



THE FALCON FLYER

HERITAGE ELEMENTARY | WILLIAMS CAMPUS | OCTOBER 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 4-8

- Fall Break, No School

OCTOBER 11

- Quarter 2 Begins

OCTOBER 18

- Picture Day, Uniforms Required

OCTOBER 21

- North Country Dental Visit

OCTOBER 29

- Harvest Fest, 5-7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 5

- Tree Decorating at Williams Visitor Center

NOVEMBER 11

- Veterans Day, No School

OCTOBER CHARACTER TRAIT:

RESPECT

MEET THE STAFF: THERESA TOMASSO LITTLE



Get to know the Heritage staff as Theresa Tomasso Little introduces herself to Heritage students and families.

"Hello families! I am Mrs. Little, the Kindergarten/First Grade teacher. I am a mother, grandmother, and wife. I love kids! Working with students is something I fell in love with sixteen years ago. I love working at Heritage. I was here for about five years before moving out of state, but when I moved back, the first thing I wanted was to come back to Heritage. I love the students, staff, and atmosphere."

HARVEST FEST

Mark your calendar for this year's Harvest Fest, taking place on October 29, from 5-7 p.m. Wristbands for all activities will be sold for \$10. Food will be available for an additional cost. Come out and meet Heritage teachers and staff, as well as other students and families, and help make this annual event a memorable one.

OCTOBER'S CHARACTER TRAIT: RESPECT

This month's character trait is respect. Some aspects of respect are being considerate of the feelings of others, being tolerant and accepting of differences, and dealing peacefully when faced with anger, insults, or disagreements. To respect someone is to admire them because of their abilities, qualities, or achievements. Show respect by being polite and treating others the way we'd like others to treat us.

RESPECTFUL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

- KG/1st Grade - Jaime H.
- 2nd/3rd Grade - Jamie R.
- 4th/5th Grade - Nathalie A.
- 6th Grade - Briley W.
- 7th/8th Grade - Ximena H.

DRESS CODE REMINDER

We require students to adhere to our uniform dress code. Solid-color polo shirts in the school colors—red (not maroon), white, or navy blue—are acceptable, as are Heritage polo shirts which are available in the office for \$12 each. Slacks, shorts, jumpers, capri pants, and skirts in khaki or navy blue can be worn, but no other "bottom" colors are permitted. Uniforms should not be either excessively baggy or too tight.

The dress code applies to all students, at all times, during the school day, including after-school and school-sponsored events and activities.

FREE BREAKFAST / LUNCH

Children need healthy meals to learn. Heritage Elementary offers healthy meals every school day, including FREE breakfast and, this year, everyone is also eligible for free lunch; however, we will still need families to fill out the application. Go to the [HES Williams website](#), click on the "Parents" tab, and scroll to "Lunch Applications".

Only one application is needed per household, and citizenship or immigration status is not a factor in eligibility for benefits.

CELL PHONE POLICY REMINDER

Just a reminder that all cell phones brought to school should be turned in at the beginning of the school day to the student's teacher or the front office, and will be returned at the end of the school day. Cell phones are also not allowed to be used in the van; students will need to keep them in their backpacks until they are home. Per our Student Handbook, "All electronic devices of any kind are strictly prohibited, except as approved by administration on a case by case basis." Thank you for your help in this policy and keeping our school a safe place for learning without distraction.

KID'S CLUB IS BACK!

Kid's Club before- and after-school is back up and running! Please fill out a form in the front office if you would like to use this free service. Before-school starts as early as 7:00 a.m. and after-school ends at 6:00 p.m.

STUDENT ABSENCES, TARDIES, AND EARLY DEPARTURES

Heritage Elementary takes a serious stance on consistent attendance, prompt arrival, and minimizing early departures. Please notify the school office prior to 8 a.m. if your child is going to be absent and provide the reason for the absence. The Arizona Department of Education requires that schools obtain the specific reason for any absence.

The Arizona Department of Education defines an excused absence as illness, a doctor appointment, family emergencies, not to exceed 10% of the instructional days for the school year. However, for every three early departures, a student will accrue one absence. Please note that family vacations, hunting trips, babysitting, personal appointments, music, dance lessons, and club meetings are not considered legally valid reasons for an early departure.

THE SCHOOL MUST BE NOTIFIED BEFORE 8 A.M. FOR ANY ABSENCE TO QUALIFY AS EXCUSED. ALL CALLS AFTER 8 A.M. WILL BE MARKED AS UNEXCUSED. YOU MAY CALL THE OFFICE AND LEAVE A MESSAGE ANY TIME OF DAY OR NIGHT.

After a student accumulates six absences (excused or unexcused) a letter will be sent home. If a student accumulates 10 absences, parents may be required to meet with the Attendance Officer.

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Arizona law allows taxpayers to receive a tax credit of up to \$400 for donations that benefit our students. A tax credit reduces what you owe in state taxes, dollar-for-dollar. For more information, including a printable form, please go to our website, [HESWilliams.org](https://www.HESWilliams.org).

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School hours: 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Every Wednesday is a half-day. School ends for everyone (K–8) at 12 p.m.

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