# HENDRICKS ELEMENTARY FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

# A Message from the Principal

Dear Hawk Families,

Congratulations to all of our students who set goals and received awards at our January 20<sup>th</sup> awards assembly. We are proud of how many students are making gains with the new math fact awards. Academic achievement begins at home and as a school we appreciate your partnership with our staff and extra time helping you instill great work habits in your children. Mark your calendars for **early release day**, **Thursday**, **February 2**, **2017**. There will be a noon dismissal on that day. It is also our **gum day**.

**#Love Of Reading -** Our **Love of Reading** week will be celebrated the week of <u>February 13-17</u>. Thanks to our committee for scheduling such a fun filled week. Show Your Emojions!

**#Second graders** will perform on <u>February 20<sup>th</sup></u> in the MPR at 6 pm. Their Rodeo Show is real cute. Don't miss this one! Remember, **no school** on <u>Thursday and Friday</u>, <u>February 23 & 24</u> in observance of Fiesta de los Vaqueros, a time honored Tucson tradition.

#Kindergarten Round Up – Do you know of any incoming students for the 2017-2018 school year. Our Kindergarten Round Up is March 17, 2017, 8-10 am. If you would like a school tour, please contact Darlene Jones at 520-696-8401.

**#Wellness Wednesdays** –Students have been walking/running themselves each Wednesday. It is great to see such large numbers of students exercising together. Several students have reached the 20 mile mark and will get the T Shirt. Keep up the fun at lunch.

**#K-3 Literacy goal** – We thank all those families who make the time each week to complete the fluency at home activities. If you need a refresher or were unable to attend the trainings, please visit our home page and check out the training video. http://youtu.be/Yl0yX0ILRC0

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Jr. High Registration: The transition to Jr. High is an intimidating time for many families. Parents of 6<sup>th</sup> graders, please mark your calendars to attend a parent informational meeting designed to help educate you to the process of Junior High registration. This meeting is at the FWJH auditorium on Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. The JH administration will be at Hendricks on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> to begin the registration process with our Hawk students for next year. Also, there will be a trip to visit and tour FWJH for our Sixth graders on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Check your mail and watch for the permission slip. If you have any questions about the transition or wish to take a tour of the Jr. High campus, contact Dr. Kim Parkinson at 696-8552. She is more than happy to give a tour.

**Hue Run** – The Hue Run is right around the corner on <u>April 28<sup>th</sup></u>. If you would like to be a sponsor, please contact Jessica Devoy at 520-275-5383

As always, it is an honor to serve you as principal of Hendricks Elementary School. If you have questions or concerns I welcome your open communication.

# Attention 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents:

We hope you will join us on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm</u> in the <u>Flowing Wells Junior High auditorium</u> for **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night!** Come and learn more about the outstanding education your child will receive at FWJHS, including many exciting learning opportunities beyond the classroom. Junior High staff and administrators will share information and answer all of your questions. Also, each family who attends **6<sup>th</sup>** Grade Parent Night will be entered into a drawing to win FWJH apparel and a grand prize voucher to cover the cost of all registration fees (over \$100 value)! We look forward to meeting you!

Thanks for helping us to soar higher,

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Peter M. Wells Principal

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#### **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:**

#### Start the New Year Off Right: Resolve to Raise a Reader!

Many New Year's resolutions focus on developing healthy habits. Here's one that is important to make and keep: provide a regular diet of books and reading for your child.

#### Read every day

A daily reading routine will give all the readers in your family a chance to read with your child. Dads, moms, siblings, caregivers, and friends can all be a part of ensuring your child gets 20 minutes of being read to each day.

#### Do things, and then talk about it

It's great to offer new experiences to your child, such as a visit to the zoo or museum, but a trip to the grocery store or a neighborhood park can be just as educational. Talk about what you are seeing and ask your child what he thinks of it. When possible, use interesting words to describe what you're seeing.

#### Read everywhere you go

You can find reading on the road, at the bus stop, in the store, and at the restaurant. Play a game to find words when you are out and about or take a look at home for words on everyday items like cereal boxes, toothpaste, and household appliances.

#### Be a reading role model

Your child wants to imitate you and be like you. Have plenty of reading material for yourself as well as for your child. Tell your child how much you enjoy reading.

<u>Title I Spring Review Meeting</u> – Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:45 pm – Anyone is welcome to attend.

### **Music:**

Our district wide Band and Orchestra Festivals at Flowing Wells High School will be held at this year on the following dates:

# February 15<sup>th</sup>- Band Festival February 16<sup>th</sup>- Orchestra Festival

All band and orchestra students must pass their playing quizzes in order to attend. It is also a big part of their grade for this quarter. Please ask your young musician to play their songs for you as practice. More information regarding these events will be sent home soon.

It's almost RODEO time, which means our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are heading on stage. Please mark **February 20<sup>th</sup>** on your calendars. The program will begin at <u>6:00pm</u> and students need to arrive at school at 5:45. We are asking all singers to wear blue jeans with a solid color shirt. If you have a special cowboy or cowgirl outfit, we welcome those as well (no hats, please). We look forward to sharing our songs with you!

#### **Book Fair**

You are cordially invited to a very special event! The library is in need of your support. First off, allow me to say Thank you. To all our students, parents, grandparents, and friends who have so graciously visited and shopped in the past ... once again we call upon your help and support as we hold our annual Hendricks Library Book Fair. As you are aware, this book fair is our means of adding new titles to our shelves in the library and we cherish the thought of being able to read exciting new books. Timing and dates will be as posted because I will be traveling from my other school back to Hendricks on some of the days. I am still optimistic though because ... Hendricks. ... as we all know – ROCKS! So please stop by on any of the times listed. Hope to see you there!

February 13-17

Feb 13, 14, &15 – 7:30-7:55; 11:30-12:30; 2:30-3:30 Feb 16 & 17 – 2:30-3:30

# PTO:

The next Gum Day is Thursday, February 2nd. You can buy your license for \$1.00 in the hallway Tuesday and Wednesday mornings of that week. You can also buy them from the classroom teachers on the morning of the 2nd.

Keep sending in your Box Tops! We have already made over \$1,200 this school year. Our final collection will be **February 21st** and the last contest is for individual classrooms. The competition is tough so ask friends and family members to help you collect!

The next monthly meeting is <u>March 21st at 2:30 pm</u> in the volunteer center. Please join us! We are in the beginning stages of our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hue Run which will be on **April 28<sup>th</sup>**. We are continuing to look for sponsors so that we can provide a free t-shirt to all of the students. Please contact the PTO about sponsoring at <a href="hendrickspto@yahoo.com">hendrickspto@yahoo.com</a> before **February 28<sup>th</sup>**. Donations made to the PTO are tax deductible, so let us know if you have anyone who would like to donate.

#### **Attention Hawks Families:**

PTO will be coordinating a **Hendricks Hawks Hue Run** on <u>April 28th</u>. 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 and a crawl station. 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 <a href="hendrickspto@yahoo.com">hendrickspto@yahoo.com</a>. Our PTO has obtained non-profit status with the IRS so all donations are tax-deductible.

## **Hawks with Honor**

Dracen Cowen Carter Schiess Alicia Demichellis Josiah Ramirez Sierra Ott Daniel Morales Julie Nguyen	Mariano Morales Larissa McPhail Miranda Castillo Ocaño Marcus Devoy Reyly Armstrong Amayah Ramirez Paige Griner	Eli Diaz Anaysa Aguila Nathaniel Apple Cole Burch Anaiha Rodriguez
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# **BUILDING BLOCK OF CHARACTER – Amayah Ramirez**

# **Optimist Students of the Month**

Zoey Ellis

**Sierra Ott** and **Reyly Armstrong** will both attend a luncheon at Sullivan's Steakhouse on Wednesday, **February 8, 2017** and will receive a \$25.00 gift card and a certificate for continually demonstrating the 3 R's at Hendricks.

# Kindergarten

**Second Base** 

Our kindergarten classes have been working hard learning new popcorn words, celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School, writing our numbers, and reading! Thank you to the many families who attended our parent night. We're hoping that you learned some new ideas to help your child be a better reader in kindergarten. February will be full of fun as well. Stay "in the know" by continuing to check your child's homework folder every day. Thank you!

# **Kindergarten Round Up**

Do you know a future Kindergarten student? Invite them to come to **Kindergarten Round up** on <u>Friday</u>, <u>March 17<sup>th</sup> from 8-10 am</u>. Please bring birth certificate, shot records and proof of residence

# **Fantastic First Grade**

We want to <u>THANK our families</u> for coming out to support our first graders at their Awards Assembly! We also want to say "<u>Thank you</u>" to all of those parents who continue to support our team by:

- Sending a water bottle with your child
- Providing class snacks
- Getting your child to school on time
- Reading and helping your child with homework every night
- Praising and reinforcing green lights
- Greeting us at dismissal
- Volunteering your time

#### **This Month's Activities:**

- Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> Early Release (Noon)
- February 13<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Love of Reading Spirit Week
- Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine's Day
- Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> Desert Museum Field Trip
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Rodeo Break (No School)

#### **Second Grade**

We want to send a special thank you to all the parents who came to Sabino Canyon! We hope you had a great time and learned a lot about this beautiful desert we live in!

February is an exciting month for second graders! We will be celebrating friendship and kindness on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> and studying the culture of the Tucson Rodeo with fun activities. Be sure to mark the <u>Second Grade Rodeo Show</u> on your calendar. It will be held in the MPR on Monday, <u>February 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00</u> <u>p.m</u>. The children have been working very hard to learn all the songs for this fabulous music show. In addition, <u>Love of Reading Week is in February!</u> If you are interested in reading to your child's class, contact your child's teacher! We'd love to have guest readers all throughout February!

During all this excitement, sometimes the third quarter tends to be a time when students are not as motivated and grades tend to drop. You can help to keep your child motivated by checking in each day and talking about school. Discuss the homework that is sent home and check to see that it is done correctly. Check in with your child on subtraction math facts because it is harder this quarter. Keep a regular routine for bedtime and getting homework done and especially, keep up the nightly reading! Thank you for your support and teamwork to help your child prepare for the future and thrive in second grade!

# **Third Grade**

We will be taking our third DAP tests in February, and AzMERIT is right around the corner in March. This semester, we will have three math fact tests for the math awards: addition, subtraction, and multiplication. Students will have three minutes on each test (50 problems each). Please encourage your child to do their personal best every day!

This quarter we are learning about water. We will be taking a field trip to the Sweetwater Wetlands the end of February, so please keep your eye out for information on that. With testing approaching, it is critical for all students to be reading nightly and completing all homework assignments. Your child should be halfway through another chapter book, and keeping track of the story on the daily reading log. We will send home information on another book report project soon.

Thank you for all of your support!

## **Fourth Grade**

January was a busy month for fourth graders. In Science we will begin our Unit on Weather. Be sure to ask your little meteorologist about their hands on learning!

In the area of math, math fact mastery continues to be of utmost importance. Studying to reach the highest level possible of the Math Fact Award requires practice and determination.

In reading, students have had a great start to the semester! Theme 4 Essential Question is "What is creativity and does it make our lives better?" The stories the students have been reading from their anthologies have been about inventors, artists and a tale about giant parents. Our next writing project will align with the essential question coming up very soon. It is appreciated that each student have a chapter book for class each day. Continue to study for weekly vocabulary tests.

A BIG welcome to Mrs. Wendt! We're so glad to have her back!

Once again, we enjoy the partnership of working with you for success for your child.

#### Fifth Grade

February is sure to be a busy month in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The third DAP tests in reading and math are scheduled for the third and fourth week in February. To help ensure your child is ready for these tests, make sure they are completing all math homework and reading at home. Be sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast in anticipation of these important assessments. Specific dates coming soon.

We just returned from Old Tucson and had a blast! Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to chaperone our students, and those who met us out there. We appreciate your support.

We are also looking forward to a **Valentine's Day party on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup>**. Students are invited to exchange valentines with one another, but it is not mandatory. We request that if your child chooses to participate, he or she provide a valentine for each of their classmates.

Please continue to monitor your child's progress on Power School, as well as check their planner daily for academic and behavioral updates.

# Sixth Grade

# ATTENTION ALL 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENTS

# Flowing Wells Junior High Registration

February 9<sup>th</sup>

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Informational Night at FWJH – 6:00 pm in the auditorium.

February 14<sup>th</sup>

FWJH Site visit to Hendricks – 9:30 am – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade rooms

February 17<sup>th</sup>

6<sup>th</sup> Grade visit to FWJH – 9:30 – 11:30 am

# **Important Dates**

GAP Dinner
Early Release Day
Gum Day
Girls Basketball A Team Hendricks @ Richardson
GAP Dinner
Girls Basketball B Team Richardson @ Hendricks
Book Fair
Love of Reading Week
Girls Basketball A Team Laguna @ Hendricks
GAP Dinner
Band Festival
Girls Basketball B Team Hendricks @ Laguna
Orchestra Festival
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night
Girls Basketball A Team Hendricks @ Douglas
Second Grade Performance
Girls Basketball A Team Douglas @ Hendricks
GAP Dinner
Girls Basketball A Team Centennial @ Hendricks

# **Health Office**

### **Cold and Flu Season is upon us and running strong!**

If your child has a fever of 100 degrees or higher, they are to be kept home until fever has diminished without fever reducing medications for 24 hours. Please encourage good hand washing techniques to avoid the spread of illnesses.

Any medication including over the counter medications should accompany a prescription from the doctor and a form filled out in the school health office. (Includes; cough drops, Tylenol, Ibuprofen, and cough syrup, etc...)

#### **Vision Referrals:**

If your student didn't pass our school wide screening a letter of referral was sent via mail. Please follow up with an Optometrist. Your students' academics depend on it. Please help encourage hydration and eating healthy. A healthy body and mind means happy, healthy students.

# FLOWING WELLS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

**Presents the 24th Annual** 

# FESTIVAL UNDER THE STARS!

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2017 5:00 PM ~ 9:00 PM

Held at:

Flowing Wells High School - Common Area 3725 N. Flowing Wells Road



# RAFFLE PRIZES

# LIVE ENTERTAINMENT 50/50

Featuring students and staff from all schools in the FW District!

**ACTIVITY BOOTHS & Game Booths** 

FOOD TRUCK COURT - FOOD VARIETY

CASH ONLY - NO tickets



Bring your family and friends for an evening of entertainment. Come with an appetite and enjoy a night out.

Pre-sale Tickets are available at each school site



until the morning of April 21, 2017 You will be able to purchase pre-sale tickets in HR office until 3 p.m. Raffle tickets \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00 Activity Tickets .25¢ each or 5 tickets for \$1.00

#### NOTE:

Activity tickets purchased on the day of Festival will be sold for 4 for \$1.00. Raffle tickets will be sold at \$1.00 each.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**