



COYOTE DEN

Hassayampa Elementary School
Parent - School Connection



Welcome to the New Year and New Semester!

Happy New Year! We are excited to have everyone back to school and working toward their educational goals. 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

JANUARY

- Jan. 9 – Back to School, 3rd Quarter begins
- Jan. 11 - Principal's Coffee @ 8:15 a.m.
- Jan. 11 & 12 – APTT
- Jan. 12 – Governing Board meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 13 – Parent – Teacher Conferences
- Jan. 16 - No School – MLK, Jr. Holiday
- Jan. 17 – All 21st CCLC programs begin
- Jan. 20 - 2nd Qtr. Honor Assemblies - K-2 - 8:30 a.m.
3-5 - 9:15 a.m. - Gym
- Week of Jan. 23 - Book Fair
- Jan 23 – District Spelling Bee @ 6:00 – VP Gym
- Jan. 26 - Science/Art Night - 6:00 p.m.
- February 1 – Principal's Coffee
- February 1 – Site Council
- February 3 – Spirit Day: Wear your favorite team shirt
- February 10 – Gold Rush – No School
- February 11 – Gold Rush Parade
- February 20 – Presidents' Day – No School

Spelling Bee Winners!

On December 15, Hassayampa held our 3rd school spelling bee! Each 3rd-5th grade level determined grade level representatives for the event. This spelling bee determined our school winners who will represent us in the district spelling bee to be held on January 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at Vulture Peak Middle School.

Congratulations and good luck to our Hassayampa representatives: 3rd grade – Conner Blankenship, Nikolai Kelly, and Miley Heuser; 4th grade - Tel Grantham, Morgan Johnson, and Bailey Monesmith; 5th grade – Ricki Evans, Danica Carlson and Jocelyn Olesen. Bailey Monesmith was our overall school winner! All nine students will represent Hassayampa at the District Spelling Bee on January 23.



Principal's Coffee

Mark your calendar!
Principal's Coffee is Wednesday, January 11.
We hope to see you there. All are welcome!

Festival Friday

December's Festival Friday was fantastic! We were entertained by the Coyote Chorus, the HS chorus, and a special surprise with Mrs. Boyle and Ms. Tippe!



HASSYAMPA YEARBOOK!

Again this school year, Hassayampa will be offering a school yearbook! Flyers with the full description will be sent home soon.

Holiday Sale

Thank you to all who helped with the Holiday Sale! We generated over **\$600** to go toward Festival Friday performers as well as other school resources. Students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to shop for their families. We are certain that all of you also enjoyed the gifts that were purchased – a great deal of thought went into each purchase.

What's happening in January?

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**. Both meetings start at 5:30, and typically last an hour. Kindergarten will hold traditional conferences only. Please contact your child's kindergarten teacher if you would like to meet.

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.



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 did well on the on Galileo in December. So, pack up the whole family, and come on down to join us!

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 7:45 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.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Now accepting new students for the second semester.

Will your child be 4 by September 1, 2017? Space available for 3 - 5 year olds.

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

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

It is a privilege and true blessing to be associated with this wonderful, giving, and caring community. I have seen the true meaning of Christmas demonstrated each holiday season. This year was no exception. This community, town people and local businesses, made the following possible for the families and children of Hassayampa:

- Over **100 families** were recipients of Wrangler Wishes gifts.
- **90** food boxes and 12 Christmas dinners.
- **10** live Christmas trees.
- **36** individual children were given a shopping spree for clothing and shoes!



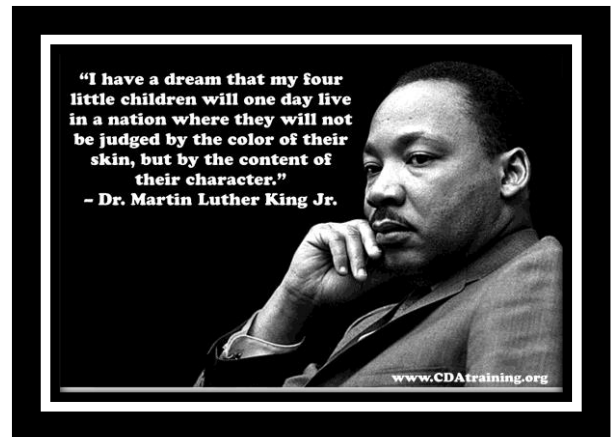
Special thanks go out to Benner-Nawman, Wickenburg Ranch, The Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion, The Elk's Lodge, and many, many generous people who supplied the wrangler wishes gifts. If you could see the faces of these families, you would know the meaning of gratitude.

The New Year is always filled with "resolutions". Many more parents are participating in the Character Counts! program by catching their children being "**Kids of Character**". In December, parents filled out paper ornaments to decorate grade level trees. Parents, please make it your New Year's resolution to participate in this program. The children love seeing their names on the wall. January will be New Year's party hats! I hope to see everyone's name on a party hat!

At least once a month, your child will have a special Character Counts lesson in their classroom or during library time. LEAD Coyotes will be showing music videos and helping students understand kindness and good character.

The 5th graders will begin a 6-week career education unit. This unit will help students begin to explore different occupations as well as the training it takes to reach a career goal.

Last, but certainly not least, let us celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday by remembering all he did for civil rights. His legacy lives on today as we try to emulate his character.



Happy New Year,
Ms. K-P





Hassayampa Elementary School

21st Century Community Learning Centers

We have finished our first semester of our 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) programming with over 200 students enrolled in at least one program before or after school.

New Programs

The 21st CCLC has added several new programs for third quarter. Information on these programs was sent out prior to Winter Break. As openings become available, additional information will be sent home with students. New programs include Theatre Club, AR Club, Young Authors Club, and Vision Strategists.

Theatre Club – Students will learn and perform skits with a focus on Language Arts standards with Ms. Henneman.

AR Club – Mrs. Macias is sponsoring a book club with a focus on helping students read and complete AR tests on various books.

Young Authors – Language Arts standards will be the focus of this club as they are used in a fun way to write in various contexts.

Vision Strategists – Ms. Cardwell will be playing higher order thinking brain games with students on Thursdays after tutoring.

Extended Studies - Each grade level offers weekly extended studies opportunities. These begin the Tuesday, January 17th. Students will meet with teachers after school on their designated days from 2:50-4:00 p.m. to work on their math and/or reading skills. Under our Raising Expectations policy, students who are failing core classes or earn a Minimally Proficient on Galileo testing are **required** to attend tutoring. Other students may also be invited for additional assistance. Invitations for tutoring were sent home prior to break. If you feel that your child is struggling, please contact your child's teacher to identify options. Hassayampa offers a variety of supports for students. A good time to discuss concerns with your child's teacher is during APTT and parent-teacher conferences.

Hour of Code

Mr. Krueger's Technology Titans completed an online course where they used fun games to learn beginning level coding. Students also got to practice typing and Microsoft Office skills in this class as well.





21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS

HASSAYAMPA HEADQUARTERS

Day/Time	Programs for 3rd 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	2 nd Grade Brainiacs 3 rd – 5 th Dark Knights 3 rd – 5 th Theater Club 3 rd – 5 th Young Authors Club
Tuesday – 2:50 – 3:50	4 th , & 5 th Grade Tutoring/Study Hour K-1 st Stay and Play 4 th Grade Art
Tuesday – 4:00 - 5:00	4 th Grade Science League 3 rd - 5 th Grade Fitness Wonders 4 th -5 th AR Club
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 3 rd – 5 th Vision Strategists
Friday – 12:15 – 4:00	K-5 th After School Program
Adult Program	
	English Classes available at WHS

Math Fact Fluency Goals

- Kinder** - Count and identify #'s to 100
- 1st Grade** - addition & subtraction facts
- 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

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. We have a LOT of jackets in the lost and found!

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.

Box Tops Contest

If you did some baking over the break, you likely collected some Box Tops. If you didn’t, find out who did and make sure they are clipping for you! Don’t forget to bring your Box Tops in for our next contest. The winners will receive a popcorn party.



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 goal is to get 400 “likes” by the end of the year. We currently have **394!** 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

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

[Amazon Smiles for Hassayampa](#)



PIZZA PIZZA!

The Wickenburg PTA hosted a fund raiser in partnership with Little Caesars Pizza. Flyers were sent home prior to break.



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.

Twin Day fun!



Note from the Principal:

Dear Hassayampa Family:

Welcome to the second semester of the 2016-17 school year. Every staff member has been working very hard to prepare meaningful and rigorous lessons for our incredible students. We have set very high expectations and have made plans to ensure that every student at Hassayampa will be successful.

Student academic success is the primary goal of every staff member. We believe that every child will learn to the highest level, and we are prepared to offer time and support to every student that needs it. I ask for your support and participation in this effort by sending your child to school on time EVERY DAY, encouraging your child to read at least 30 minutes every evening, monitoring your child's homework, and asking your child to share what they learned at school each day. The dedication you have for your child today will have a life-long impact on who they will become in the future. Academic Parent Teacher Team meetings and parent-teacher conferences are during this first week back. These scheduled times are a great opportunities for you and the classroom teacher to build your partnership for your child's benefit.

We are excited about the start of the new school semester and hope that you will continue to support our community and school during the busiest time of the school year. Although supervision of students is available at 7:45 a.m., **the school day officially begins at 8:00 a.m.**; students are considered tardy at 8:05. Student safety is also a priority, and I am asking for your continued cooperation with the provision of a safe environment. If you wish to speak with your child's teacher, please make an appointment via phone or email. Mornings are quite busy and don't lend themselves well to holding meetings. After the doors close in the morning, keep in mind that all campus visitors must enter through the main office, sign-in and get a visitor's pass when visiting campus.

We had great fun during our assemblies in December! I look forward to our many great events occurring this semester: Academic Parent Teacher Team meetings, Principal's Coffees, Honors Assemblies, Festival Fridays, and much more! I hope to see you! For the most up-to-date information, please check the school website, Facebook, Class Dojo and your teacher's weekly newsletters.

The New Year always offers new possibilities. Today every child is an 'A' student! Together, we can have continued success for your child.

Best wishes in 2017!

Educationally Yours,

Mrs. Hershkowitz

Conner and Mrs. Hershkowitz
enjoying PJ Day!

