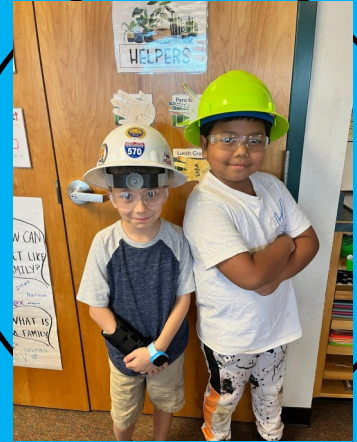




Hawk Highlight

4TH GRADE



Mrs. Wendt

Mrs. Creager

Mrs. Buckley

Notes from Mrs. Finchum

Hawk Families:

Life at Hendricks is moving right along and October was action packed! I would like to thank all of our parents and families who attended parent/teacher conferences. Communication between home and school is essential for student success. It is great to see Hawk families and staff members working together as partners to ensure our students are meeting their potential.

Also in October, students and staff took the time to concentrate on health and well-being during our Wellness and Red Ribbon Week. Classes celebrated with themed spirit days each day of the week, healthy snacks in classroom, and fun activities at lunch and during the day. We kicked off our weekly Walk Around Wednesday tradition with many students and staff joining in the healthy fun!

The first quarter awards assemblies recognized students in 1st—6th grade for their academic and social achievements in school. Students were so excited and proud as they were honored for their efforts! The support students receive at home is evident. Please continue to encourage your child to complete his or her homework, practice basic math facts and mathematics problem-solving strategies learned in class, and READ, READ, READ. Thank you for helping our young learners develop strong academic skills and work habits so that they can apply these skills throughout their lives. You may view the names of our blue and gold honor roll awardees on our website.

As we look forward to Thanksgiving, we would like to wish each of our families a healthy and happy holiday. We are thankful for your support and partnership. Hendricks is a wonderful place because of our students, staff and families. We are thankful for our community.

Upcoming events:

Thursday, November 2: Cross Country Meet at Hendricks

Tuesday, November 7: Lockdown Practice Drill at lunch (more information coming soon)

Wednesday, November 8: 3rd Grade presents “The Bear Went Over the Mountain” the Musical, 5:30 pm

Friday, November 10: Veteran’s Day, No School

Monday, November 13 – Wednesday, November 22: DAP Testing for students in grades 3-6

Monday and Tuesday, November 20 and 21: Grandparents Breakfast and Lunch

Monday, November 20 – Saturday, December 2: Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday, November 22: Early Release, Noon Dismissal

Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24: Thanksgiving Holiday, No School

Please mark your calendars for **Hendricks Holiday presents: STEAM Saturday** on **Saturday, December 2nd**. Hendricks Holiday is always a great community event in which staff, students and families can bond and have some holiday fun! This year our Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics theme are once again sure to make it extra special! Be sure to follow our PTO on Facebook to get PTO news and updates on events.

Respectfully,

Tabetha Finchum





What's Happening in Fourth Grade?

Fourth graders have been very busy since returning from Fall Break. We began a new reading module that is focused on heroism. In this module, students will analyze different characters from a variety of stories and explain how they show acts of bravery and courage. In writing, we will be completing a descriptive essay on a historic hero and ending this project with a biography in a bag presentation. In math, we also began a new unit after Fall Break which reviews measurement, but mainly focuses on principles of geometry including shapes, angles and lines.

Students should be busy practicing their recorders. Please encourage them to commit five to ten minutes of practice each day learning their new songs and reviewing old ones. Students are participating in recorder karate, earning different colored belts for each mastered song. The recorder concert will be held next spring. The concert is mandatory for all fourth graders.

Fourth graders have an upcoming field trip! In November, students will take their first field trip to Signal Hill at Saguaro National Park where they will learn about the early Hohokam civilization. In order for all students to attend this field trip, they need to pay their \$1.00 activity fee. If they have not paid this, you can send it in to your child's teacher or the office, or even pay online.

We look forward to a great second quarter with this awesome group of fourth graders!

-Mrs. Wendt, Mrs. Creager and Mrs. Buckley

What's Happening at Hendricks?

-Thank you for your help at the Mini-Muster and for all of the donations last month! Your generosity means so much to us!

-We loved meeting you for conferences and appreciate all you are doing to help your child succeed in 2nd grade!

-Please keep reading and doing the weekly fluency! We look forward to meeting Grandparents later this month!



3rd Grade music performance

"The Bear Went Over the Mountain"

November 8th at 5:30 pm. Students should be in their classrooms that night by 5:15 pm. We will also be going on two field trips in November. One to the Junior High play on November 9 and one to the Desert Museum on November 14th.

What's Happening at Hendricks?



Fourth Grade Important Dates:

November 3—Signal Hill

November 9—FWJH Play Field Trip

Grandparents Days Breakfast/Lunch

November 20th and 21st

7:15 am Breakfast

10:45 am Lunch

Look for information to come home with students!



Five Hendricks students participated in a challenging Southern Arizona Chess tournament on the East side of Tucson on September 30th. Our top player, Tobias Hammar tied for second place and after tie breaks, he came home with the fourth place trophy. All students achieved personal goals and made Hendricks proud with their sportsmanship and behavior.

What's Happening at Hendricks?

3rd grade will be presenting their performance of *"The Bear Went Over the Mountain"* on November 8th at 5:30pm. Please make note of our new performance time. This is a district-wide change this year. You won't want to miss this musical journey of friendship and adventure!

The District Band and Orchestra Festivals are for 6th grade students only. Students must pass their playing quizzes and have excellent behavior in order to participate. The festival for orchestra is on November 15th and the festival for band is on November 16th. Both festivals are at Flowing Wells High School and begin at 5:30pm. Ask your child for permission slips that will be sent home soon.

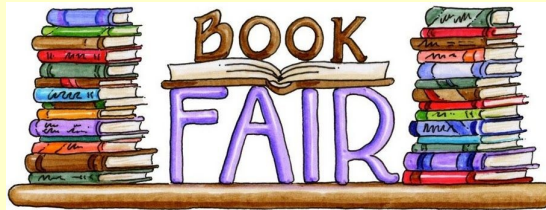


It's time for before school Flag Football. This quarter all 4th, 5th and 6th grade students that are on a team will be competing before school in Flag Football.

The Hendricks Hawks After School Flag Football season will begin shortly after Cross Country ends.

If you have questions, please contact Coach Steve Ambuehl at 520-696-8406 or stephen.ambuehl@fwusd.org.

What's Happening at Hendricks?



BOOK FAIR—November 20—December 2

Hours for the book fair

November 20—21

7:15-8:00 am—Students and Grandparents only

Lunch – Students and Grandparents only

November 22—December 1

Lunch—Parents and students

2:15—2:45 Parents and students

December 2

Open during Hendricks “STEAM” Holiday

Come and support Hendricks Book Fair!

This allows us to purchase more books for our library for our students!



Hendricks Elementary School

Hawk of the Month



Name: Vanessa Schiess

Position at Hendricks: Kindergarten Teacher

How long have you worked in education?

I have worked in education for 19 years! All in FW. I taught 1st grade ELL at Walter Douglas for 5 years. I then moved to Hendricks and taught 1st grade for 7 years and have been teaching kindergarten since.

What education/job did you have before coming to work at Hendricks?

Before Walter Douglas I was an officer manager at a financial services company and before that I was your friendly customer service rep at LIDS, the hat store, at the mall.

Tell us about your family.

My husband Tyler and I recently celebrated our 17th anniversary. We have two boys Nathan and Carter. We also have an Ollie, a GSP bird dog. Nathan is currently in 4th grade at Hendricks, Carter is in 8th grade at FWJH and Ollie is the world's most spoiled dog. If you have been in my classroom, it will not be a surprise that one of our favorite family activities is camping. You can catch us camping/glamping every school vacation (Ollie included). We have explored many places and hope to continue exploring more in the future.

What hobbies do you have?

I enjoy a good...hike, jog, book, camping trip, thrift find, upcycle project, craft, Carter/Nathan event/game, and date night with my hubby.

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

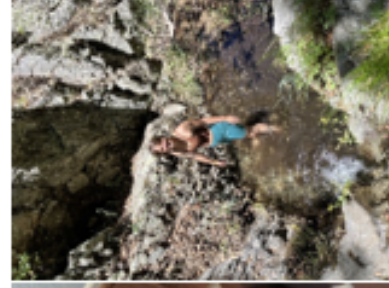
I am becoming very knowledgeable on the body's function and natural medicine and remedies. Did you know that most medical problems start in the gut?

PS. I don't park in the main parking lot. I live nearby and parking in the overflow parking lot is so much easier for me to get here and home. I give Missy Siegel access to my parking spot the first two weeks because she is the best and helped me start my bio because she knows I dislike writing about myself. Kayla Coulter gets access the 2nd two weeks for being the best and adding my sweet dog to the family picture.



Hendricks Elementary School

Hawk of the Month



Name: Malie McDevitt Kraljic

Position at Hendricks: TAll

How long have you worked in education? Since I started at Hendricks last Spring!

What education/job experiences did you have before coming to work at Hendricks? I graduated from the University of Arizona during the summer of 2022 with my undergraduate in Speech and Language pathology. I planned on pursuing a masters in Speech, but have welcomed an alternative future career in hospice care! I continue to teach yoga and work at a restaurant a few days a week.

Tell us about your family.

I am the older sister of my twin brother, who happens to be my greatest pal, and teacher of all things compassion. My parents are two of the kindest people to walk this earth. If you met my mom during the 2021/2022 school year here at Hendricks, you would know! I am blessed with the sweetest Bengal cat, her name is Richard (aka Keke).

What hobbies do you have?

My favorite hobby is probably, trying new hobbies! I love to try new things, and I will do anything at least once! My longest standing hobbies would be my yoga practice alongside walking barefoot through the desert in hopes of finding some water to jump into! I also love to travel and will take any opportunity I can to do so!

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

During the summer and fall of 2022 I spent three months in India, studying yoga and traditional yoga philosophy. I was able to extend my originally planned trip and travel around the country meeting some of the sweetest souls, and hike through the beautiful Himalayan mountains. In my ideal world, I will spend a few months in India regularly to continue my studies and experience the rich culture the Eastern world has to offer. Part of my yoga practice includes a mantra practice, which I have been working on by learning the harmonium (very slowly), which is a traditional Indian instrument. It is a combination of piano and organ, that is portable!

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 be used 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

Tucson, AZ 85705

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.

Help 6th Grade go to the

GRAND CANYON



STEP 1: You make a donation



STEP 2: Your gift supports students going to the Grand Canyon



STEP 3: You receive a \$ for \$ tax credit up to \$400 for married couples and \$200 for singles



We need your help!

You can receive a tax credit by making a donation to Hendricks Elementary School. **Dollar-for-dollar, this donation reduces what you owe in state taxes.** You may either donate to a specific student or donate to our general Grand Canyon fund that will support all students going to the Grand Canyon.

Contributions are donated DIRECTLY to the school, not to the state or the district.

ARIZONA TAX LAW

- This tax credit is available to all taxpayers, even if they don't have a child in school.
- ARS-43-1089 allows married couples filing jointly to take up to \$400 in tax credit or \$200 for singles if they donate to extracurricular activities in public schools.

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HOW CAN I DONATE AND RECEIVE A TAX CREDIT?

1. Use the QR Code or Go to:

https://www.flowingwellsschools.org/quick_links/school_tax_credits

2. Click "Pay ONLINE using our webstore"
3. On the right side of the screen fill out the following:

School: J Robert Hendricks Elementary School

Activity: Grand Canyon Trip

Amount: _____

Memo: Student Name or General Fund

4. Click "Buy"

5. Click "Cart"

6. Click "Pay"

7. Fill in your payment information



Thank you for your donation!

