

Hendricks Elementary January Newsletter

School Starts January 9th

A Message from the Principal

Hawks Families,

Wishing each of our families a Happy New Year! This time of year is a good time to set goals and re-focus on reaching new heights, whether it is for losing weight, completing a book or for students to set goals to improve math, reading, and/or writing skills.

Report Cards

Watch for your child's report card to come home the week of **January 9th**. Be sure to go over the grades and sit down with your student to set goals for the 3rd quarter. It is important that students feel a part of their education by setting goals with family. Try extending reading time and math practice together. Discuss topics current in the news with older students in order to build communication skills and allow for some built in dialogue about issues in society and gives your child's perspective.

Awards Assembly

The 2nd quarter awards assemblies will be on Friday, **January 20th** at 8:30 am for grades 1-3 and 9:30 am for grades 4-6. Please remember to not park in the dirt along Orange Grove Road. Find a space inside the parking lot or directly in front of the school.

National School Choice Week:

January 22-27 is National School Choice week and we at Hendricks thank you for your continued support and feedback to help provide an even stronger education for your child(ren). We thank you all for getting the word out and having your friends, relatives and neighbors contact Mr. Wells for a personal tour and consider us "Your School of Choice!" Spread the word and let people know we are enrolling new students! Contact Mr. Wells at 520-696-8405.

PTO

A huge thank you to our PTO and volunteers for the wonderful Hendricks Holiday in December. Everyone enjoyed listening to the Hawks choir. Thanks to the dedication of our parents and support from our entire community it was a great turn out. Huge thanks to all the parents and teachers who helped man the stations.

Attention Hawks Families:

PTO will be coordinating a **Hendricks Healthy Hue Run** run on **April 28th**. The students will be collecting pledges from friends and family that will benefit our school. On the designated day students 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.

Shows

First graders put on a fabulous show right before break. Great teamwork by Mrs. Merriman, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Schiess and Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. Stacey, along with Mr. Fred!. This performance was adorable! We are looking forward to our 2nd grade performance on Monday, February 20th and the 4th grade recorder concert on Thursday, April 6th. So many of our 4th graders have put in the extra effort to earn all of the belts! They embrace our theme – **"Effort is not an option, it's an expectation at Hendricks!"**

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee winners **Makayla Garcia, Tiffany Nguyen, Julia Mendoza, Adrian Rodriguez (alternate)** from 5th grade and **Alyssa Levi, Lena Stoltzfus, Luis Montoya and Matthew Avitia, Adam Lopez and Christina Longoria (Alternates)** from 6th grade: These students will represent Hendricks at the Flowing Wells Jr. High for the District Spelling Bee on **Friday, January 27th**. Good luck spellers.

Thank You Sixth Graders

Our 6th graders celebrated their hard work at Fiesta Lanes on December 16, bowling 2 games each. The entire school thanks them for their service in the cafeteria each day 1st semester keeping the cafeteria clean. #Responsible #Students. The top bowlers and winners of \$10 for each classroom were **Gerardo Rhodes** and **Angel Morales**. #GreatTimes

AzMerit Results

The scores have been released and we are pleased that Hendricks students out performed students around the State of Arizona by 20 percentage points in English Language Arts and 11 percentage points in Mathematics. Teachers continue to create lessons that build 21st Century skills and challenge students to justify his/her reasoning in all subjects. Testing this year is the last week of March 2016.

#HawksAreA+Strong,



Peter M. Wells

Principal

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

Hawks with Honor

Kindergarten	Viviana Marshall	Sophia Mitchell	Victoria Rendon
First Grade	Wilde Anderson	Kiana Estrada	Darlene Castro
Second Grade	Owen Merten	Kirsten Risch	Jazlynn Loebe
Third Grade	Isabella Delgado	Dillon Weidner	Cady Trausch
Fourth Grade	Tyler Friedenber	Ali Hussein	Anya Merten
Fifth Grade	Santos Sena	John Stevens	
Sixth Grade	Matthew Avitia	Analicia VanDero	
First Base	Austin McGill		
Second Base	Diego Chavez		

BUILDING BLOCK OF CHARACTER – Diego Chavez

Optimist Students of the Month

Matthew Avitia and **Analicia VanDero** will attend a luncheon at Sullivan's Steakhouse on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 and will receive a \$25.00 gift card and a certificate for continually demonstrating the 3 R's at Hendricks.

Thank you!

A big thank you to Mrs. Agraan and all of her volunteers who made this year's Grandparents week a success! Thanks to the many volunteers – Georgina Chandler, Jessica Devoy, Tiffany Pina, Melinda Calhoun, Jovanna Leon, Bobbi Merten, Michelle Marshall, Miriam Knight, Brandi Nixon, Barb Patsch, and Eden Paris-Hunter.

We do appreciate our volunteers and all that they do to make Hendricks a great place!

Kindergarten News

Happy 2016! We hope your family enjoyed a peaceful and fun holiday season. As the new year begins, we are gearing up for lots of learning ahead. Please mark your calendars for our Parent Night on Thursday, January 26th from 5-6 p.m. We will be sharing your child's most recent DIBELS scores and discussing ways to help your child gear up to read this spring. Childcare will be provided for your kindergarteners, please plan to attend! We will also begin our plans for the 100th day of school. We have many fun activities – check your child's folder for more information to come soon!

New Year News from First Grade

Thanks so much for all your "behind the scenes" efforts for our musical, *The Grumps of Ring-a-Ding Town!* We could not have done the show without your extra love and support and devotion to costumes, props, and line memorization.

New math packets for third quarter will be sent home soon. Please keep an out for the packet and begin studying subtraction and addition facts to 10!

Dates:

Our **Award Assembly** is on Friday, January 20th at 8:30 am. **Our 100th Day of School** is on Monday, January 23rd. More info. to follow. Last, please look for information about our **Desert Museum** field trip that is scheduled Wednesday, February. 22nd, the day before our Rodeo Break.

Happy 2017 to all!

Second Grade News

We hope you have a wonderful winter break with your friends and families! We hope it's full of love, happiness, and snuggles! We will see you Jan. 9!

Right away, we'll have our first field trip! We are going to Sabino Canyon! Mrs. Hitchings and Miss Spears' classes are going TUESDAY, Jan. 17th and Miss Dennis' class is going on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 18th! Permission slips and more information will be coming home right after the break!

This is a great time of year to set goals with your child to maintain efficient homework habits! Be sure to let us know if your child struggles with anything sent home. We look forward to seeing you for the fieldtrips and the Awards Assembly on Friday, Jan. 20th!

Happy Holidays to you and yours! See you in 2017!

Third Grade News

Thank you for the holiday craft and party donations. We had a great celebration! We hope you are having a wonderful break with your child. After break we resume our regular homework schedule. Students will receive a new reading log on the 9th, and should be reading 20 minutes a night then writing one summary sentence about what they read. This will be checked daily along with agendas which require a parent signature. We will also begin our times multiplication fact tests, so continue working on the Reflex Math program at home! See you January 9th!

Fourth Grade News

Thank you to all our fourth grade families for their support to us and their children during the first semester. We appreciate your willingness to work with your child on weekly Spelling and Vocabulary tests, as well as memorizing those +, -, x math facts.

Thank you parents for checking your child's planner on a daily basis. This is a great way to see what assignments your child needs to do each day, as well as a communication tool between home and school.

Thank you to Ms. Featherstone and her work with Room 24 students, we wish her well on her new substitute assignments.

We look forward to the return of Mrs. Wendt in January. She is excited to come and work with those amazing students in Room 24!

We are working on a Parent Night for January or early February, look for more information coming home in January from all the 4th grade teachers.

Enjoy the holidays and spending time with your families. See you in 2017!

Fifth Grade News

Fifth grade had a wonderful time running the "Rock Shop" last month and learned a lot about running a small business. Thank you for your support with this. Most of the profits will be spent for our End of the Year party, with some of the money going to help other grade levels.

Just a reminder that will be going to Old Tucson this month on Thursday, January 26th. This is a fieldtrip that we need parent chaperones, so if you are interested and or available, contact your child's teacher. This is a day for you, your child, and several other students to bond and enjoy the "Old West" for a day. We can get 6 free tickets for chaperones. We will choose 3 from Ms. Barnette's room, and 3 from Mrs. Lehman's room. This

is all we have room for on the bus. However, if you still would like to go and could drive your own car and purchase a ticket, you are welcome to come. Adult prices for the day are discounted @ \$11.50.

Sixth Grade

Hard to believe we are halfway done with our year already! Hope all our families had a restful break and are ready to continue working hard during the 3rd quarter.

There are THREE due dates for the engineering project in January.

We will begin reading Series of Unfortunate Events book 1 and Stealing Home a Jackie Robinson story for third quarter lit studies.

Lastly, there will be a 3rd quarter book report project.

January Important Dates

January 10	Flag Football A Team @ Centennial
January 11	GAP Dinner
January 12	Flag Football B Team Centennial @ Hendricks
January 13	First and Second Base field trip to FWHS
January 16	Civil Rights Day – No School
January 17	Second Grade field trip to Sabino Canyon
January 17	Flag Football A Team @ Davis
January 17	PTO Meeting
January 18	Second Grade field trip to Sabino Canyon
January 18	GAP Dinner
January 19	CATS Field trip to Nanini Public Library
January 19	Flag Football B Team Davis @ Hendricks
January 19	Roaming Chef
January 20	Awards Assemblies
January 25	GAP Dinner
January 26	Fifth Grade field trip to Old Tucson