



COYOTE DEN

Hassayampa Elementary School
Parent - School Connection



The Final Stretch!

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

- May 1-5 – Benchmark Testing Week
- May 1-5 – Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 8 – 10 – Science Camp – 5th graders
- May 10 – Public Safety, Parks & Rec Day
- May 11 – Governing Board Meeting 6:30
- May 12 – Kinder Visitation (incoming K)
- May 17 – 5th Grade VP Visitation
- May 18 – ALL Year Attendance/ Honor Roll Ice-Cream Celebration
- May 18 – PTA Meeting: 5:00 @ Board Room
- May 19 – Festival Friday: Costa Rica
- May 22 – Water Safety Day K-2
- May 23 – Math & Reading Awards
- May 24 – Special Honors Assembly – Webb Center
- May 25 – Last Day of School: Movie Day
- May 30 – June 2 – STEAM Camp
- May 30- June 15 – Summer School
- August 7 – Open House
- TUESDAY, August 8 – First Day of School**

Principal’s Coffee

Our final coffee is **May 3**. Many thanks to all of the parents who stopped in this year! For those who didn’t make it, please know that you are always welcome, and we hope to see you next year!



Festival Friday

Our final Festival Friday for the year will be **May 19**. Students have been studying Costa Rica! K-2 will begin at 8:30 a.m. and 3-5 starts at 9:30 a.m. Please come join us!



Kindergarten Round-up

What a great Round-up! Parents were on time and prepared!

We know there are more future students out there. Please spread the word: If you have a child who will be 5 by September 1, 2017, please call the Hassayampa office to pre-register. At this time, we will continue current staffing with our two kindergarten classroom teachers, Mrs. Shaw and Ms. Cardwell. Please keep in mind that the District uses our pre-registration numbers to determine our staff needs for next school year.

Kiss the Pig and Field Day

On **April 28**, we held our annual Field Day. Students competed in various team games and activities. Also on this day, our “Winning Teacher” got to “Kiss the Hassayampa Pig”. Mrs. Breckenridge was our winner this year. Pictures of all of the fun can be found on

Facebook.



This was a great day of fun for students, staff, and families. Many thanks to our awesome volunteers and to Mr. Monesmith for facilitating a great day!

This is a Wickenburg PTA sponsored event.

End of the Year Activities

Ice Cream Celebration

Students with year-long perfect attendance and/or Principals Honor Roll will be treated to a special ice cream treat on **Thursday, May 18.**

Assemblies

On **May 23**, reading & math awards will be given to those students who have achieved a benchmark score on the DIBELS for reading or passed their grade level's Math Fact Fluency benchmark for math. We will begin the morning by celebrating the accomplishments of **first and second grades at 8:30 a.m.** As the **kindergarten assembly** typically takes much longer, we will begin their assembly **at 9:30 a.m. At 1:00, we will wrap up with 3-5.** These assemblies will be held in the gym.

Principal's Special Assembly

On **May 24**, Hassayampa students will assemble for one last time this year to celebrate special honors and recognitions. A special celebration will be held at the Webb Center at **9:00 a.m.**

End of Year Movie

On the last day of school, **May 25**, all Hassayampa students and teachers are going to see a movie at the Saguaro Theater. It will be great fun! Each student will receive entrance to the movie, a bag of popcorn, and a soda. The price per student is \$8.00. Additional candy or treats *may* also be purchased. Students in grades K-2 will see the movie at 9 a.m. and students in grades 3-5 will see the movie at 12:30 p.m. We will be using the medical release/field trip permission slips already on file so no additional forms are needed. Students will need to bring their **\$8.00** to school by **Friday, May 19.** Parents - Due to limited space in the theater, no additional seating will be available for parents or visitors.



Final Details

Fourth quarter report cards will be mailed home on Tuesday, May 31. If your child is missing a library book, textbook or has damaged school property, his/her report card will be held for payment. Notice of lost or damaged books will be sent home in early May so that parents can clear up the matter before the close of school. A list of supplies needed for next school year can be found online. If you have any problems purchasing supplies for school, please contact Ms. KP.

On August 7, we will hold an **Open House/Registration Night** for all students and parents to come and see their new teachers and classrooms. It is also a great opportunity for new students and parents to acquaint themselves with their new school.

AZMERIT Testing


During April, students in grades 3 -5 participated in AIMS and AzMERIT testing. Testing went smoothly. We will be anxiously awaiting the results which should arrive in June. Results of your child's performance will be mailed to you in the summer or possibly at the start of the year, depending upon state turn-around time.

Science Camp


On **May 8th – 10th**, thirty 5th graders will be traveling to Prescott Pines Camp. This is a wonderful time to explore scientific concepts with hands-on activities. Ms. Cleys and Mr. Monesmith will accompany the students along with other adult chaperones. 5th graders who are not attending Science Camp will be participating in hands-on science activities right here at school. During their trip, updates will be shared on Facebook.

If you have a 4th grader, visit <http://prescottpines.org/programs> to learn about this great opportunity that your child will have next year.

**THIRD GRADERS,
THE CHALLENGE IS ON!
IF YOU PASS,
MRS. HERSHKOWITZ
WILL CUT HER HAIR!**



OVERALL GRADE LEVEL PASSING:
Goal #1 = 12 inches OFF
Goal #2 = 10 inches OFF
Goal #3 = 8 inches OFF



We expect to have 3rd grade AzMERIT results back before the end of the school year. If the scores meet the set goals, someone will get to cut Mrs. Hershkowitz's hair during the Special Assembly!

Reading and Math Nook

"Move on When Reading"

Third grade parents: we should have AzMERIT Reading results in June. Arizona Revised Statute 15-701 states that 3rd graders who score Minimally Proficient on the English Language Arts (ELA) AzMERIT will be retained in 3rd grade. Please contact your child's teacher if you have concerns regarding your child's reading progress. Parents have received updates throughout the year on how Hassayampa teachers are working with their children to get them up to level to pass the 3rd grade AzMERIT ELA test.

More information about this statute can be found at www.azed.gov/mowr/.

Read

Just because the school year is ending does NOT mean that the need to read ends as well. Reading is a year-long focus! The lazy days of summer are a perfect time to kick back with a book. It really is too hot to go out and do much else. Head to the library and find out what they have planned for summer reading programs. Check out books about places you might visit during your vacation. Enjoy your summer of reading.

Students who have been reading this year have a strong chance of earning the Hassayampa Reading Achievement Medal. Good luck!

Reading is a part of life. **Build the love for reading in your child today!**

Accelerated Reader

Hassayampa students have been doing a LOT of 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! Our top readers will be recognized during the Principal's Special Assembly on the 24th at the Webb Center.

<http://www.hassayampa.wickenburgschools.org>

Raising Expectations Policy

This district policy was enacted to focus attention on the value of academic achievement and to increase accountability. Students who have earned Fs in core content areas, have a significant amount of absences, or receive a minimally proficient score on Galileo are required to attend summer school. A copy of this policy is available in the school office.

The Hassayampa Bike Giveaway!



Students have had an opportunity to earn an entry ticket each time they passed their grade level Math Fact Fluency benchmarks given in October, December, and March. The final opportunity happens during the first week of May.

Math Fact Fluency Goals

- Kinder** - Count and identify #'s to 100
- 1st Grade** - addition & subtraction facts
- 2nd Grade** - addition & subtraction facts to 20
- 3rd Grade** - addition & subtraction facts and multiplication facts to 12
- 4th Grade** - addition, subtraction & multiplication facts and division facts to 12
- 5th Grade** - addition, subtraction, multiplication, & division facts and fractions/decimals

The drawing for the bikes will take place on May 24th during the annual Hassayampa Special Honors Assembly held at the Webb Center.



Encourage your child to
LEARN THEIR MATH FACTS and
EARN A CHANCE TO WIN A BIKE!



Students may access their i-Ready accounts during the summer to decrease summer learning loss in both reading and math. If your child is unsure of their password, please contact your child's teacher.

<https://login.i-ready.com/>

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

This year has truly flown by. One fun part of my job is to go into classrooms and teach lessons about character through our amazing Character Counts! program. During the summer months, I am asking parents to help re-enforce these character traits with your children at home. Modeling the Six Pillars of Character daily will help set behavior boundaries that will shape the character of your children. The core universal values we use are trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. This is how Character Counts! define these traits:



- Trustworthiness:** Be honest • Be reliable — Do what you say you'll do • Have the courage to do the right thing
- Respect:** Treat others with respect; Follow the Golden Rule • Be tolerant and accepting of differences
- Responsibility:** Do what you are supposed to do • Always do your best • Think before you act
- Fairness:** Play by the rules • Take turns and share • Don't blame others carelessly • Treat all people fairly
- Caring:** Be kind • Be compassionate and show you care • Express gratitude • Forgive others • Help people
- Citizenship:** Do your share to make your school and community better • Be a good neighbor • Obey laws and rules

- See more at: <http://charactercounts.org/sixpillars.html#sthash.45Jjx4pa.dpuf>

The picture to the right is a portion of the Character Wall for April. Did you turn in an egg concerning your child's character? We sure had a lot of "good eggs"! Be sure to check your child's back pack to get the May letter for character. The back of the letter contains a flower petal. When your child show good character, please write it down and send it in. We are building a flower garden on the character wall!



LEAD Coyotes

We have 4th grade LEAD Coyotes in training for next school year. These brave students have mainly been focused on making videos about "Living the Coyote Way". This will help students learn rules and be Safe, Responsible, and Respectful.

Summer birthdays? Plan ahead.

There are birthday bags available in Ms K-P's office! These bags are available for any family who would like a little help with a family birthday party. These bags include cake mix, frosting, birthday banner, candles, party favors, paper plates, and napkins. Let me know if you need one!

I hope to see everyone back after a safe and fun summer!

Ms. K-P



Hassayampa Elementary School 21st Century Community Learning Centers

Thank you! We are entering our final week of our 21st CCLC programs. Our final day for Power Hour, extended learning, study hour, and enrichment programs is **May 5th**. To minimize confusion, please make sure to arrange and communicate your child's transportation plan for the last three weeks of school to both your child's classroom teacher and the front office. We would like to thank all of our Hassayampa staff and volunteers who worked so hard on all of our programs. Our students greatly benefited!

Stackers – Mrs. Lanz has done an amazing job with her after school stackers club. Students from grades 2-5 are learning to speed stack and create different formations. Students have had an amazing job and have had a blast.



Summer School – Summer School invitations have been set out. Under our Raising Expectations policy some students are required to attend or risk retention. The goal of summer school is to decrease summer learning loss. For the four hours each day that students are in programs, they will receive intense and individualized instruction in both math and reading. Students will also access iReady to assist in the instructional process. Space in this program is limited so please make sure to return the form as soon as possible. Enrollment information also assists us in creating bus routes. It is imperative that we get student bus route information back in a timely manner to set up the bus route schedule.

Summer school will take place the week after school from May 30th-June 2nd, June 5th -June 8th, and June 12th-15th. The hours are 8:00-12:00. Food services for breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Good-bye! We, as a staff, have enjoyed having this opportunity to work with students after school in our academic and enrichment programs. We are excited for next year, and are constantly working for ways to improve our programs. Please join us for our end of the year celebration on **May 16th at 5:30**.

Thank you for all you have done!

Just a reminder:

Cafeteria Starting in May, all student lunch accounts must be **paid in full**. No extended credit will be given for meals. Children will not go without lunch – a cheese sandwich with milk will be served to students without lunch money. If you have questions or to check on your child's account balance, please call Joan Peterson, cafeteria manager, at 668-5332 between 7:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Lost and Found: Our lost and found rack is **FULL!** We have jackets, sweaters, lunch boxes and more! If you know that your child has been missing something, please encourage them to take a serious look in lost and found.

Toys: Students should not bring toys to school. This includes the very popular fidget spinners.



It's the generosity of many that
makes great things possible.

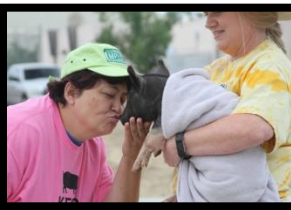


A Corner of THANKS!

Volunteers

Every day we have parent volunteers helping in classrooms and helping from home. We are deeply grateful for their dedication and assistance! Some of the names you see listed are also employees here, but they are parents and they put in extra time helping their children's teachers. Everyone appreciates your help!

Thanks also must be given to all of our high school helpers! Some have helped us all year!



Dear Elijah!

Elijah Hopkins supplies our special little piggy each year for our Field Day Kiss the Pig event. A big Hassayampa Howl and Thank YOU to Elijah for entrusting your little darlings to us.

We thoroughly enjoy the experience!



Thank you, PTA

Each year, we work hard to recognize our outstanding students and staff at Hassayampa. Numerous items are purchased each year to make staff and students feel special and recognized. The cost of these items is expensive and would not have happened without the support of our local PTA. When parents purchase student portraits or donate books to the PTA Book Drive, the profit from these PTA sponsored fund-raisers is given back to the schools to use for student incentives. So when you see a Hassayampa Key ring or an Honor Roll pencil, remember that without the PTA, it would not happen. Please continue to support the PTA fund-raisers. PTA is a PARENT - Teacher organization to support education in Wickenburg. PTA is always looking for parents to come forth and help in the areas of leadership and volunteerism. If you can give some time to help your child's educational experience, then support the PTA by volunteering.

Bike Safety

Bike riding is a lot of fun, but accidents do happen. Every year, about 300,000 kids go to the emergency room with bike injuries and at least 10,000 kids have injuries that require a multi-day hospital stay. Some of these injuries are very serious and may also cause death, especially from head injuries.



Head injuries can mean brain injury. That is why it is so important to wear your bike helmet. Wearing a helmet doesn't mean you can be reckless, but it will provide some protection for your face and your head in case you fall down.

Here are a few things you should do when riding your bike:

1. Put your helmet on and fasten your strap.
2. Use designated bike lanes.
3. Always look both ways when crossing the street.
4. Walk your bike across the street at intersections.
5. Wear bright clothes or reflectors on your bike and helmet. It helps other people to see you.



So let's go out on our bikes and have fun, but always remember **bike safety first!**

General Mills Box Tops for Education Program

Hassayampa has met the annual goal of **\$1000.00**.

During the summer, continue to save Box Tops and support Hassayampa Elementary School!

There are more ways to earn money for Hassayampa. Please visit www.boxtops4education.com to learn about other ways to earn money for Hassayampa.

Amazon Smile

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

[Amazon Smiles for Hassayampa](#)



Facebook

We currently have **374!** That is over 30 new likes since May of 2016. Please tell your Hassayampa families to visit Hassayampa Elementary School on Facebook and “Like” our page to receive up-to-date information on what’s happening at Hassayampa!



Pennies

Annually we have a penny war to determine who will kiss the pig at our Field Day event. Pennies don’t seem like a lot, but when everyone brings in a few, they can add up. This year we collected over to \$700 in change. So start collecting now to prepare for next year’s penny war!



Note from the Principal:

WOW, this has been a fantastic school year! It seems like just yesterday we were starting the new school year and having our Boo Hoo Breakfast as our new kindergarteners started their first school experience. All our students have had many exciting experiences this year – both academic and social. Certainly, we are fortunate to have so many great opportunities.

The final days of school are full of end-of-the-year festivities and celebrations. Please continue to encourage your child to finish the year on a high note by doing their best every day. Our final round of benchmark assessments takes place during the week of May 1. We will get our final measures on how students have done with their math and reading skills. These results will be used to determine educational needs for next school year.

Teacher Appreciation Week is also during the week of May 1. Hassayampa Elementary has the best teachers! Every day, I am impressed by their dedication and professionalism. Teachers give 100% of their time to students throughout the year. If you aren’t sure how to show your appreciation to your child’s teacher, a “thank you” is one of many simple ways to show your child’s teacher that you appreciate his/her efforts

Lastly, I would like to wish our fifth grade students the best of everything as they transition to Vulture Peak Middle School. The social and academic skills students have developed over the year will help them to have continued success in the challenging middle school years. Parents, remember that this is a time when children need you more than ever and patience is critical. I will miss their energy, spirit and leadership!

Have a spectacular and safe summer!

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Hershkowitz

