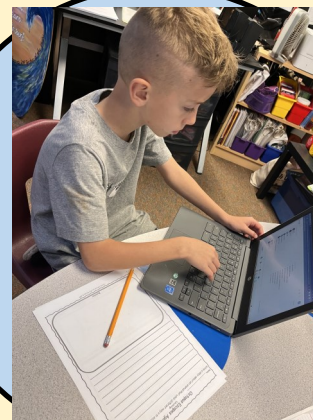




Hawk Highlight

3rd Grade



Ms. Segroves



Ms. Campa



Mrs. Strickland

Notes from Mrs. Finchum

Hawk Families:

Happy New Year! As we look forward into 2024 this is a great time to work with your children on setting goals for academic success. Consider encouraging them to read a new book, work on memorizing math facts, practice their writing skills and have consistent great attendance.

Report Cards: Watch for your child's report card to come home on **Wednesday, January 10th**. Be sure to go over the grades, take the time to celebrate successes and identify areas for continued growth and refinement. It is important that students feel part of their education by setting goals with family.

Awards Assembly: The second quarter awards assemblies will be on **Friday, January 12th** at 8:30 am for grades 1-2 and 9:30 am for grades 3-6. Please remember to not park in the dirt along Orange Grove Road. Find a space directly in front of the school or along the side street on the NE side of Orange Grove in the designated parking area. We look forward to seeing you as we honor our students' achievements and successes!

PTO: A huge thank you to our PTO and volunteers for a wonderful Hendricks Holiday STEAM Saturday event in December! The turnout was wonderful, and everyone had so much fun! Thank you for coming out to hear our fabulous DJ, launch rockets, see a shark, get some books, and explore so much science, technology, engineering, art, and math! Consider joining our next Zoom PTO meeting on Thursday, January 18th at 5:30 pm. Watch the PTO Facebook page for the Zoom link when we get closer.

Tax Credit: It is a new year but not too late to consider supporting our school with a tax credit donation. Tax credit dollars are used for field trips, extra-curricular activities, and school-wide assemblies. Arizona law allows taxpayers to receive a tax credit of up to \$400 per family for donations made to public schools. Tax credit donations may still be made for 2023 and are accepted through April 15, 2024. If you can donate, it would make all the difference to our school. Please see the included tax credit form for more details.

Shows: First graders put on the fabulous show "Rainbow Christmas" right before break. Great teamwork by Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. Young, Ms. Sabin, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Stacey, and Ms. Loida to make this show a success – it was adorable! We are looking forward to our 2nd grade performance on Monday, February 19th.

No School: Reminder, there will be no school on Monday, January 15th in observance of Civil Rights Day. I wish you all a prosperous and wonderful start to the New Year.

Tabetha Finchum

Principal

Hendricks Elementary School





What's Happening in Third Grade?



In Third Grade

In third grade we had a wonderful time in December. Students did a great job presenting their second-quarter book projects. Students also worked hard on their quarterly Acadience testing. In science, we started looking at Pill Bugs and creating habitats as our Science Fair Project. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations throughout the semester so the kiddos could complete these fun projects.

In January, we will be learning a ton of new concepts in reading and math. In reading, we will focus on comprehension strategies, and increasing students reading fluency. In math, we will start a unit on fractions which the kids love. We will have another field trip in February that will tie into our social studies standards, so look for information coming home in late January.

Please remember that reading and math homework are expected to be completed nightly. The spelling contract is due on Friday, and all students need to complete 20 points. Agendas should be checked and signed by a parent nightly. It is really important to start the quarter off right and ensuring your child completes all homework is crucial to their success. Thank you for all you do!

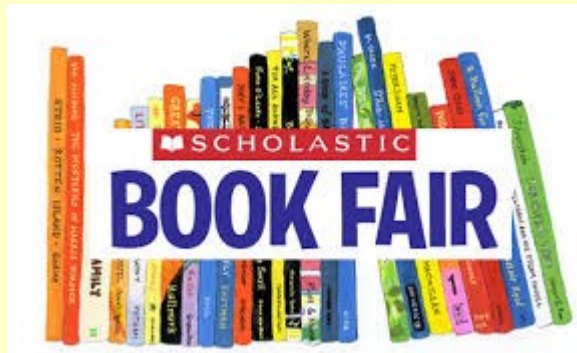
What's Happening at Hendricks?

Hendricks Choir members

Mark your calendars for our upcoming District Choral Festival:

**January 30th
5:30pm
FWHS Auditorium**

Permission slips will be coming home soon!



Thank you to everyone who shopped at our book fair. We had a VERY successful book fair!

Our final count was ...
13 thousand 9 hundred 94 dollars and 74 cents!!!!

Great job Hendricks Hawks!

What's Happening at Hendricks?



**Girls Basketball will be starting on
January 22nd
5th and 6th Grade Girls**



Mrs. Shepard's class has been working on science fair projects for science. We are working in 5 different groups with five different projects in class. Group 1 came up with which location will affect how fast the fruit will rot. They chose an orange for their fruit and decided to have one in the refrigerator, the outside, and just in the classroom. They are finding out that it may take months for the oranges to change and show them which one will rot the fastest. The second group is working on what materials would be best to create a dam. They use materials like clay, cotton, and Legos. Their results showed that the clay held the water the best. The third group decided to work on if the design of a paper airplane affects how far it will fly. The fourth group wanted to see what design of aluminum foil boat will hold the most pennies. The fifth group wanted to see if wearing different types of gloves while solving a Rubix Cube will affect the time it takes to solve. They used oven mitts, cotton gloves, gardening gloves, and solving without gloves.

What's Happening at Hendricks?

<https://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=https%3A%2F%2Fmedia.istockphoto.com%2Fvectors%2Fthe-coronavirus-covid19-outbreak-has-spread-from-china-coronavirus-vector-26m%3D1210545053%26s%26h%26w%3D612x612%26w%3D0%>

**Special Olympics bowling was a great success.
We are excited for bowling season next year.**





Hendricks Elementary School



Hawk of the Month



Name: Jessica Howell

Position at Hendricks: Title I [Reading Specialist](#)

How long have you worked in education? 21 years. I started at Homer Davis, teaching there for 9 years before transferring to Hendricks where I have [been](#) the last 12 years.

What education/job experiences did you have before coming to work at Hendricks? I went all the way through Flowing Wells, graduating from [the high](#) school in 1999. I then went to the University of Arizona for four years before coming back to Flowing Wells to teach. Outside of teaching, my job experience has been working for an engineering company, American Airlines and Dillard's.

Tell us about your family. I have been married to my husband Rich for 19 years. I met [him](#) my first year of teaching. After dating for five months, we were engaged and married the next summer. We have two daughters, [Grace](#) and [Hope](#). Grace is a sophomore at Flowing Wells High School and loves playing volleyball. Hope is a 7th grader at Flowing Wells Junior High and loves playing all sports. We also have a dog named Sugar who is a Chow Shar-Pei mix.

What hobbies do you have? I love playing sports, working out, watching movies and spending time with my family.

Tell us something interesting about yourself that we may not know. I love watching Hallmark movies. It may take me into January to finish [all of the Christmas movies](#), but I make sure to watch all the new ones each year. It was something that I enjoyed doing with my mom that I [hope](#) to keep the tradition going.



Hendricks Elementary School



Hawk of the Month



Name: Callahan McLinay

Position at Hendricks: School Psychologist

How long have you worked in education? This is my second year as a school psychologist. In college, I also worked at an after-school program.

What education/job experiences did you have before coming to work at Hendricks? I have worked in the food industry, an OBGYN office, and a day camp for adults with disabilities (it was this job and my job in college that made me want to be a school psychologist).

Tell us about your family. I come from a blended family and have four parents! In addition, I have a big close extended family (see below for some but not all). I also have two cats, happy to show pictures to any and all who ask.



What hobbies do you have? I love to read and do anything active. Right now, I love Muay Thai and Jujitsu (which many of you know) but I also have completed triathlons, done yoga for over a decade and ran a half marathon! I also love going to church, it has become my home away from home as I am not from Tucson.

Tell us something interesting about yourself that we may not know.

I speak Chinese.

Credit for Carrying



Take advantage of the AZ School Tax Credit

Using your Arizona School Tax Credit to help a child get more out of school.

Arizona law (ARS 43-1098.01) allows taxpayers to receive a tax credit of up to \$400 for donations that benefit students in our public schools. That's not just a deduction, it's a *tax credit*—it reduces what you owe in state taxes, dollar-for-dollar.

Here's how it works:

Just send a donation to the Flowing Wells School District, earmarked for support of one of our many qualifying extracurricular activities. We'll send you a receipt for your records. Then, when you fill out your Arizona state taxes, you can subtract your donation from what you owe in taxes. Credits should be taken in the year donated; however, donations made from January 1—April 15 can used be in either the current or prior year.

What qualifies:

By law, only donations to extracurricular activities that charge a fee qualify for the tax credit. Donations must be made to the school district, but directed toward a specific activity at a specific school.

You may specify that your donation is a *contribution* that benefits all children, or you may designate it as a *fee* to cover the cost of a specific child's participation in an activity.

Just fill out the form then make your donation in person at any Flowing Wells school or mail it, along with your check, to Flowing Wells School District.

Donations made also be made online. Go to www.flowingwellschools.org and click on the link for Tax Credits.

Questions?

Contact Stacy Trueblood at 696-8813 or stacy.trueblood@fwusd.org

Yes! I'd like to donate to the Flowing Wells School District and receive a tax credit up to \$400.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State _____ Zip code _____

Phone _____ Date _____

Donation amount \$ _____

Please direct my donation to the following:

For Elementary School

- ☐ Centennial Elementary School ☐ Davis Elementary School
☐ Douglas Elementary School ☐ Hendricks Elementary School
☐ Laguna Elementary School ☐ Richardson Elementary School
Specific Activity * _____

For Flowing Wells Junior High School

- ☐ Project Oceans/Whales/Catalina ☐ Arizona Senators
☐ Leadership Retreat ☐ Mustang Athletics
☐ Wherever the need is greatest
☐ Other, specific activity: _____

For High School

- ☐ Flowing Wells High School

Please direct my donation to Flowing Wells High School as follows:

- ☐ Wherever the need is greatest
☐ Specific Activity * _____

- ☐ Sentinel Peak High School

My fee is paying for the following child's participation in the specified activity. The fee is non-refundable.

Student's name _____
School _____ Activity _____

Please make your check payable to:

Flowing Wells School District

Mail to: Stacy Trueblood

Flowing Wells School District

1556 W. Prince Road

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Tax credit limit: \$400 for married couples filing jointly; \$200 for married couples filing separately; and \$200 for individual and head of household.

Please check with your tax advisor for answers to specific tax-related questions.