



THE FALCON FLYER

HERITAGE ELEMENTARY | WILLIAMS CAMPUS | DECEMBER 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV 29-DECEMBER 3

- DIBELS Testing for All Grades

DECEMBER 6-10

- Mid-Year Benchmarks for All Grades

DECEMBER 10

- Last Day to Turn In Any Late or Missing Assignments

DECEMBER 17

- Last Day of Quarter 2
Half-Day
No After-School Kids Club

DECEMBER 20-31

- Closed for Winter Break

JANUARY 3

- Classes Resume
Quarter Three Begins
Welcome Back, Students!

DECEMBER'S CHARACTER TRAIT:

RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WORLD

END OF QUARTER, EARLY RELEASE

The end of the second quarter will be on Friday, December 17, which will be a half-day with no after-school Kids Club. Parents should plan accordingly.

WINTER BREAK

There will be no school from Monday, December 20, to Friday, December 31, for Winter Break. We wish all Heritage families the happiest of holidays, and we look forward to seeing everyone back on campus on Monday, January 3, ready to start the second half of the school year.

STAY INFORMED



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MEET THE STAFF:

LINDA YATES

"Hello! My name is Linda Yates. I was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. In 1990 I moved to Arizona. I spent 25 years in a career in the microsemi field working up to supervisor and a test technician for Apple. In 2015, I moved up to Williams and decided to switch paths in career. My favorite sport is badminton. My favorite hobby is reading. My favorite love is my family."



NOVEMBER CHARACTER TRAIT: RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WORLD

December's character trait is Responsibility for the World. Showing responsibility means doing what needs to be done for everyone, possessing self-discipline, and being the type of person others can depend on. Being responsible also means being accountable for one's words, actions, and attitudes. Responsibility is a crucial component to success and should be practiced and displayed every day.

RESPONSIBLE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

- Grades K/1 - Jojo W.
- Grades 2/3 - Jaelynn T.
- Grades 4/5 - Mateo S.
- Grade 6 - Ashe W.
- Grades 7/8 - Stephanie M.

FREE BREAKFAST / LUNCH

Children need healthy meals to learn. Heritage Elementary offers healthy meals every school day, including FREE breakfast! Additionally, your children may qualify for FREE lunch. To find out if your children qualify, simply complete the application to determine eligibility. Go to the [HES Williams website](http://HESWilliams.org), 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 determining your eligibility for benefits.

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.

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.

TAX CREDITS

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.

Phone: (928) 635-3998 | HESWilliams.org

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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