



Hawk Highlight

 Sixth Grade



Mr. Jungbluth



Ms. Heinzl



Ms. Carlson

Notes from Dr. Finchum



Dear Hawk Families,

Wow! We have already reached the 4th quarter. Our students have been working hard to meet their academic and social goals. We were so excited to honor our 3rd quarter awards recipients at our awards ceremonies. Thank you to those of you who attended. Kids are always ecstatic to see their family in the audience!

Here are some upcoming events to be on the lookout for in April!

AASA Testing – Students in grades 3-6 will be completing AASA testing this Spring. The AASA Writing exam will be on Wednesday, April 3rd. The oral reading fluency, reading, and writing tests will take place between April 15th- 19th. Thank you in advance for your support with getting kids to school on time and here every day, particularly during testing days. Any classroom assistance with providing healthy snacks to have during testing is also appreciated.

Kindergarten Roundup – Registration for our incoming Kindergartners is still taking place. If you know of any neighbors or friends that haven't registered their incoming Kindergartner, please have them come into the office anytime to fill out a registration form. We can also schedule a tour for any family.

Teacher Requests - Please be aware that we will soon start the process of determining classroom placements for the 2024-2025 school year. When making class lists, the teachers make every effort to be sure that the classes are balanced. If you would like to submit a letter describing what type of educational experience will be best for your child, we will make every effort to honor and respect your perspective. Our goal is to always do what is best for our students. These letters need to be submitted to the office by Friday, April 19th because we will start creating class lists for next year shortly afterwards.

Registration – We will be completing registration for continuing students online. New, incoming students will still need to complete paper registration forms, but all continuing students will be online. Information will be sent home on Monday, April 8th describing the registration process and we ask that you complete registration by Friday, May 3rd. Families without technology may come into the Hendricks office to complete the forms online. If you know your child will not be returning to Hendricks for the 2024-2025 school year, please communicate that to Mrs. Agraan at 520-696-8400. This helps us better prepare for next year's registration and class lists.

Spring Holiday– There is no school on Friday, March 29th and Monday, April 1st. Please remember to be back to school on Tuesday, April 2nd as we will be preparing for testing that week.

Last, but certainly not least, allow me to thank our wonderful PTO and the community for our successful “Hawks Race Through Space” event in March. We raised over \$20,000 and the money will be used to support Wellness initiatives and classroom projects. On Thursday, April 18th at 5:30 we will have our next PTO meeting via Zoom. We are always looking for parents to be involved with PTO. We will be holding our 2024-2025 officer elections at the meeting. If you are interested in running for a PTO board position, send an email to hendricks.pto.board@gmail.com by April 12th. Hendricks looks forward to a continued great partnership with the PTO for 2024-2025 school year.

It is an honor to serve you as principal of Hendricks Elementary School. If you have questions or concerns, please give me a call at 520-696-8401 or come in to talk.

Tabetha Finchum

What's Happening in Sixth Grade?

In social studies, students have learned about ancient civilizations including those of Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, China, Greece, and Rome. As amateur anthropologists they have looked at world religions, geography, and historical patterns. Within these social studies topics, students have practiced their comprehension of informational texts and writing skills.

In math, as we get closer to AASA testing, a weekly review assignment is being sent home to prepare students for concepts that they will be tested on. Additionally, students will also be assigned some Khan Academy assignments for independent study to expose them to concepts we will not formally explore until after the test. In class, students are exploring the relationship between ratios, graphs, and equations and are beginning to explore the number line below zero with negative numbers. Finally, we end the year by collecting data as we discover ways to represent data sets through mean, median, mode, range, interquartile range (IQR), and mean absolute value (MAD).

Meanwhile in science, students are learning about the phases of the moon and the phenomenon of eclipses and how that is connected to the movement of the Moon, Sun and Earth. If you get a chance, please pause and look up at the sky and see if you can spot the moon. Ask your child if they can identify the phase, or to explain why we are seeing the phase. We also created planispheres (star charts) which they can use to try to spot constellations- Orion is always a good one to start with and it's super visible right now. We will start to learn about the scale and size of the planets and distance of objects in our solar system next.

As 6th grade enters the fourth quarter, we are looking forward to our end of the year overnight field trip to the Grand Canyon on April 25th and 26th. If your child is attending, please make sure to attend the parent meeting on April 3rd at 6pm for important information such as permission slips, waivers, packing lists, meal choices, and trip expectations!

Keep an eye out for letters and notes going home about end of the year activities.

What's Happening at Hendricks?



We'd like to give a HUGE THANK YOU! to all of our chaperones that joined us for the Desert Museum Field Trip last month! We are so appreciative for the love and care you show all of our students. We couldn't do it without YOU! ♥

Most Appreciative,
Your First Grade Team
Mr. Johnson, Ms. Sabin & Mrs. Young

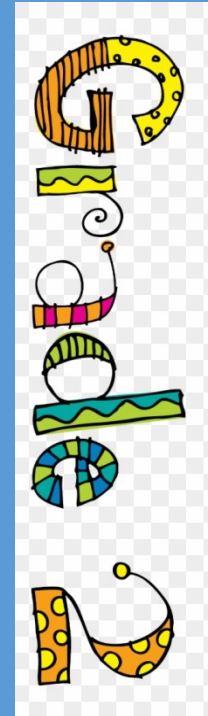
Hello Second Grade Families!

-All three second-grade teachers are looking forward to our upcoming field trips to Sabino Canyon! Please check your student's folder in the next few weeks for information regarding volunteering for the field trip.

All 2nd graders keep up the great work at school and home. Continue to set goals and keep routines consistent with homework and reading nightly. We are so proud of you and your achievements this year!

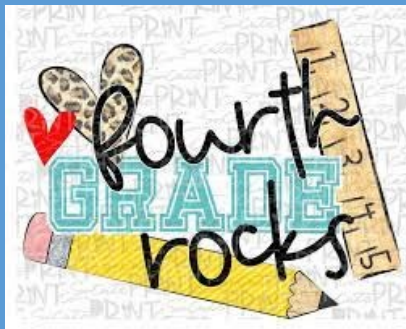
Also, it is getting hot! Bring a water bottle to stay hydrated and ready for learning!

Thank you for your continued support! Please keep in touch and let us know if you have any questions.



What's Happening at Hendricks?

- AASA Writing testing is April 3rd. Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest the night before and eats a healthy breakfast the morning of testing.
- AASA ORF, Reading, and Math testing is April 15th-19th. Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest the night before and eats a healthy breakfast the morning of testing.
- We are in need of snacks for testing days. Please donate to your child's classroom if you can.



Recorder Concert—April 10 at 5:30 pm

AASA Testing
April 3, April 16-19th



Field days are coming soon!
Grades 3-6 and Bases—May 23rd
Grades 1-2 and Bases—May 24th

We are in need of 30 volunteers each day.
We also need donations of otter pops, 5 gallon buckets and 100 foot hoses.
Donations may be dropped off at the Hendricks office.

April and May are busy months in the music room! Please make note of the following dates for our various performances within the next few weeks.

April 10th- 4th Grade Recorder Concert 5:30 pm

Students should meet at 5:15 pm with their recorders

*This is mandatory for all students. Please make note of our new start time of 5:30 pm.

April 23rd- Choir Musical 5:30 pm

All choir students received a new after school rehearsal schedule for the week before, beginning on April 19th.



What's Happening at Hendricks?

Science Fair Elementary Grand Awards:

Gabe Skiles	The Vertical Farm	Second Place
Natalia Lee	Solar Updraft Tower	Second Place
Nicholas Gutierrez	Monster Jam Splash Edition	Third Place
Henry Heyer	Eco-Friendly Insulation	First Place
Harrison Heyer	Desert Dwellers Vs Forest Folk	Arizona Hydrological Society
Natalie Lodge	Fire (Safe) Seat	Saguaro Steward

Paper Airplanes	Crystal Shepard's Class	Second Place
Dam Material	Crystal Shepard's Class	Second Place
Roll on ... to a New Habitat	Elizabeth Campa's Class	Third Place
Not too Hot, Not too Cold, Just Right at Home	Jessica Wendt's Class	Second Place
Backyard Birding Builders	Kaitlyn Capas' Class	Second Place
Backyard Birding	Missy Siegel's Class	First Place
Backyard Bird Feeders	Sarah Hitchings Class	Third Place
Water Harvesting Playscape	Vanessa Schiess' Class	First Place



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Hawk of the Month



Name: Ana Marie Obregon

Position at Hendricks: Cafeteria Manager

How long have you worked in education?

I've been working as a cafeteria worker for over 20 years.

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

I came to Hendricks from Walter Douglas Elementary School.

Tell us about your family.

I have four grown children, two of which graduated from Flowing Wells. I've been blessed to raise two more young girls who have gone to school at Hendricks.

What hobbies do you have?

I am an avid collector of holiday decorations for both my home and my cafeteria kitchen.

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

I first came to Flowing Wells from Marana School District. My first school was Centennial where I first met Mrs. Jones, Ms. Segroves and Dr. Finchum. Then I went to Walter Douglas where I met Mrs. Flores, Mrs. Creager and Mrs. Strickland. I waited over 5 years to get to Hendricks which has become my home school. Who knew I would come full circle to maybe end my career with some amazing women that I never imagined I'd be working with again. It has been an amazing journey!



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Hawk of the Month



Name: Laura Herman

Position at Hendricks: Reading resource teacher

How long have you worked in education? This is my third-year teaching at Hendricks. Prior to working at Hendricks, I was a TA in a cross categorical special education class for a year.

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

My undergraduate degree is in Psychology with a minor in Criminology. I have a Master of Social Work degree. Prior to working in the education field, I was a lab manager at a psychology research lab. In addition, I worked as a social worker in a nursing home, and I was also a substance abuse therapist.

Tell us about your family.

I am an only child! I grew up in Virginia, and my best friend as a child was also named Laura. She was like a quasi-sister to me. My husband, Chris, and I got married in 2019. My baby boy, Matthew, was born in October 2023. Chris, Matthew, and I also have a cat named Stanley and a dog named Nika.

What hobbies do you have?

I enjoy playing with my pets and taking walks and hikes. I also love spending as much time with Matthew as possible! I taught myself how to crochet by watching YouTube videos. Although I haven't crocheted in a while, I do find it relaxing and rewarding.

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

When I worked in the psychology research lab, I had an opportunity to conduct some interviews in jails and prisons. It was a really interesting experience! Also, I am a co-author on a published academic research paper that I worked on at the research lab.

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
- Douglas Elementary School
- Laguna Elementary School
- Davis Elementary School
- Hendricks Elementary School
- Richardson Elementary School

Specific Activity * _____

For Flowing Wells Junior High School

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

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.