

# HENDRICKS ELEMENTARY APRIL NEWSLETTER

## A Message from the Principal

Dear Hawk Families,

**Hue Run** – The Hue Run is coming April 28<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to volunteer please email Jessica Devoy at [hendrickspto@yahoo.com](mailto:hendrickspto@yahoo.com).



**New Principal** - It is a pleasure for me to inform you that **Mr. Alan Schmidt** has been selected by the committee to be the fourth principal of Hendricks Elementary School. Mr. Schmidt is the current principal of Sentinel Peak High School in Flowing Wells. He was a commander in the National Guard and has been an elementary teacher as well as an active member of the military. He has been around school to introduce himself to students and faculty. We will work together to make the transition seamless for families. He officially starts on July 1 but he and I will work together from this point forward. Welcome, Mr. Schmidt!

**Registration** - Forms will be coming home with your child **in April**. Please fill these forms out and return to your child's teacher as soon as possible. If you know your child will not be returning for the 2017-2018 school year, please fill in the bottom portion of the letter attached to the registration form. This helps us better prepare for next year's registration and class lists.

### New Staff for 2017-2018 school year:

We welcome and say goodbye to:

**Kindergarten** – Mrs. Vanessa Schiess – transfer from Hendricks first grade replacing Mrs. Rios; Sarah Caballero – transfer from Richardson replacing Clarissa Cristofori.

**First Grade** – Ms. Brooke Davis – replacing Mrs. Schiess.

**Second Grade** - Jade LaRue – transfer from Richardson and completed student teaching here at Hendricks – replacing Ms. Spears.

**Fourth Grade** – Cheri Kreager – a transfer from Walter Douglas – replacing Mrs. Nelson

**Sixth Grade** – Lillian Le – transfer from Centennial. Student taught at Hendricks - replacing Ms. Fuca

**Reading Lab** – Barb Vinyard – is now working .5 time in Reading Lab.

Mrs. Antista will be working .5 time at Hendricks and .5 time at Richardson in Resource.

Paulette Martinez is transferring from Homer Davis to join our SPED department replacing Mrs. Antista.

Mrs. Twila Bratka – replacing Mrs. Lisa Leon as Medical Assistant.

**Teacher Requests** - Please be aware that we will soon start the process of determining classroom placements for the 2017-2018 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 current classroom teacher and/or me by **Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** because we will begin to start creating class lists for next year in early May.

**Spring Break** – Our spring break is Monday, April 10-14. There will be no school on those days.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, I encourage your open communication with our school because together we create #TheBestPlaceEver for children!

Not Just a Strong Team, A+ Strong,

Peter M. Wells  
Principal  
696-8401

### Important Contact Numbers:

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

## Title I Reading:

Looking for ways to get your child engaged in reading? Check out these free/low cost reading apps and download them to your phone or tablet!



ABC Mouse



Learn With Homer



Super WHY: ABC Adventures



Read Me Stories: Learn to Read



Kids Reading Comprehension LI



Farfaria



MeeGenius: Children's Books:  
Storybooks + Songbooks

## PTO:

Thank you to everyone that sent in Box Tops! We raised \$2055.00 for our school! Great job Hawks! The next monthly meeting is April 18st at 2:30 pm in the volunteer center. Please join us! Officer elections for next year will take place at the meeting. Please let us know by emailing your name and contact information to [hendrickspto@yahoo.com](mailto:hendrickspto@yahoo.com) if you are interested so that we can add you to the ballot.

The Hendricks Healthy Hue Run is coming up on April 28<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to a great day filled with fun for all of the students with some new fun elements. We are still looking for volunteers to help out the day of the run. If you are interested, please email us at [hendrickspto@yahoo.com](mailto:hendrickspto@yahoo.com) and we will contact you. If you have any other questions about the Hue Run, please contact us also at the above email

Festival Under the Stars will be April 21st at Flowing Wells High School. This is a district wide carnival that

is a lot of fun. Hendricks will have a booth with fun prizes! Tickets for the booths are pre-sold in the office or at the high school the night of the event. Join us from 5:00 - 9:00 pm for a great time.

Teacher Appreciation is coming upon us fast. It is scheduled for May 8-12, 2017. Information was sent home about raffle prizes for our teachers. If you are able to assist with a gift card or basket of items, please fill out the paper that was sent home or email us at [hendrickspto@yahoo.com](mailto:hendrickspto@yahoo.com). During this month, we will be asking for volunteers to help us during the week of Teacher Appreciation. Please consider helping us honor the teachers and staff who have worked so tirelessly this year to ensure that our children gain the knowledge needed for the next year.

### **Hawks with Honor**

<b>Kindergarten</b>	Emma Dowden Love	Vitalia Bernard	Leo Fierro
<b>First Grade</b>	Evelyn Falcon	Roberto Rhodes-Diaz	Wendy Groff
<b>Second Grade</b>	Natalie Abbott	Elianna Hernandez	Lily Longoria
<b>Third Grade</b>	Sydney Gelvin	Josiah Reed	Landon Stombaugh
<b>Fourth Grade</b>	Nancy Nguyen	Olivia Hinton	Olivia Chavez
<b>Fifth Grade</b>	Tiffany Nguyen	Arius Celaya	
<b>Sixth Grade</b>	Alyssa Levi	Matthew Callen	
<b>First Base</b>	D.J. McCarthy		
<b>Second Base</b>	Jade Devoy		

### **APRIL BUILDING BLOCK OF CHARACTER – Evelyn Falcon**

### **Optimist Students of the Month**

**Joshua Reed** and **Fallon Green** will both attend a luncheon at Sullivan’s Steakhouse on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 and will receive a \$25.00 gift card and a certificate for continually demonstrating the 3 R’s at Hendricks.

### **Kindergarten**

Spring is in full bloom here in kindergarten, as we are wrapping up our last quarter and getting ready for first grade. Please continue to read regularly at home to help your child become a confident reader. As you read, please try to do a combination of adult reading TO your child, as well as having your child do some of the reading TO YOU aloud. Also, please have your child practice their sight words! This is key in helping your child succeed in reading! Kindergartners who have memorized all of their popcorn words by the beginning of May will be rewarded with a fun popcorn party. Finally, we are in the process of rehearsing for our **Kindergarten show** on **Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00**. We can’t wait to see these sweet little faces shine and to share your child’s scrapbook with you.

### **First Grade**

“Spring Fever” may begin to set in! Continue to get your child to school on time so he/she is in line on the playground when the 7:55 bell rings. Please encourage your child to stick to the **routines & procedures** for completing daily homework, reading logs and practicing those math facts up to 12! Thank you for all of the effort and support you provide at home.

As the weather warms up, it is important that your child stays hydrated by bringing a **water bottle** to school. Also, please don’t forget to pack a small **snack** to give your child that “little boost” mid-morning. This boost is a big advantage for your child. We see a positive difference in the children after a snack and drink. We always welcome snacks in bulk to share with the whole class too if that works best for you. Thanks for your generous donations this year of pretzels, grapes, goldfish crackers, fruit snacks, graham crackers, etc. Each first grade class is a bit low with bulk snacks right now, so we would welcome any donations. Thank you for your support!

Mark your calendars: Spring break will be the week of April 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. Festival Under the Stars at Flowing Wells High School will be April 21<sup>st</sup>. Our Spring Wellness Week will be April 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>. The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Hue Run will be Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Look for more information coming home soon on all our fun events.

## **Second Grade**

Thank you parents for all your involvement here at school-attending conferences and the awards assembly, supporting the HUE run with donations, and sending in snacks. We really appreciate your help!

As we begin the month of April, the momentum builds to prepare our second graders for the challenging reading and writing skills they will need in third grade. You can help your child to meet these expectations by keeping with a regular school routine. This can be a challenge as warmer weather and spring fever begin to kick in! Making school a priority and positive words of encouragement can make a difference in your child's approach to school. Please know that the second grade teachers are working hard to keep it interesting and to keep students motivated. We have begun our study of solids and liquids. Talk to your child about this because connections at home make the learning at school even more meaningful.

Keep your child motivated to read. The goal by the end of the year is to read at least 87 words per minute with retelling 3 details in order. If you think your child is ready to take the challenge of reading a 200 or more page book and interview for the Library 200 Club award, now is the time to get started! This will be the last opportunity for this year. If you are not sure if your child is ready for this challenge, please discuss it with your child's teacher. Thank you again for your cooperation and communication! Happy Spring!

## **Third Grade**

In March, our third graders completed their AzMERIT statewide achievement testing. The students worked hard, and should be proud of giving their best efforts on each portion of the test. We will continue to review and reinforce reading, writing, and math skills in preparation for fourth grade. In Science, we are studying sound and light. Students are learning how sound is made, and how light reflects, and refracts.

Please remind your child that there is still two months of school remaining, and they must continue to put forth effort and behave appropriately. The homework routine will be back to normal in April with the reading log, fluency, spelling, and math assignments daily. Please check your child's agenda nightly, and sign it. The HUE run is coming! Please continue to collect those donations. We want all third graders to collect at least \$5, so everyone can attend the after party.

## **Fourth Grade**

Thank you to all our parents during testing week. We appreciate your attention in having your child rested and to school on time. They all worked very hard during the testing week.

Beginning this month our fourth graders will begin a STEM unit in math in which they will apply several math skills they have acquired this year. The STEM unit is on bridge use, design, and construction. Students will learn about different bridges in our world and community, and the unit will culminate with a design and construction of their own model bridge. Then they will test their bridge to see if it supports a given amount of weight. If you have some popsicle sticks laying around (not Craft Sticks), and want to send them our way, we would greatly appreciate it.

## **Fifth Grade**

April is here and that means the end of the year is near. Students have just finished the AzMerit testing, and are getting ready for our district wide track meet. We would love to have you join us if possible. Maybe you could sneak off on your lunch break to watch your child in a few events, or take the whole day off. This is such an exciting time for them. It is **Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00-1:30. Thank you for all your support throughout this year and we look forward to a great end of the year.

## **Sixth Grade**

**Math:** Due to AzMERIT testing, most math content has been covered so students will be working on projects and lessons to review and cement the knowledge they learned this year. Congratulations on showing what you know on the AZMerit test!

**Reading:** In class we are continuing to read Harcourt Social Studies together as our main source for informational text. Additionally, students have their literature study books that we are continuing to work on in groups. Students should be halfway through their 4<sup>th</sup> quarter literature study book.

**Science:** We are continuing to explore the environment, simple machines, and engineering in our final science unit of the year!

**Social Studies:** We are in the middle of our 4<sup>th</sup> quarter unit on change and how it divides or unites people. We are looking at Ancient Rome and the Middle Ages and will be incorporating several art projects to enhance the learning experience in these areas!

Thanks to all volunteers who helped chaperone the Sky School field trip. You made the trip manageable and more enjoyable for all.

## **Important Dates**

April 3 – CATS Field Trip  
April 3 – Boys Basketball A Team @ Douglas  
April 4 – Boys Basketball B Team Douglas @ Hendricks  
April 5 – GAP Dinner  
April 6 – NO SKILLS  
April 6 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Track Meet FWHS  
April 6 - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Recorder Concert  
April 7 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Track Meet FWHS  
April 7 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Winners Barnes and Noble Field Trip  
April 8 – Chess Tournament Joel Valdez Main Library  
April 10-14 – Spring Break  
April 17 Boys Basketball A Team @ Richardson  
April 18 – Boys Basketball A Team Centennial @ Hendricks  
April 18 – PTO Meeting  
April 19 – Boys Basketball A Team Davis @ Hendricks  
April 19 – GAP Dinner  
April 20 – CATS Field Trip to Tucson Village Farms  
April 20 – Boys Basketball B Team Hendricks @ Centennial  
April 21 – Festival Under the Stars  
April 24 – NO SKILLS  
April 25 – First and Second Base Field Trip to Pima County Fair  
April 26 – GAP Dinner  
April 26 – Boys Basketball B Team Richardson @ Hendricks  
April 27 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to the Miniature Time Museum  
April 27 – Boys Basketball B Team @ Davis  
April 28 – Hue Run  
April 29 - Chess Festival Hotel Congress

## **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.

## **A Note from Mrs. Agraan**

Registration forms will be coming home with your child at the middle of April. Please fill these forms out and return to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

If you know your child will not be returning for the 2017-2018 school year, please fill in the bottom portion of the letter attached to the registration form and return the entire packet (**not filled out**) to the teacher. This helps us prepare for next year's registration and class lists.

## **Teacher Requests**

### **#PlanningForNextYear**

Please be aware that we will soon start the process of determining classroom placements for the 2017-2018 school year. When making class lists, the teachers make every effort to be sure that classes are balanced. **If you would like to submit a letter** describing what type of educational experience will be best for your child/children, we will make every effort to honor and respect your perspective. Our goal is to always do what is best for our students. As principal, I will double check all lists and make changes that I feel are necessary, taking into consideration the parent request, teacher's style and students learning style. I must also keep in a balance of academic needs, behavioral needs and gender balance.

**#DEADLINE** These letters need to be submitted to the current classroom teacher and/or me by **Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** because we will begin to start creating class lists for next year in early May.

## **Hendricks Summer Skills for Success**

Who: Students who will be in 1st Through 5th Grade beginning in the fall of 2016

Where: J. Robert Hendricks Elementary School

When: One 5 week session **May 30 – June 29, 2017**

Monday through Thursday

7:45 am—11:45 am

**Free breakfast available from 7:30 am until 7:55 am. Students must be accompanied by an adult until 7:45 am. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. All forms should be completed and turned in by Friday, April 28, 2017.**

For additional information call Mrs. Butler @ 442-8921

# FLOWING WELLS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION



Presents the 24th Annual

## FESTIVAL UNDER THE STARS!

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2017

5:00 PM ~ 9:00 PM

Held at:

Flowing Wells High School - Common Area  
3725 N. Flowing Wells Road



### RAFFLE PRIZES

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT 50/50

Featuring students and staff from all schools in the FW District!

ACTIVITY BOOTHS & Game Booths

FOOD TRUCK COURT - FOOD VARIETY

CASH ONLY - NO tickets



*Bring your family and friends for an evening of entertainment. Come with an appetite and enjoy a night out.*

Pre-sale Tickets are available at each school site  
until the morning of April 21, 2017

You will be able to purchase pre-sale tickets in HR office until 3 p.m.

Raffle tickets \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00

Activity Tickets .25¢ each or 5 tickets for \$1.00

**NOTE:**

Activity tickets purchased on the day of Festival will be sold for  
4 for \$1.00. Raffle tickets will be sold at \$1.00 each.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

