



THE FALCON FLYER

HERITAGE ELEMENTARY | WILLIAMS CAMPUS | MARCH 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 9-11

- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Half-Days, No After-School Kids Club

MARCH 14-18

- Spring Break, No School

MARCH 28-APRIL 29

- State Testing, Grades 3-8

AASA TESTING

Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment (AASA) testing will take place from March 28-April 29 for grades 3-8, and we're hoping for great scores! Here are some testing tips for students to keep in mind when taking the AASA:

- Get a good night's rest before test days
- Eat a healthy and nutritious breakfast the morning of test days
- Read through each question thoroughly
- Always check your work
- Relax—you're going to do great!

Parents, visit <https://www.azed.gov/assessment/aasa> for more information.

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SPRING BREAK

There will be no school from Monday, March 14 to Friday, March 18, for Spring Break. Classes will resume on Monday, March 21. We hope everyone has a fun and relaxing break.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher Conferences at the Heritage Williams campus are scheduled for March 9-11. We're urging parents to take this opportunity and review their student's progress through work samples and data, receive home activities and resources for homework help, and learn about the upcoming standards for next quarter.

Parents should also note that students will be released at 12 p.m. on each of the conference days and there will be NO Kids Club available. Parents will need to make alternate accommodations.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

- Grades K-1 - Matilynn T.
- Grades 2-3 - Ryder R.
- Grades 4-5 - Jordan L.
- Grade 6 - Connor W.
- Grades 7-8 - Hannah H.

NOTE: NO APRIL SNOW MAKEUP DAY

Because of the recent snow days, we WILL be in school on Monday, April 25 to make up for one of the snow days we had to take.

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.

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