving presents the perfect time to re-connect with family. Play with your kids, read them a book, and eat with them at the dinner table to help instill values and culture.

“The dinner table is the cornerstone of conversation and civilization. It is at the dinner table that young people also learn to say, “please”, “thank you”, and “you’re welcome.” It is at the dinner table that the family learns how to talk with each other – conversation. We ask them what they did today and they find out what mother and father did today. We talk about vacations. We talk about dreams. We talk about going to college. We even argue and fight. But we learn how to solve problems and move on with life. We learn how to solve problems at the family dinner table. It is at the dinner table that the students learn practices. It is at the family dinner table that they learn values.”

- Dr. Harry Wong



Turkeys n' Tables

Wickenburg Unified School District will be helping needy families for Thanksgiving. The Turkey's n' Tables event is on **November 20** from 5-6 p.m. Special services and donations will be available such as: food, clothing, holiday photos, other social services, and Wickenburg resources.



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 extracurricular activities fees. Generally, any educational or recreational activity that is a supplement to the educational program of the school is considered to be an extracurricular 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 extracurricular activities?** A fee is a dollar amount paid to a public school for the support of extracurricular activities.

What are extracurricular activities?

Extracurricular activities mean 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 extracurricular 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 extracurricular activities that we charge a fee. Some of our approved extracurricular activities are:

- Science Camp for 5th graders,
- Coyote Chorus,
- The Art Club,
- Archery Club, and
- Character Education.

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.

Hassayampa Happenings!

Students enjoyed dressing up to show their dedication to the pillars of Character!



Box Tops Contest

We're having some adjustments this year as the new coordinator gets set up to submit our Box Tops. It is important to remember to keep an eye on BT expiration dates; they won't accept them if they're expired! Also, remember to cut out the whole Box Top; partial Box Tops won't be accepted. It is also VERY important to place your Box Tops in a baggie with your teacher's name on it.

Winners of our next contest will get to choose our next School Spirit days. The contest ends November 30.



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

Note from the Principal:

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying our beautiful Arizona weather! It is wonderful to see students able to fully enjoy their time at recess! I have seen a few teachers sneak some lessons outside. Having the ability to fully enjoy this wonderful weather can only enhance our education system.

We had great turn-outs at our October events: over 100 visitors at our Honors Assembly and over 120 visitors for the Costume Walk. Teachers were busy with Academic Parent Teacher Team meetings as well as parent-teacher conferences. These meetings are so important. If you weren't able to make it in for the APTT meetings or a conference, please contact your child's teacher and schedule a meeting today! Also, mark your calendars now, our next APTT meetings are scheduled in January.

We love having you in the audience and by our sides. Thank you for your support! Please review the calendar of events closely and add the information to your family calendar. I look forward to seeing you at any one of future events!

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Hershkowitz



Facebook

Have you checked us out on Facebook? 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! We currently have **390** likes on Facebook.



Amazon Smile

Are you an Amazon shopper? Are you getting ready to make some holiday purchases? Please use Amazon Smile to help raise additional funds for Hassayampa. Please spread the word!

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