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HERITAGE ELEMENTARY | WILLIAMS CAMPUS | AUGUST 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 5-9

- DIBELS Testing K-8th Grade

AUGUST 12-16

- Benchmark Testing KG-8th Grade

AUGUST 30

- K-6 County Fair Field Trip, 9am - 2 pm; uniforms required

SEPTEMBER 2

- Labor Day - **No** school

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To start the school year, we will introduce students to the character traits which we will observe each month throughout the year. In August, we will review all six character traits:

- Trustworthiness
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Fairness
- Caring
- Citizenship

JOIN THE PTA

We encourage all parents to join the PTA. Anyone wanting more information should feel free to contact Lori Edes at Ledes@heswilliams.org.

STAY INFORMED



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HESWilliams.org



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PRINCIPAL CHANGE

Our previous principal, Mrs. Dannenberger, will be assisting new principal Lori Edes throughout the month of August to assure a smooth transition. We're hoping that parents will call or stop by to thank Mrs. Dannenberger for her service to the students and families of our school and to congratulate Lori Edes on her new position as principal of Heritage Williams.

WELCOME MR. HARPER AND MS. CASSIA!

Everyone at Heritage would like to welcome Mr. Harper to Heritage as our new 4th and 5th grade teacher. We'd also like to congratulate Ms. Cassia as the new Cafeteria Manager.



DOLLAR FOR DUDS

Students wishing to wear non-uniform apparel can do so every Wednesday this year on Dollar for Duds Day! If you want to wear non-uniform clothes on Wednesdays, bring \$1 for your classroom fund. Class funds are used for parties, field trips and other fun activities. Students may also wear jeans on Fridays; however, they will still need to wear a uniform tucked-in polo shirt with their jeans.

SCHOOL COLORS

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 purchase. 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.

EARLY RELEASE REMINDER

Don't forget that Wednesdays are half-days at Heritage Elementary. Every Wednesday, students will be released at 12 p.m. The After-School Program is available until 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

LABOR DAY

There will be no school on Monday, September 2, in honor of Labor Day. We hope all our students and their families have a fun three-day weekend, and we'll see everyone back on campus on Tuesday, September 3.

KID'S CLUB IS BACK!

To facilitate tutoring and provide students opportunities to participate in extra activities after school hours, the school offers a free Kid's Club. The program runs before school, starting at 7:00 a.m., and lets out Monday – Friday at 5:00 p.m., and you may drop off and pick up anytime during those hours. If your child is to participate in the Kid's Club, you must fill out the required registration forms. Policies and procedures governing this program are found in the requisite registration forms.

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

You can donate up to \$200 for a single person, or \$400 for a joint return, to Heritage and get a school tax credit on your 2024 Arizona state taxes. Arizona law allows taxpayers to receive a tax credit 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, today!

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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