

A Message from the Principal

Hawk Families,

Welcome to fall! The monsoons have subsided and the weather is cooling down. This month is a busy one at Hendricks. Students began the month taking our District Assessment Plan in Reading and Math. This new assessment is exposing our students to the newer, more rigorous standards. In reading, students are experiencing fewer passages, yet more detailed questions. Our math DAP is requiring students solve multi-step problems.

#Awards Assembly Reminder: The first quarter awards assembly is scheduled for Friday, October 21st. Please join us at 8:30 for 1-3 grade assembly or 9:30 for 4-6 grade assembly.

#First, Second and third grade Parent Literacy Nights were a great success thanks to all the teamwork with our Title teachers. We greatly appreciate all of the families who came to participate in these important nights. We saw an increase in this year's attendance. Watch for other parent nights soon.

#No school on Friday, October 7th for teacher record day. Teachers have sent home your conference request forms. Be sure to schedule a time to meet with your child's teacher during conferences.

#Noon Dismissal - Conferences are scheduled Monday – Wednesday October 10th, 11th, and 12th. These are early release days for students. If you are unable to schedule on these days, contact teachers to hold either a phone conference or schedule another day.

#Fall Break – is Thursday, October 13th and Friday, October 14th. No school on those days.

#Walk/Ride to school day Wednesday October 28th. A chance for students to walk or ride their bike or scooter to school as part of the Pima County initiative. One student will win a scooter!

#Red Ribbon/Wellness Week kicks off October 24-28. STUCO has teamed up with Wellness Committee to host an educational week full of events at lunch.

#PTO gum day is October 12th. Students can purchase a license to chew gum at school. Gum will also be for sale. Help support our fantastic PTO.

#Box Tops – Keep saving yours in order to support our school. Collection on October 24th.

#Halloween – Hendricks will celebrate on Friday, October 28, 2016. Teachers will communicate with families regarding party schedules for individual grade levels.

#S4S – Our Skills for Success program is off to a great start. Thank you to all families who have signed up students for an extended day of school. We have Intervention programs running after school on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday with a focus on increasing student achievement in Reading and Math.

The new Move on When Reading Arizona revised statutes regarding promotion and retention of third grade students goes back into effect this year. The newly revised law states that a student shall not be promoted from the third grade if the students obtain a Falls Far Below score on the AzMerit/AIMS Reading test. Our partnership is more important now than ever before. I encourage all parents who have a student struggling in (K-3) school to make contact with your child's teacher and find out what you can do together at home as part of the team to improve your child's skills.

#Annual Fall Title I Meeting - Come and find out all the great things happening in our Title I program at 2:30 on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 in the Library.

Hawks are A+ Strong,



Peter M. Wells
Principal
696-8401

Important Contact Numbers:

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

As you may be aware, the federal government has reauthorized the Elementary and Secondary School Act (ESEA). The reauthorization mandates several actions in Title I schools with an increased effort to inform parents. I am writing to let you know of some of your rights under ESEA. Under ESEA, you can request information concerning the professional qualifications of your child's teacher:

Whether your child's teacher meets Arizona teacher qualifying and licensing criteria for the grade level or subject area which the teacher teaches;

Whether your child's teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status from the State Department of Education; The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree;

Whether paraprofessionals (teacher aides) provide any services to your student and, if so, you may request information on the qualifications of those individuals.

If you would like to request information about the Elementary and Secondary School Act (ESEA), please contact me at 520-696-8401. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to give me a call. Working together will support our goal in having another successful school year for all who attend Hendricks Elementary School.

Title I Reading:

Autumn is here! Your child can learn all about the new season while he practices reading for information Here are some fun opportunities:

Collect Facts

How do pumpkins grow? Why do leaves fall off trees? Read nonfiction library books about fall, and encourage your child to listen for interesting facts. Then, let him cut out autumn shares (pumpkins, leaves) from construction paper, and help him write down the facts.

Read autumn "news"

Take a walk around town, and look for fall-related announcements. A police station sign might remind drivers that students are back at school, a street banner may announce an autumn festival, and a sign in a store window could advertise a fall sale. Ask your child to read any words he knows, and read the rest to him.

Research fall produce

Visit an apple orchard, a farmer's market, or the grocery store, and help your child discover fall fruits and vegetables. Together, read signs or brochures to learn about them. For instance, which apples are more popular for baking pies-Golden Delicious or Granny Smith? Where was the cauliflower grown?

Music:

Attention 3rd Grade: Please mark **October 25th** on your calendar for our musical on stage for our families and friends. The program is at 6:00pm. If you are interested in helping us create costumes and/or stage decorations, please contact Mrs. McCarthy in the music room.

Band and Orchestra students should be in a routine of bringing their instrument and music to class on the correct days. Please help your child by reminding him/her to check their music calendar on a regular basis. Playing an instrument requires practice to build the new muscles being used, so beginners (5th grade) should be practicing at least 10 minutes, 3 or 4 times per week. Our intermediate students (6th grade) should be practicing at least 20 minutes 3 or 4 times per week. Ask your child to play what he/she has learned so far!

Thank You:

Thank you to our faithful volunteers who helped us this year with Hearing Screenings and also Picture Day. Brandi Nixon, Melinda Calhoun and Rudi Leon helped with Hearing Screenings and Melinda Calhoun and Miriam Knight helped with Picture Day. You ladies are awesome and we thank you so much for your time!

PTO:

Hendricks PTO is off to a fabulous start for the 2016-2017 school year. Hendricks Family Picnic was a lot of fun and it was great to see all of the families enjoying the festivities of the evening. A super big thank you to all of our volunteers and staff who donated their time or brought in baked goods. We would also like to thank NYS and Truly Nolen for coming and bringing fun games and activities for us to participate in.

Our Fall fundraiser is complete. Thank you to everyone who participated. This profit will help us to fund many different activities and supplies throughout the upcoming year. Keep a lookout for details about the pick-up of the items which will happen in October after fall break.

Our next Box Top collection will be **October 24th**. The competition this time is for the winning grade level. Keep collecting those box tops! We have set a goal of \$2500 for this year.

Gum Day is coming on **October 12th**. Gum licenses will be on sale in the hallway in the mornings that week. If you have purchased a \$1 gum license you can chew gum that Wednesday at school. You can bring your own gum or buy it from your classroom teacher that day.

The next meeting for PTO will be on **October 18th** at 2:30 pm in the Volunteer Center. We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions, you may email us at hendrickspto@yahoo.com

Hawks with Honor

Kindergarten	John Gutierrez	Shelbylynne Cobb	Aiden Leon
First Grade	Emma Petrosush	Eleana Parsons	Wayman Perryman
Second Grade	Felipe Diaz III	Olivia Hitchings	Katynce Kimes
Third Grade	Adam Herrera	Nadia Chandler	Kylyn Ritter
Fourth Grade	Jacob Bratka	Paisley Pressler	Melanie Thompson
Fifth Grade	Mackenzie Jackson	Gabby Cañez	
Sixth Grade	Hailey Brant	Gerardo Rhodes	
First Base	Jacob Gygi		
Second Base	Carlos Cocoba		

OCTOBER BUILDING BLOCK OF CHARACTER – Gerardo Rhodes

Optimist Students of the Month

Jacob Bratka and Brandon Lucas both will attend a luncheon at Sullivan's Steakhouse on Wednesday, **October 5, 2016** and receive a \$25.00 gift card and a certificate for continually demonstrating the 3 R's at Hendricks.

Health Office

When to keep students home:

- Fever 100 degrees or higher- student must be fever free for 24 hours without medication before returning to school
- Uncontrolled cough
- Unknown rash
- Yellowish or greenish discharge from the nose or eyes
- Sore throat that consist of red or swollen tonsils
- Vomiting or diarrhea within 24 hours of coming to school

Hearing Screens were conducted in September and Vision Screens will be done on October 10th.. If you receive a referral notice for your child's Hearing or Vision please follow up with his/her doctors as soon as possible. If you have any questions feel free to call Mrs. Leon at 696-8402

We are in need of gently used **DONATED clothing and shoes** and **NEW underwear and socks** of all sizes for both boys and girls. If you have articles you would like to donate please take them to the Health Office. **Kindergarten and First Grade Parents:** If possible, can you please send your student with a extra change of clothes to be used in case of an accident. If your child has **borrowed clothing** from the Health Office, please launder them and return them to the Health Office for other students to borrow.

Kindergarten

We would like to encourage our kindergarten families to practice the weekly “**Popcorn Words**” with your children. These are high-frequency words that “POP” up everywhere we read. Knowing these words will help in your child's reading progress. Here is a list of words we have learned so far in class: I, a, my, the, red, blue, yellow, green, purple, and orange. Please make flashcards and help your child to find these words in their reading. Keep an eye out for our **newsletters** for updates on the words we are learning. We are also expecting each of our students to count by 1's to 40 (or higher) before the first quarter ends in early October. Beginning October 3rd, all kindergarten students will be asked to complete an October Reading Log. This is a chance for your family to record reading times each day after homework. Please read at least 15 minutes each day, record your reading, and return the log on the last day of the month. Your child will receive a prize for completing their reading log. Thank you for your support at home! See you in mid October at conferences!

First Grade

Thank you very much for joining us at our First Grade Fluency Workshop. Together we will help our first graders become fluent readers. If you were unable to attend our training, please contact your child's teacher to schedule a time to receive the information.

Thank you very much for all the contributions for Johnny Appleseed Day. We had a sweet day!

Thanks for continuing to send in snacks and water for your child. We are thirsty and hungry by midmorning and a snack and drink really helps our learning. It is still quite warm and hydration is very important.

A big thumbs up goes out to all the parents working hard to inspire his/her first grader to complete homework, read and record on the log on a daily basis, in addition to practicing spelling words, math facts, and reading vocab. words. Weekly Reflections go home every Friday, please sign it and have your child write a goal returning it to school on Monday. We truly appreciate all of your effort!

Parent conferences will be on Monday, **Oct. 10th**, **Tues. Oct. 11th** and **Wed. Oct 12th**. Dismissal will be at **noon** all three days. Please send a **note** with your child if he/she is going home a different way on these half days. We will not have school on Thursday, **Oct. 13th** and **Friday, Oct. 14th**. Most importantly, please look at your calendar for some times and dates that you will be available to conference. Our goal is to conference with every first grade parent(s).

Our field trip to Marana Farm pumpkin patch will be on Wed. **Oct 26th**. We will have a costume day on Friday, **October 28th**. More information will follow for both exciting events.

Second Grade

September flew by with some of these main events:

- The PTO Picnic! Thank you for coming to be a part of our Hendricks community!
- We had our first visit from Inspector V from Northwest Fire Department.
 - Please help your child learn their address and phone number!
 - Make a fire escape plan for your family!
- Our 2nd Grade Curriculum Night was a success! Thank you to the many families who came!

October is here already and is very busy with:

- Our Mini-Muster, put on by Northwest Fire Department is on **October 19th**!
- Parent/Teacher conferences - We are so looking forward to meeting with you on **Oct. 10th, 11th, or 12th**!

Mark your calendars! ☺ Thank you for your continued support! As always, please contact us with any questions or concerns!

Third Grade

Thank you to all the families who attended the Parent Trainings. As you work with your child at home on the fluency and comprehension activities, you will be an essential piece in developing strong reading skills. Students will build confidence, and will enjoy connecting the lessons learned at school to the work you are doing at home. Please plan with your child to stay on schedule with the book report project. The due date for the project is **October 6**. The projects must be turned in by this date, and students will then be prepared to present their projects to classmates the following week.

In math, your child has been learning multiplication and division. Each student has learned a variety of strategies to use in solving word problems. Children must show their work by drawing equal groups, writing equations, or using other visual strategies to support answers on homework. The extra practice helps your child deepen his or her understanding, and hopefully will help them later with multiple step problems.

Our third grade musical is October 25th at 6:00. If you are interested in helping create props or costumes for the show, Mrs. McCarthy would like to have your help. We need all the help we can get, and much of the work can be done at home, so please pitch in! If your child has a special part in the play, please encourage him or her to practice at home. Also, if there is any conflict with your child being here the night of the play, please let us know immediately. All students will be involved, and have songs they can practice at home. More information will come home soon regarding the show.

We look forward to meeting with you during our Parent Teacher Conferences this month.

Fourth Grade

Student Planners are a great way of communication between parents and teachers. You can see how your child is doing with homework and personal responsibility. We have started our Science Units, ask your child what labs they have been working on!

Fifth Grade

We just completed our first round of DAP testing – look for those results to come out soon. First Quarter report cards will be given out the week of conferences, October 10-12. It is important to attend the conference with your child's teacher to keep updated on his/her progress throughout this first quarter.

Sixth Grade

Sixth grade is on a roll as the first quarter begins to wrap up.

We are knee deep in all of the current curriculum. In math we have covered chapters 1-2 and will be starting chapter 3 soon. **Thanks for your patience while we modeled dividing fractions.** It may seem useless, but if understood, it creates a much stronger understanding of what it really means to divide fractions. Reading

groups are a success and hopefully you find yourself discussing The Hobbit at home with your child every now and then. We will continue to learn about early people and civilizations in Social Studies while joining the subject with writing in order to create more expository pieces. And lastly, we will continue to explore weather and water I science. Information about the Science/Engineering Fair will be coming home soon too!

October Important Dates

October 4	Volleyball A Team Hendricks @ Davis
October 5	GAP Dinner
October 6	Volleyball B Team Davis @ Hendricks
October 7	Records Day – No School Hendricks Night FWHS Football Game FWHS Homecoming Parade
October 10, 11, 12	Parent/Teacher Conferences – Early Release Days – No CATS – No skills
October 12	Gum Day
October 13-14	Fall Break – No School
October 18	PTO Meeting
October 19	2 nd Grade Mini Muster GAP Dinner
October 21	Awards Assemblies 8:30 – 1 st – 3 rd ; 9:30 – 4 th – 6 th
October 27	Cross Country @ Centennial
October 28	Walktober Walk Challenge