

# HENDRICKS ELEMENTARY MAY NEWSLETTER

## A Message from the Principal

Dear Hendricks Families,

It is hard to believe that May is here and that means our school year draws to a close soon. Yet, Hendricks Skills For Success will be in full swing for four weeks this summer **May 30 – June 29, 2016**. Contact Mrs. Butler with questions at 442-8921.

Registration packets have gone home. Please return all packets so we can place your child on a class list for next year. Call the office for any registration information. If you know any new students from your neighborhood have them register this summer. They can call 696-8405 for Mr. Wells or Mr. Schmidt.

**May is a busy month—Teacher appreciation week** is celebrated the week of **May 8-12**. PTO has some wonderful things planned to celebrate our A+ staff. Our **Kindergarten Music show** will be on **May 12<sup>th</sup>** at 1:15 pm in the MPR. **May 17<sup>th</sup>** at 6 pm will be the **Band/Orchestra concert**. Mr. O’Keefe and Mrs. McCarthy have developed a wonderful program for the evening.

**Meet the Teacher!** Monday, **May 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 1:00 in the afternoon all students will get the chance to meet his/her teacher for the 2017-2018 school year.

**Field days** will be held on **Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>** for 3rd—6th graders and K-2 students and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> base on **Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**. Please be sure your child is dressed for a fun outside event. Please make sure students have sneakers on—NO FLIP FLOPS. **Do you want to volunteer? Contact the front office.**

**Talent Show**—Ms. Rodriguez and Mrs. Haldeman are teaming up with STUCO to put on our talent show the afternoon of **May 24<sup>th</sup>**.

**Last Day of School**—Noon dismissal, **May 25<sup>th</sup>**. Our 4th Quarter **awards assemblies** will be **K-3rd Grades at 8:30 am** and **4-6th grades at 9:30 am**.

**Office is closed during the summer.** Over the summer if you need to contact the school, please call **Mr. Wells or Mr. Schmidt at 520-696-8405** or email [peter.wells@fwusd.org](mailto:peter.wells@fwusd.org) or [alan.schmidt@fwusd.org](mailto:alan.schmidt@fwusd.org). Remember to read, write and participate in math activities with your children this summer in order to stay fresh.

Respectively,



Peter M. Wells  
Principal  
520-696-8401

### Important Contact Numbers:

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

## **Title I Reading:**

### **Building Reading Stamina**

Having stamina for something means being able to stick with something for periods of time. This stamina, or endurance, builds strength. Stamina can apply to lots of different areas, such as exercise or painting. It can also apply to reading.

Teachers often think about a student's reading stamina. Reading stamina is a child's ability to focus and read independently for long-ish periods of time without being distracted or without distracting others. Reading stamina is something that parents can help students develop. Here's how:

1. Vary the way the reading is done. Parents can think about this in terms of having their child "read to himself, read to someone, and listen to reading." Some combination of the three should make up the reading time, especially for new or struggling readers.
2. Choose "just right" books. If your child is at a stage of being able to read alone, help him choose books that he is able to read independently. This means he should be able to decode almost every word in the book correctly. In this situation, avoid using books that are too difficult to read alone. If your child will be reading with you, choose books that are lively and engaging.
3. Set reasonable goals. Most toddlers and preschoolers find it difficult to sit for long periods of time, even with the most engaging book! When starting out, limit book time to just a few minutes and work up from there. For elementary aged readers, consider starting with 10-15 minutes of reading time, and work up from there. Add a few minutes to your reading time every week or so.
4. Celebrate progress. Without getting too caught up on the number of minutes spent reading, celebrate the time that is spent reading. Share your favorite parts of books read, plan the next visit to the library, and share progress with other family members.

Spending longer periods of time reading means fewer interruptions and more time reading what you love. As your child moves into higher grades, having reading stamina will help your child navigate the longer texts and assignments. Using these tips can help develop more stamina in your reader.

## **Music:**

Thanks for another productive and busy year in the music room! Our final performances for the school year are as follows:

"It's A Kid's Life" Choir musical on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm  
Kindergarten Musical "Pajama Party" on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:15pm  
Spring Band and Orchestra Concert on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

## **Cafeteria**

After **May 5th** there will be **absolutely no more charges** allowed in the cafeteria. Did you know you can check your child's balance online? All you need is their ID#. The office would be happy to provide you with that information. Please make sure there is enough money in the account through the end of the year.

## **Kindergarten**

As our year comes to an end, we would like to congratulate all of our kindergartners for such an exciting school year full of great learning! We have shared **so** many fun experiences this year including: memorizing almost 50 sight words, learning to READ, learning many math games and problem solving strategies, adding, subtracting, holiday celebrations, star of the week presentations, Mr. Too Too Cool, Hip Hop Harry, the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of school, Mrs. Cristofori and her violin, the Q and U wedding, and so many more!! Thank you for being the sweetest Hendricks Hawks and for working so hard to learn and grow! We LOVE each of you! We are

looking forward to celebrating the end of this school year with our Kindergarten Show on **Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:15**. Please join us to watch your child perform “Pajama Party” with Mrs. McCarthy. You won’t want to miss this special day. Families, please continue to read together this summer! First grade is right around the corner and we want your child to be ready to SHINE!

### **Fantastic First Graders**

We’re feeling hot, hot, hot! So remember to send your child with a water bottle every day because our hydration station adds to our inspiration!

### **Mark Your Calendar:**

**Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>** : We’ll be celebrating Cinco de Mayo! Thank you for your contributions to our fiesta.

**May 15 -19<sup>th</sup>** : This week will be your child’s last DIBELS assessment. Please continue working on fluency passages and retell on a weekly basis. Your hard work is paying off!

**Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>** : Field Day and Talent Show! Please consider volunteering during field day. Please contact Mr. Ambuehl at 696-8406 or send a note in with your child if you would like more information. We could use your help. It’s the best day ever!

**Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**: Join us for our Fourth Quarter Awards Assembly at 8:30 am. It’s the last day of school with DISMISSAL at NOON!

As the year comes to an end we would like to thank our First Grade Parents for all of their hard work and dedication. We’ve loved working with you, especially on our fun filled field trips! Please continue to support your child’s reading over the summer. Pima Public Libraries are a nice cool place to visit during those hot summer days. Reading at home together are moments your child will treasure forever and ever.

Read the day away... all summer long!

### **Second Grade**

What a year full of learning and fun! In order to maintain these skills and be prepared for third grade, it will be important for students to keep reading, writing, and practicing math facts throughout the summer. We notice that students who continue to practice over the summer have a better start at the beginning of their third grade year. Start summer practice early and it will become part of the vacation routine. Sometimes allowing children to earn extra swim time or later bed time during the summer can be just the motivation they need to keep practicing academic skills.

We will be keeping a regular routine until the last day of school, as best we can ☺! Please continue to send your child’s backpack and homework folder every day! Check it every night too!

We will be having a Scrapbook Reveal Party to celebrate our year the last week of school. Information is coming home soon for that!

Thank you for all your support this year. Have a wonderful summer!

### **Third Grade**

During the month of May, our third grade students will attend two field trips. On **May 2nd**, we will hear a live concert at the TCC by the Tucson Symphony Orchestra. Then we will travel to Flandreau Planetarium at the U of A on **May 12<sup>th</sup>** to learn more about planets, rocks, and minerals. In class, students will learn about food from other countries and will decide on a recipe to make and share for our Food Fair. The

students will tour the three third grade classrooms on **May 19<sup>th</sup>** to see student artwork and recipes from around the world. We appreciate your help at home as you research your assigned country, choose a recipe, and gather ingredients to prepare your special dish. Please remember to send 60 small samples so each third grade student has a chance to enjoy your special recipe.

As we wrap up the year, we will have students reflect on the things they have learned this year, and set goals for next school year. This summer, please encourage your child to read and practice math facts in preparation for fourth grade. Thank you for your support all year long. We appreciate all that you do to help your child succeed.

### **Fourth Grade**

May will be a busy month for fourth graders. The final opportunity to earn the Math Fact Award for this year is coming up soon! We encourage all students to brush up on their math facts, practice, practice, practice and set their eyes on the level of their goal. Work hard, students!

Fourth graders are engaged in making their bridges. Thank you to Mrs. Wendt for preparing the information and presentation. Mr. Wendt came in to do a special presentation on **April 27<sup>th</sup>**. He will return to test student bridges in May, to see which bridges hold 25 pounds! Students are enjoying learning about bridges, designing and constructing their bridges as well as problem solving. Thank you parents for sending in donations of glue and popsicle sticks!

We are very proud of our fourth graders as they get ready to move on to fifth grade, equipped with many skills that will enable them to be successful in the future! They are good thinkers, intelligent decision makers, and hard workers. Thank you families for your tremendous support this school year. We've enjoyed each and every student immensely!

Have a great summer, and remember **read, read, read**, practice those math facts, and have fun and be safe!

### **Fifth Grade**

We can hardly believe the school year is almost over! We are certainly going to miss your children and are so appreciative of everything you have done to support us and your child throughout this year. We tip our hats to you and extend our sincere thanks!

The AzMerit testing is behind us as well as a much needed Spring Break and the students are buckling down to finish up some interesting units. In Math we are working on Geometry and they are drawing a 'Geometry City'. In Social Studies, we are learning about our declaration of Independence from England. In Language we are working on poetry, and in Reading we are reading various novels. Please continue to check grades on Power School and your student's planner daily for academic and behavioral progress.

We will have two more fieldtrips back to back before the end of the year. Please look for the permission slips by the second week of May and return ASAP. One will be bowling. This is a reward for all their hard work in the cafeteria this second semester. The other, surprise fieldtrip, will be announced soon.

Again, thanks so much for all of your support throughout the year and we hope you have a safe and relaxing summer!

### **Sixth Grade**

We still have a month of school left and a lot to get through before the end of the year! Please pay attention to due dates for various projects and continue to support your 6<sup>th</sup> grader as they are about to embark on a new chapter in their lives! We want to continue creating and maintaining good habits!

#### **As our students transition to Jr. High, here are a few tips:**

1. Explore the school's Web site with your child.
2. Accompany your child on campus tours and orientations offered to parents and incoming students.
3. Get a map of the campus and take your child to explore.
4. Take advantage of summer programs — academic or recreational — offered at the new school for

incoming students.

5. Get a copy of your child's class schedule and mark the location of their locker and each classroom and bathroom on the school map..
6. Find out the length of the passing period between classes.
7. Get a copy of the student handbook. Review rules and requirements — especially the school's code of conduct, which describes consequences for violations of the most important rules.
8. Buy your child a lock for their locker several weeks before school starts to give them plenty of time to practice opening and closing it.

### **Important Dates**

May 2 - CATS Field Trip to Biosphere 2  
May 2 – Tucson Symphony Young People’s Concert  
May 3 – GAP Dinner  
May 4 – Choir Musical  
May 8-12 – Teacher Appreciation Week  
May 8 – CATS Field trip to park  
May 8 – Talent Show K-2 Auditions  
May 9 – Talent Show 3-6 Auditions  
May 10 – Last Day of Skills  
May 11 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Arizona Pavillions  
May 12 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade field trip to Planetarium  
May 12 – Kindergarten Musical  
May 16 – PTO Meeting  
May 16 – Talent Show Practice  
May 17 – 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band/Orchestra Concert  
May 18 – FWJH SPED Visit  
Talent Show Practice  
May 19 – Field Trip to Fiesta Lanes for Cafeteria Workers  
May 22 – Talent Show Practice  
May 23 – Field Day 3-6  
May 24 – Field Day K-2; 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> base  
May 24 – Talent Show  
May 25 – Awards Assemblies  
Last day of school

### **Open Enrollment**

Hendricks Elementary is now accepting open enrollment for Kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade for the 2017-2018 school year. Stop by the office and pick up an application.

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### **Health Office**

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PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILDREN TO STAY HYDRATED WITH THE HOTTER TEMPERATURES.

Please check the lost and found for any of your missing items! We have many jackets, lunch boxes and water bottles that will be taken to the Flowing Wells Resource Center after the last day of school.

**\*\*\*REMINDER: Don't to forget to update your immunizations before returning for the 2017-2018 school year.**