



# THE FALCON FLYER

HERITAGE ELEMENTARY | WILLIAMS CAMPUS | JANUARY 2022

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JANUARY 3

- Welcome Back, Students!
- Classes Resume
- Quarter Three Begins

### JANUARY 17

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- No School

## WELCOME BACK!

We hope everyone had a fun and relaxing break. We're all looking forward to 2022, which promises to be another exciting year at Heritage Elementary's Williams campus!

## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Heritage will be closed on Monday, January 17, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 18. We hope everyone enjoys their three-day weekend.

## STAY INFORMED



Join our email list at [HESWilliams.org](https://www.heswilliams.org)



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## MEET THE STAFF:

### KAYTIE DANNENBERGER

"Hello! I'm Mrs. Dannenberger, the principal of Heritage. I have been at Heritage - Williams for 10 years, 9 of them serving as the principal. Before that, I taught 6th grade at a school in Tucson, Arizona. My husband and I live off of the 64, and enjoy spending time with our pets (a dog, a cat, and one chicken) as well as taking care of our hive of bees. I also enjoy mountain biking, snowboarding, and used to play for a local roller derby team. I love our school, families, and community and enjoy watching our students grow and succeed in so many areas in and out of the school."



## IT'S WINTER!

Please make sure your student has a winter jacket every day. When snow is on the ground, students also need proper footwear (snow boots) to play outside on the playground. If you need help getting any of these items for your student, please call the school or let your teacher know and we will help get your students winter-ready!

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

- Grades K/1 - Yessi H.
- Grades 2/3 - Arthur S.
- Grades 4/5 - Miles C.
- Grade 6 - Lucas B.
- Grades 7/8 - Evelyn S.

## 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](https://www.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](https://www.heswilliams.org).

Phone: (928) 635-3998 | [HESWilliams.org](https://www.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.

Please send inquiries to: [kdannenberger@heswilliams.org](mailto:kdannenberger@heswilliams.org)

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