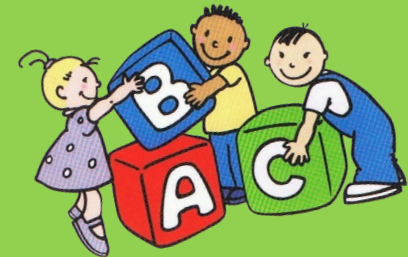




Hawk Highlight

Kindergarten



Ms. Davis



Mrs. Schiess



Ms. Rodriguez

Notes from Mrs. Finchum



Hawk Families:

Welcome to Fall! If you are like me, you are grateful that weather is finally starting to cool off as we approach the end of first quarter. It was nice to see so many families join us at the Family Picnic in September. I would like to thank our incredible Hendricks PTO who organized and coordinated the event. Also, I'm excited that we are selling school t-shirts via 1st Place Spiritwear. You can purchase a variety of Hendricks swag at by visiting the website at: <https://1stplacespiritwear.com/schools/AZ/Tucson/Hendricks%20Elementary%20School>

Please remember to **drive slowly and safely** as you drop-off and pick-up students before and after school. They may not run across Camino de la Tierra to meet adults at pick-up – this is very dangerous. Also, please talk with your child about **crossing only in the crosswalk** at the corner and about waiting to cross in front of the school until an adult can escort them across the drop-off zone. Please remember that there is **no parking in the drop-off zones** in front of the school or off of the main parking lot and it is important that you say a quick goodbye and move out of the drop-off area. Please do not wait in your car in the entryway to the school or in the south side loop. Also, do not double park and block in other vehicles. Leaving cars in these areas blocks the thoroughfare, backs up traffic and creates a danger for students as cars try to navigate around them. Please also respect any signs on public roads that state no parking or no standing.

In addition, allow me to remind you about our excellent school meal program. Students can eat breakfast and lunch daily at school. Full price breakfast for children is \$1.00 and lunch is \$2.75. You can add money to your child's account by visiting Quick Links on the Hendricks or Flowing Wells website and selecting "prepay lunch." We encourage ALL families to fill out a free and reduced lunch application online for your child even if you're not sure if you qualify. This allows Hendricks to collect and submit data that qualifies us for grants and special programs and may result in a free or reduced lunch cost <http://FWUSD.NLAPPSCLOUD.com>. Paper copies are available in the office as well.

Lastly, please 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. If you are able to donate, it would make all the difference to our school. Please see the included tax credit form for more details.

The following are upcoming events for October:

Half Day, Noon Dismissal - Friday, October 6th for teacher grading. This is the last day of first quarter!

Conferences – Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, **October 11th, 12th, and 13th**. These days are noon dismissal for students. If you are unable to schedule a conference on one of these days, please contact your child's teacher to schedule a phone conference, or a meeting for a different day.

Fall Break – October 16th-20th. There is no school on these days.

Awards Assembly - Friday, **October 27th** at 8:30 am for grades 1-2 and 9:30 am for grades 3-6.

Red Ribbon/Wellness Week - Kicks off **October 23rd-27th**. Our Wellness committee has a great plan to host an educational week full of fun, healthy events! Watch for more information about this week to come home later in the month.

Halloween – Halloween is Tuesday, October 31st this year! Students may wear costumes on this day. As a reminder, no bloody, overly scary costumes, or fake weapons are allowed. Teachers will communicate with families regarding party schedules for individual grade levels when we get closer.

As always, it is an honor to serve you as principal of Hendricks Elementary School. If you have questions or concerns, please give me a call or come in to talk.

Respectfully,

Tabetha Finchum



What's Happening in Kindergarten?



In Ms. Ramos' class

We are learning about what makes each of us special, practicing our letter names/sounds and sight words, learning our 2D and 3D shapes and hoping fall brings us some nice cool weather.

In Mrs. Schiess' class

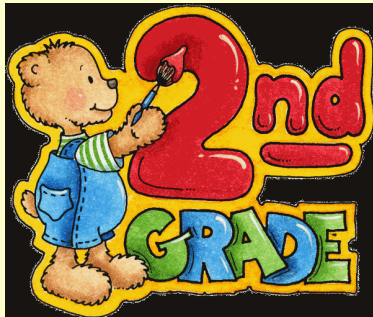
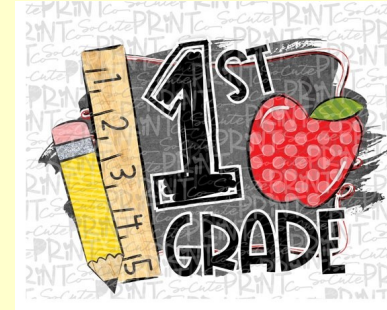
We are discovering what it means to be a scientist. A special guest, Dr. Science, pops in from time to time to share new information. We are learning what patience looks like, having pride in our work and finding ways to become problem solvers. We love making connections throughout our day to previous learning. We have fun working as a team in room 2.

In Ms. Rodriguez's class

We are having so much fun in Kindergarten as we continue to build our classroom community and make new friends! Our class has been working hard practicing sight words, counting to 100, and blending letter sounds as we write sentences. We are learning to work together as we explore new literacy and math centers each week. We are excited for fall and the fun activities to come!

What's Happening at Hendricks?

**Fantastic First Grade !
Reid Park Zoo Field Trip
Friday, November 3, 2023**



2nd Grade News:

Mini-Muster is on October 5th—We need parent volunteers!

We are so excited to have conferences with you October 11, 12, 13!

Third grade is beginning to work on their play, "The Bear Went Over the Mountain." We are in need of donations for costumed and props. Mrs. McCarthy sent a note home a few weeks ago. Please reach out to your child's teacher for more information.

The first book project is due Monday, October 9th. No alte projects will be accepted.

We appreciate all of your consistent donations. All classes are still in need of snacks. Please send in any donations if you can.



What's Happening at Hendricks?



Band and orchestra classes are off to a great start this year. Please make sure you are encouraging your child to establish a consistent practice routine at home. The consistency is more important than the length of practice time. 10-15 minutes a few times throughout the week will make a world of difference in your child's progress. Our 6th graders will perform in our band and orchestra festivals in November. More information to come later in the month!

Mrs. McCarthy and Mr. Norwood

1st, 2nd, and 3rd base classes are practicing our bowling in October! We are getting ready for Special Olympics.



News from Flowing Wells Resource Center!

Deadline for Holiday help applications is October 9th.

What's Happening at Hendricks?

The after school Cross Country team, which is open to all 2nd—6th grade students will begin the season on Monday, October 2nd. Mrs. Wofford and Mrs. Strickland will be coaching. The first Cross Country meet will be on October 26th. Please contact Mrs. Wofford or Mrs. Strickland if you have any questions.



A big thank you to our parent/grandparent volunteers!
Alisa Silva, Sarah Breitwieser, and Jessica Brogan helped with
Fall Picture Day.

We appreciate all of our volunteers! Thank you so much!

Fall Break
October 16—20

Awards Assemblies
October 27th
K-2—8:30 am
3-6—9:30 am

What's Happening at Hendricks?

In technology we are learning the proper procedures on how to treat our devices. We have centers around the room that we rotate in and practice. Some of those include the bee bots that show us what coding is like, giant keyboards that we practice finding our letters on, and also a mouse center that shows us how to properly use a mouse and which buttons to press.



What's Happening at Hendricks?



Wellness at Hendricks is starting in this Lovely Fall Weather!

Coming soon:

Oct. 2-6 Walk or Roll to School Week!

-For every day your child walks or rolls to school/ or walks for 10 minutes at home and an adult signs off, they will be entered in a drawing for a FREE SCOOTER AND HELMET!

-This promotes awareness for exercise and cleaner air in our community!

-Thank you for participating and talking about this at home!

Oct. 23-27 Wellness Week

-We will have spirit days, healthy snacks, lunchtime activities and we will start WALK AROUND WEDNESDAYS!!! Look for more information coming home soon with your child!

lovely Fall weather, remember to get out and move!



Hendricks Elementary School Attendance Recognition Award

Hello Hawks,

At Hendricks Elementary School, we place a strong emphasis on creating a nurturing learning environment for all our students. We believe that regular attendance is a critical component of a student's academic success and overall growth.

Students who attend at least 95% of school days each quarter will be recognized for their exceptional attendance with an award and a treat during lunch. In addition, as a way to thank parents for their support we will email families congratulating them of their student's strong attendance standing.

Thank you for your continued focus on your child's school attendance. We look forward to celebrating with our students as the first quarter wraps up. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

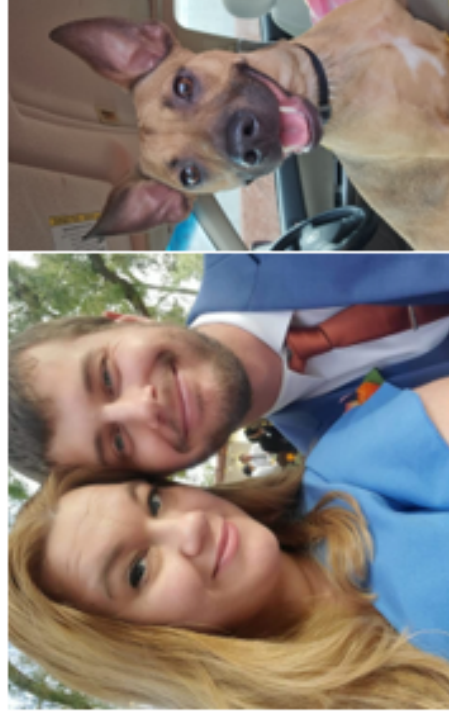
Regards,
Mrs. Cenedese



Hendricks Elementary School



Hawk of the Month



Name:

Victoria McWilliam

Position at Hendricks:

Touch Base Writing Teacher

How long have you worked in education?

This is my 7th year teaching, and my 3rd year at Hendricks.

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

My first job in education was to be a color guard coach and choreographer for a high school marching band. This was what made me want to go into teaching. In college, I started working as an instructional assistant at a middle school, then I moved to the high school where I was a TA and front office secretary. I received my BS from NAU in 2017 and started working as a 5th grade elementary teacher at Sahuarita Intermediate School. I worked there for 4 years, while working on my master's in special education. That is what led me to Hendricks!

Tell us about your family.

I have a large family. I am the 5th child out of 7 kids. My husband's name is Brian. We met at work. He was a special education teacher at my school. We started dating, and eventually, he proposed to me, at the end of the year staff celebration, in the school library. We got married in May of 2020. The following school year was tough for everyone, and he and I decided we wanted a change. I switched to Resource, and he switched to PE!

We also (finally) got a puppy, named Myers, on Christmas of last year!



Hendricks Elementary School

Hawk of the Month



Name: Emma "The Rock" Parkinson

Position at Hendricks:

TA1, IMC, honestly, I'm like a shapeshifter, every day is going to be different, and I'll be ready for it!

How long have you worked in education?

This will be my 4th month working in education!

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

I graduated from Flowing Wells High School in 2022 and lived in London for a few months studying art history at The Courtauld Institute of Art, which specified in Impressionist paintings and had its own museum full of famous impressionist paintings from Degas, Van Gogh, Monet, and so many more, it was paradise.

PTO News

Thank you to all the families, students, teachers, and staff who joined in the fun at the September Family Picnic! A special thanks to the Student Council who did a fantastic job at the concession stand and to our PTO Vice President Kelly Cho for keeping the fun and dancing going with great music!

We've also been busy helping teachers stock their classrooms and add even more collaborative learning opportunities by helping to purchase everything from interactive games and headphones to use during centers to flexible seating, calming lights, and organization materials to ensure our students have a wonderful classroom experience everyday. This is only possible because of YOUR support of our PTO fundraisers- thank you!

Here's a look at what October brings for PTO and the Hendricks community:

- Friday the 13th won't be spooky at all- it's the next PTO Dollar Days sale, and this one will include fun pens, pencils, markers, and more! Everything is just \$1 each, cash only, and students may shop on the playground before school from 7:30-7:50am.
- Our Fall Fundraising Night will be at Chipotle at Ina and La Cholla from 4-8pm. Chipotle will donate 33% of sales when you mention Hendricks at checkout or use the code FTLD7ME when you order online during that time.
- Join us via Zoom for our October PTO meeting on October 26 at 5:30pm. You'll hear school updates from Mrs. Finchum and our teacher liaisons plus we'll discuss upcoming PTO events including our exciting STEM Saturday coming in December. The Zoom meeting ID is 821 2230 8884 with code PTOROCKS.
- Look for the PTO table at the October 27th awards assemblies. We'll have Smencils and Hendricks stickers on sale for \$1, cash and checks only, so you can grab an item to celebrate and encourage your amazing Hendricks student. If you aren't able to attend the awards assemblies but want to pick-up some Smencils or Hawks stickers before or after school, please send us an email at hendricks.pto.board@gmail.com.

Our fully online spiritwear website continues to offer a huge variety of Hendricks Hawks gear. Check it out at <https://1stplace.sale/4736>.

PTO is only successful because of YOU, our amazing Hendricks families! Check out our volunteer opportunities and sign-up for a slot or two at <https://volunteersignup.org/J3CHP>. Thank you for your support!

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

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.