# Henry Elementary School

December 2022



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## **Upcoming Events**

December 17th, Winter Festival, 10am to 1 pm at Henry Elementary School

December 23rd, Grading Day, NO SCHOOL

December 26th - January 6th, NO School, Winter Break

Every Child,

Every Opportunity,

Every Day

What Ever it Takes

### **Principals Corner**

Dear Henry Family,

In December this month our Gila Monsters are learning about "Perseverance" with our Character Strong Curriculum that is presented in our classrooms. One way to think about Perseverance is "pushing yourself through challenges and obstacles." We all experience challenges in our lives. We all

have moments when we feel like we can't do it or that we want to give up on a big task. It is important to develop tools that help us work through those challenges in order to grow in those moments instead of giving up. Consider how might you practice Perseverance as a family this month?

As we approach the end of the semester, our Gila Monsters are finishing up grade level lessons in their classrooms and completing middle of the year assessments which include DIBELS for K-3 students and TUSD quarterly Benchmark assessments for students in grades 2-5.

To help us maintain our enrichment programs and clubs, we hope you will consider supporting the State of Arizona Extra-Curricular Activity (ECA) tax credit fund. This program directly benefits your children at NO COST TO YOU! Your donation will enable you to receive a TAX CREDIT of up to \$400 for a married couple (\$200 for single parents or married filing separately) on your Arizona State Income Tax Return. This is a credit, not a deduction, which means the entire donation comes back to you in the form of a higher refund check, or a lower tax due amount. Meanwhile, our children receive enhanced extracurricular opportunities that support our educational program (e.g., field trips, technology, and Opening Minds through the Arts classes. Donation information can be shared in the school office or online at our TUSD website.

We have some exciting December school events happening this month with OMA concerts and our Winter Festival. Please see the dates below.

K-5 OMA Choir Concert Tuesday, December 12, 5:30 p.m.

Grade 4 & 5 OMA Orchestra Concert Thursday, December 15, 9:00 a.m.

Winter Festival Saturday, December 17, 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

K & 2 OMA Dance Performance Monday, December 19, 8:30 a.m.

Grade 5 OMA Band Concert Tuesday, December 20, 1:20 p.m.

Winder Break for students begins Friday, December 23,

School resumes Monday, January 9, 7:42 a.m. (Breakfast 7:15 a.m.)

Respectfully, Thomas Heminger, principal

#### **Winter Festival**

When

Saturday, Dec. 17th, 10am-1pm

Where

650 North Igo Way Tucson, AZ

More information

Join us for food, games and other fun activities!

\$0.25 each or 5 tickets for \$1.00

Pizza and Nachos will be 5 tickets per serving; Activities will range between 1 and 10 tickets.

#### **Toy Drive**

Please bring new and unwrapped toys for our student council toy drive.

We still need parent volunteers. Contact your student's teacher if you have a little time to help out



#### **Gift Card Collection**

We are collecting gift cards for families who need a little extra help during the holidays. If you would like to donate, please drop the gift cards off at the office



## **Backpacks for the Homeless**

We are collecting items for an organization who puts together backpacks for the homeless. We are looking for:

Blankets.

Gloves

Socks

Beanie Hats

Travel Size:

shampoo

soap

deodorant

toothpaste

Please drop off donations in the library.

