

HENDRICKS ELEMENTARY DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

A Message from the Principal

Hawk Families,

FamilyGameNight was successful. All that attended received snacks and shared laughs and fun!

Hendricks Holiday - Happy Holidays! Please join us this coming Saturday, December 3rd from 9-11 am in the MPR for our annual **Hendricks Holiday**. This fun event will include photos with Santa Claus, the Hendricks Choir, holiday shopping opportunities and goodies to enjoy. Thank you to our fantastic PTO for sponsoring this wonderful Hendricks tradition. Sign up to volunteer or show up on Friday, December 2nd in the afternoon.

Grandparents - Mrs. Agraan and PTO are gearing up to celebrate our **Grandparents Week** Monday, December 5th —Thursday, December 8th. Remember to meet in the MPR at 11 am on the day you signed up. Please enter from Orange Grove Road side of the school.

Rock Shop Returns. Fifth Grade will be selling Nature's Treasures items all week. Stop by during Grandparent's week in the Library during lunch! Start the holiday shopping early.

Victory Worship Center Servolution. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped complete the renovations at Hendricks. The track has been re-established to its original state. A new "Wellness" room was built in Room 23! Three brand new cement stairways were built along Camino De La Tierra. A face lift was given to our playground with paint, rocks and new benches!



Thanksgiving Dinner. Thanks to all the soldiers who helped us to serve the Thanksgiving dinner at Hendricks: **Christina Diaz, Colt Peterson, Joey Hinton, Jesse Hinton**

Tax Credit - Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of our families who support our school with their generous **tax credit donations**. Tax credit dollars are used for field trips, extra-curricular activities, and school wide assemblies. **Call Pete Wells at 696-8405 or Darlene Jones at 696-8401** if you have any questions over the winter break. Arizona law allows taxpayers to receive a tax credit of up to \$400.00 for donations made to public schools. Tax credit donations may still be made for 2016. You may drop off your tax credit donation at Hendricks through Friday, December 23rd. You may drop your envelope in our mailbox anytime prior to January 8th if school is closed or at the District office until December 30th, also donations can be made online with a credit card at the Flowing Wells School District website. If it is mailed, it needs to be postmarked by December 31, 2016. Thank you again for your continued support!

Performance - First graders have worked hard to get ready for their **performance** on December 22nd at 1:15 pm. Congratulations Mrs. McCarthy and the First Grade Team. **(Remember, don't park in dirt along Orange Grove.)**

Thankful - As 2016 draws to a close, I am continually honored to serve the wonderful Hendricks community and hope you have a joyous holiday season filled with special times with family and friends.

Hawks Are A+ Strong,

Peter M. Wells
Principal
696-8401

Important Contact Numbers:

Student Absence Line – 696-4807 • Phyllis Agraan, Registrar – 696-8400 • Lisa Leon, Health Assistant – 696-8402
Darlene Jones, Administrative Assistant – 696-8401 • Zule Olivas, Cafeteria Manager – 696-8408

Title I Reading:

Read a Book, Write a Math Problem

Combine reading, writing, and math by having your child make up word problems based on his/her favorite book.

Here's how:

If she reads *The Rainbow Fish*, she could write (or dictate to you) a story problem like, "Rainbow fish had 10 colorful scales. He gave 9 away. How many are left?" Or after reading *The Gingerbread Man*, your child might make up a word problem such as, "The gingerbread man ran from 3 people and 3 animals. How many chased him in all?"

Idea: Have your child read and act out the story problems. She could use household items like foil scraps for fish scales or toy people and animals.

Music:

Congratulations to our Hendricks Choir for a wonderful performance at the Choral Festival! Our next event will be at the Hendricks Holiday on **December 3rd**. Our last rehearsal for the semester will be on Thursday, December 1st. We will begin rehearsals again on *Thursday, January 12th*.

Our first graders will bring in the holidays with our performance of *The Grumps of Ring-a-Ding Town* on **December 22nd** at 1:15pm. You will not want to miss this "grumpy" celebration, so mark this date on your calendar!

PTO:

Join us for Hendricks Holiday on **Saturday, December 3rd** from 9-11 am. This fun event is a Hendricks tradition. There will be pictures with Santa, a cake walk, Kids Korner holiday shop and the choir will perform. Keep sending in your Box Tops! We have already made over \$1,200 this school year. Our final collection will be in February and the last contest is for individual classrooms. The competition is tough so ask friends and family members to help you collect!

There is no meeting in December. Have a great holiday season!

Attention Hawks Families:

PTO will be coordinating the Hendricks Healthy Hue run in April 2017. The students will be collecting pledges from friends and family that will benefit our school. On the designated day they will be out on the track and run through several color stations. This is a fun and healthy way to earn money! We are currently looking for businesses that would be willing to sponsor the run. We are hoping to print t-shirts for every student and the sponsor names will go on the shirt. If you or someone you know would like to help please contact us at hendrickspto@yahoo.com. Our PTO has obtained non-profit status with the IRS so all donations are tax-deductible.

Hawks with Honor

Kindergarten	David Waldman	Isabella Maynard	Honor Del Gaudio
First Grade	Ethan Scott	Addisyn Arvig	Alex Garcia
Second Grade	Kayleigh Carpenter	Darcy Linker	Aliyah Zavala
Third Grade	Jack Youmans	Yesenia Solano	Kayla Gygi
Fourth Grade	Cadence Crawford	Tayler Graves	Natalie McCarthy
Fifth Grade	Makayla Garcia	Margot Nazario	
Sixth Grade	Jaylyne McLain	Elizabeth Trausch	
First Base	Erica Piña		
Second Base	Lourdes Soriano		

DECEMBER BUILDING BLOCK OF CHARACTER – Yesenia Solano

Optimist Students of the Month

Jaylyne McLain and **Margot Nazario** will both attend a luncheon at Sullivan's Steakhouse on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 and will receive a \$25.00 gift card and a certificate for continually demonstrating the 3 R's at Hendricks.

Kindergarten

Happy Holidays from our kindergarten team! With all of the hectic activities of the season, we hope you are able to slow down to enjoy time with your family and loved ones. During down times, consider having your child write and make it fun! Have them make a list for Santa, write thank you notes with help from an adult, write a note to a family member, or write about their favorite tradition that your family shares. This is a great time for high interest reading and writing. Please enjoy this special season with your treasured loved ones. We look forward to seeing you in 2017!

First Grade

We are grateful for the love and support you have shown us and our community by contributing to our Canned & Pantry Drive. Your child has learned a life-long lesson through your generosity. Thanks for making a difference in the lives of others!

Thanks also for your continued support with class snacks! We are so appreciative. Please think of us when you are grocery shopping; we can always use more tasty snacks.

Please continue to send in a water bottle and snack with your child. The children still get very thirsty through the winter months and snacks help them stay focused throughout the day.

If your child has a speaking part for the upcoming play, please practice the part at home with your child and continue to look for any costume pieces that we can use for the play; *The Grumps of Ring-a Ding Town*.

Dates to Mark on Your Calendar!

Sat. Dec. 3rd –Hendricks Holiday 9am-11am

Mon. Dec. 5th starts Grandparents Week

Thurs. Dec. 22nd –First Grade Music Show- 1:15pm

Second Grade

Season's Greetings!

-We appreciate all the supplies and ingredients that were sent in for our Thanksgiving feast. We had a great time and our tummies were full!

-Thank you for all of the BOXTOPS! Second grade won the grade level competition! We celebrated with Ice Cream and extra recess! Keep sending them in through February! Tell family and friends to collect!

-These next 3 weeks are the final weeks of 2nd quarter. It is important to keep the school routines in place so that students maintain the good grades that they have earned so far. Be sure to practice spelling words, math facts, and reading 15 minutes each night.

-December is usually a busy and sometimes stressful month. Spending quiet one-on-one time with your children can mean more than any toys or material gifts. They will remember baking cookies, reading holiday stories, or playing board games with the family long after the toys are forgotten or broken!

-To help with relieving some of the stress and freeing up some time, second graders will not have homework during the last week before winter break (**Dec. 19-23**). However, please take time to read books and cuddle with your child!

We send wishes for a wonderful holiday season to all our second grade families! See you in 2017!

Third Grade

In November, third grade completed the second round of DAP testing in the computer lab. Students are learning to apply test-taking strategies, and use problem-solving skills to solve complex math and reading questions. Please continue to work on the basic math facts at home to build fluency and confidence.

This month, we will have our second book report project. Each child should be reading a chapter book for the nightly reading and write a 7 word summary sentence on their reading log. Please make sure your child is reading a book they have not read before. Students should complete the book by December 8th. During the week of December 12th, students will work on the project for homework. All projects need to be turned in no later than December 16th to be ready to present by December 19th.

In December, we will have some holiday projects to complete in class. Please make sure your child brings in a medium sized glass jar and a shoebox. Thank you in advance for your supply donations. Have a wonderful holiday season!

Fourth Grade

We appreciate your continuous support. Remember the importance of studying math facts. Fourth grade is running low on dry erase markers. We would appreciate if your child can bring one marker from home to use in class. Thank you parents with your support in encouraging your child to practice their recorders! The concert will be here sooner than we realize!

Fifth Grade

This is a short but VERY busy month for all of us! Please check your child's planner daily and their work packets weekly to keep up with all that is going on. We have two fieldtrips coming up. One in December and one in January. **Notice: Students who are missing assignments and/or have had bad behavior issues could be ineligible for the fieldtrips. We are accepting late work, in a reasonable amount of time, on certain assignments, but as always it is at the teacher's discretion.**

For our first fieldtrip, we will be attending Tucson Village Farm on **December 15th**. The students will spend time farm planting, harvesting, doing a vegetable "scavenger hunt", learn about worms and compost, and participate in food preparation. They will also do several hands-on dynamic nutrition education lessons and have a healthy snack.

Our next fieldtrip will be to Old Tucson Studios and we will be needing chaperones for this one. It is on Thursday, **January 26th**, so check your schedule to see if you are able to attend, sign the permission slip as soon as you get it and return it with your child.

And finally, fifth grade will be holding "The Rock Shop" again this year. This will be held during the week of **December 5-9**. The students will learn about running a business. They will be involved with: inventory, learning about sales, and customer service. This will be a great way for them to get some Christmas shopping done. Have them save their pennies! ****NOTE: This is also during Grandparents Week, so they can shop with their grandparents at lunch as well as during their assigned class time.**

Thank you for all that you do for your child in helping them stay organized and on task here at school. We couldn't do it without your help.

Sixth Grade

Life in 6th grade continues to move quickly.

We have finished up field trips until UA Sky School in March. We will be discussing fundraising opportunities sometime in the near future with students for that field trip.

The focus of math the past few months has been on area of polygons, ratios, and rates. We ended the short-week before Thanksgiving by doing a variety of Egyptian themed crafts. We will be ending our second novel, *The Watson's Go To Birmingham*, soon.

Hopefully your child has been sharing Kenny's stories with you. And in science, we have just started investigating living things. Engineering Fair information was also sent home with a packet of tasks and due dates to keep your child on track. Thank you for staying involved,

Health Office

HEARING AND VISION: If you have been notified that your child has not passed a vision or hearing screening it is imperative that you follow-up with your child's physician or eye care facility. Your child's education depends on it.

SHOTS: If your child is missing any immunizations please follow-up with their physician to get the necessary immunizations required for school.

MEDICATIONS: Please do not send your child to school with over the counter medications; this includes cough drops. It is against school district policy unless it accompanied by a prescription from your child's physician. All medications must be accompanied with the box that has either the label from the pharmacy or a prescription from the physician. Medications may not be given without a prescription and parent permission.

LOST AND FOUND: We have a lot of jackets in the lost and found. Please stop by and claim yours. All jackets will be donated during winter break.

FLOWING WELLS HEALTH SERVICES

GUIDELINES for PARENTS

When to Keep Your Student Home from School

If your child has any of these symptoms, please keep him/her home from school, or make appropriate child care arrangements.

- **FEVER** – temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher. Remember that a child must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school without fever reducing medication.
- **PERSISTENT COUGH** – should be seen by a health care provider unless already diagnosed. Some conditions may be contagious and require treatment.
- **EYES** – thick mucus or pus draining from a red eye (conjunctivitis).
- **SEVERE SORE THROAT** – especially with fever or swollen glands in the neck.
- **DIARRHEA/VOMITING** – watery stools or episodes of vomiting may be contagious.
- **UNUSUAL SKIN RASHES** – Unusual body rashes need to be identified before sending a child to school. Any draining skin wounds will also need a diagnosis. .
- **EAR PAIN** – Children with ear pain do NOT need to be excluded but the child needs to get medical treatment and follow-up. Untreated ear infections can cause permanent hearing loss.
- **FOLLOWING INJURY/HOSPITALIZATION/SURGERY** – written medical release and doctor's instructions for care during school day are required especially students in wheelchairs, on crutches or in casts. School does not provide wheelchairs

If your child shows any of the above symptoms at school, it may be necessary to pick him/her up from school.

Bringing a child to school with any of the above symptoms puts other children and staff at risk of getting sick. If all parents keep their sick children at home, we will have stronger, healthier and happier children. While we regret any inconvenience this may cause, in the long run this means fewer lost work days and less illness for parents.

From the Desk of Mrs. Agraan

Please make sure you let Mrs. Agraan know if you have a child that will be out for any reason. Many people remember to tell the teacher, but forget to let the office know. If it is an excused absence Mrs. Agraan needs to know so she can mark it as such.

December Important Dates

December 2	Early Release Day Gum Day Chess Tournament Sonoran Science Academy
December 3	Hendricks Holiday
Dec 5-8	Grandparents Week 5 th Grade Rock Shop
December 6	Flag Football A Team Richardson @ Hendricks
December 7	GAP Dinner
December 8	Kindergarten field trip to Tucson Village Farms Flag Football B Team Hendricks @ Richardson
December 13	Flag Football A Team Hendricks @ Laguna
December 14	GAP Dinner
December 15	5 th Grade Tucson Village Farms Field Trip 6 th Grade Cafeteria Workers Fiesta Lanes Field Trip Flag Football B Team Laguna @ Hendricks
December 19	Flag Football A Team Douglas @ Hendricks
December 20	PTO Meeting
December 21	GAP Dinner
December 22	First Grade Performance
December 23	Early Release Day
Dec 26-Jan 6	Winter Break