

HOHOKAM



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Message From Principal Rantala

We're past the halfway point of the school year, preparing for State testing in 3rd-5th grade, and believe it or not, planning for the 2023-24 School Year.

Students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades will take the AASA (Arizona's Academic State Assessment) in April. The testing window runs from April 3rd to April 28th, with Writing, ELA (English Language Arts), and Math subtests. Writing must be completed first and must be completed by April 14th. Once a subtest is begun by a student, they must finish it that academic day. 5th grade will also take a Science State Assessment from March 21st-23rd.

While there are many facets to a high performing school, state assessment data is an important marker for school performance, especially for the Arizona Department of Education and the general public. You can help ensure Hohokam has the best scores possible by ensuring that your child gets a good night's sleep and eats breakfast as no one is their best on an empty stomach. We do have breakfast available here for free during arrival until 8:40.

As you prepare to file your 2022 income taxes, I hope that you'll consider a tax credit donation for Hohokam. This is a dollar-for-dollar tax credit of up to \$200 for individual filers and up to \$400 for married filers when filing your Arizona State Income Tax return. Click [here](#) for more information or to donate. These funds can be used by Hohokam for field trips and outside the school day opportunities.

Last but not least, we've observed an increase in cars driving fast in our drop-off/pick-up lane and in the parking lot. Please drive with caution when on campus. During arrival and dismissal, we have many children and adults walking in various directions, and while we encourage all to use our two designated crosswalks, not everyone does, so slow vehicles will help prevent accidents and injury.

Thank you for choosing and partnering with Hohokam!

Mr. Rantala



Message From Assistant Principal Perry: Every Student Every Day!

This year the district has set an attendance goal for the school year of 96%. Currently, our school is at 92%. Every day of instruction counts, and we are asking for our community to help support good attendance practices. Here are some facts about the importance of attendance.

- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher must slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. We ask that you partner with us in building this healthy habit in preschool, so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually, good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school, college, and in the workforce someday. Thank you for doing your part to help support your child's success!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Perry

Title 1 Tidbits

We are proud to be a Title 1 school!

As a Title 1 school we receive federal monies in part based on the number of families we have who qualify for free and reduced lunch. We use these monies for things that benefit ALL our students.

Look at the numbers from two powerful reading programs funded by Title 1 used at Hohokam:

- ♥ **Accelerated Reader Schoolwide:** To date, our students have read 12,353 books, 35,051,010 words for an average of 23 minutes spent reading daily!
- ♥ **myON 2nd-5th grade:** To date, our students have read 7,065 books and have spent 2,312 hours reading!

Title 1 funding supports our family events-mark your calendars for the next one:

- ♥ May 11: "Come Read with Me." You won't want to miss this year's habitat-themed evening of activities, crafts, food, and fun.

With Title 1 dollars, we fund:

- ♥ 6 amazing staff members, a recess coach from Athletes in training, classroom magazines, and numerous other supplies and resources to benefit all students.
- ♥ ***A link to action steps from our Title 1 School Integrated Action Plan that are made possible through Title 1 funding:*** <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1a7kJugdQzMzpNMy4c8LKEtVjGXfAT-eM/edit?usp=sharing&oid=106325227759071064624&rtpof=true&sd=true>.

How we qualify for Title 1 funding:

Free/reduced lunch application-have you filled yours out yet? It takes just a few minutes, and every qualifying application helps us get increased Title 1 funding for our school.

Scan the code or go to this web site: family.titank12.com



- Feb 16: Newsletter goes out
- Feb 20 No School- Presidents Day
- Feb 21 SUSD Board Meeting- 6:00 pm- Coronado H.S.
- Feb 22 APT Barrios Fundraiser-Scottsdale Location
- Feb 23 Spring Picture Day
- Feb 27 3rd Grade Field Trip to the Zoo
Kid's Heart Challenge Kick off
- Mar 1 Early Release- 1:15
- Mar 2 First Grade "Squirm" Musical- 9:00 AM- MPR
Kindergarten Enrollment Open House- 5:00 pm
- Mar 10 Kids Heart Challenge during their specials time
- Mar 13-17 Spring Break- No School
- Mar 21 5th Grade Science Testing begins
- Mar 24 Student Leadership Spirit Day- "Blackout"
- Mar 28 APT General Meeting- ZOOM- 6:00 pm
- Mar 29 Early Release 1:15- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Mar 30 K-2 Field Day- during specials
Early Release 1:15-Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Mar 31 Student Leadership Meeting- 7:45 AM
Field Day for grades 3-5
Early Release 1:15-Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Apr 3 High Flying Falcon Assemblies 8:50-10:15
- Apr 6 Charros Youth Baseball Luncheon- Select 5th Graders
Title I Family Read Aloud Night for PreK-1st Grades-6:00 pm- MPR
Newsletter Goes Out