

TUESDAY 8/9/2022



# HDMS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MR. ERIC

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year. This will be a great year and we are celebrating big things. This will be our 20th trip around the sun! Some of us who have been around our amazing community for a long time remember our humble beginnings as a small school in the basement of a local church. Now, here we are with a fantastic world-class facility, with world-class teachers and staff, and best of all, a community of committed parents, volunteers, and supporters.

This is an important newsletter with lots of very important information, so please take the time to read it through and ask questions of us if something needs to be clarified. We have new procedures for traffic, school start and ending times, as well as all the other information you need to get started for this year.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8/9/22: 1:00 RIBBON CUTTING
- 8/9/22: 1:30-6:00 PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE
- 8/11/22: 11:00-1:00 CURRENT FAMILY OPEN HOUSE
- 8/11/22: 4:00-6:30: ALUMNI OPEN HOUSE
- 9/12/22: 6:00 20 TRIPS AROUND THE SUN GALA
- 8/15/22: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR PRE-K & 1ST-8TH GRADES
- 8/18/22: 5:30 PTO MEETING
- 8/22/22: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR KINDERS
- 8/23/22: 6:00 ELEMENTARY BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
- 8/25/22: 6:00 ADOLESCENT BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
- 8/30/22: 6:00 PRIMARY BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
- 8/31/22: EARLY RELEASE
- 9/2/22: TEACHER WORK DAY- NO SCHOOL FOR ALL PROGRAMS
- 9/5/22: LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL



I look forward to seeing our children and their families during our Nevada Montessori Week festivities starting on August 9th. It's a big celebration and shouldn't be missed. Lots more information about our events is included in this newsletter.

Thank you for choosing to be a member of the High Desert Community and for all of the support you give to our children, our staff, and our school. I am so glad you are taking this trip around the sun with us.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Eric  
[Eric@hdmsreno.com](mailto:Eric@hdmsreno.com)

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MISS TAMMIE

It's hard to believe HDMS is heading into its 20th year as a school! Over my past 12 years with this community, I have witnessed incredible growth and a commitment to realizing the dream of a beautiful unified campus. Please join us for our 20th Anniversary Celebration & the Grand Opening of the remodeled building throughout Aug. 9-12!

Event info, tickets to our celebratory Gala, as well as our mobile Silent Auction that will run through Friday evening can be found at <https://events.handbid.com/auctions/hdms-nevada-montessori-week>



We are beyond thrilled to be partnering with Farm Fresh Catering again this year and will be providing all students with a free breakfast and lunch made fresh daily on site beginning the first day of school, August 15th. As part of our partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA), we are requiring ALL families to fill out a free and reduced lunch application by August 19th. The application will be available during the open house on August 11th at either front desk. Please do your part in filling out the application so we can continue to provide free healthy meals to all of our students. Please reach out to the school if you have any questions.

On behalf of the HDMS staff and board of directors, we are beyond thrilled to be celebrating our 20th trip around the sun, and know this school year will be the best ever! Thank you for choosing to be part of the HDMS community!

Warmly,  
Tammie Stockton  
Executive Director  
[Tammie@hdmsreno.com](mailto:Tammie@hdmsreno.com)

## BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENU WEEK ONE

### BREAKFAST

Monday: Yogurt w/ homemade granola & fruit - Milk served daily

Tuesday: Grilled cheese sandwich & fruit- Milk served daily

Wednesday: French toast casserole or waffle & fruit - Milk served daily

Thursday: Bagel w/ cream cheese & fruit - Milk served daily

Friday: Quesadilla & fruit - Milk served daily

### LUNCH - WEEK 1

Monday: Spaghetti w/ marinara sauce & beef (Veg option is marinara)

Tuesday: Bean & cheese burrito (Vegetarian)

Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza (Veg option is cheese pizza)

Thursday: Veggie stir fry w/rice (Vegetarian)

Friday: Chicken sandwich (Veg option is veggie wrap)

# NEVADA MONTESSORI WEEK

Tuesday, August 9: 1:00pm Ribbon Cutting & Kick Off To Nevada Montessori Week

Tuesday, August 9: 1:30-6:00pm Public Open House: "Montessori Journey"

Intended for those who want to learn more about HDMS. Come explore our campus, learn about our school & meet student ambassadors.

Thursday, August 11: 11:00am-1:00pm HDMS Current Family Open House & PTO Back To School Event

A free family event for our current HDMS families! Come meet your teacher, see the new building, visit your classroom, pick up dismissal vehicle placards, do a fun scavenger hunt, reconnect with friends and enjoy a fun filled event put on by our PTO!

Thursday, August 11: 4:00pm-6:30pm Alumni Family Event

A party twenty years in the making! This event is open to all HDMS families who have children who attended HDMS in the past. Come reconnect with old friends, do a fun scavenger hunt, eat yummy food, do the 360\* photo booth, and tour the new building! We hope to see you there!

Friday, August 12: 6:00pm Twenty Trips Around The Sun Gala

A celebration twenty years in the making! High desert Montessori school is realizing our dream of being united on one stunning campus! You're invited to come celebrate our 20th anniversary with us and experience our gorgeous new indoor and outdoor spaces at the "20 Trips Around the Sun Gala"

# NEVADA

*Montessori Week*

# SILENT AUCTION

**OVER 75 INCREDIBLE ITEMS TO BID ON!  
PREVIEW ITEMS IN THE LIBRARY ON THE  
2ND STORY OF THE TAHOE TOWER!**

1) Download the free Handbid app

2) Text iamhdms to 99192 to view the mobile auction, register & start bidding

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Scan QR code to view the mobile auction, register & start bidding

3) Or participate online at <https://handbid.app.link/iamhdms>

## ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL INFORMATION

Arrival and Dismissal procedures have changed for ALL LEVELS! Even if you are a returning family, it is VITAL that you take the time to familiarize yourself with the updated procedures. [Detailed information](#) can be found on our website which includes a ten minute video that will help walk you through the process.

Windshield placards will be available for each family at the Back to School Open House on Thursday. If you cannot attend the open house, please make arrangements with Miss Stacey to pick them up before the first day of school.



## COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION

We are a very dynamic and exciting school. In addition to the Weekly Newsletter, we offer the following communication links for your convenience:

**Blackboard Connect:** We use the "Blackboard Connect" phone messaging and text messaging quite frequently to inform parents of important information and upcoming events. If you are a returning family who has accidentally unsubscribed, send a text to 23177 and type START 1136102

**School-Wide Email:** Watch for school-wide emails from HDMS INFO at [info@hdmsreno.com](mailto:info@hdmsreno.com). Please make sure the school has a current email for you. Reach out to Stephanie at [stephanie@hdmsreno.com](mailto:stephanie@hdmsreno.com) with any changes.

**Our Website:** [www.hdmsreno.com](http://www.hdmsreno.com) is full of helpful information like an Events Calendar, the Parent Student Handbook, Blog Posts about the ongoing Building Remodel, Lunch Menus, Arrival & Dismissal Information, Current & Past Newsletters, School Calendar, and so much more!

**Our Public Facebook Page:** [@hdmsrenoschool](https://www.facebook.com/hdmsrenoschool) contains important announcements and information.

**Our Private Facebook Group:** (link on the Facebook page at [@hdmsrenoschool](https://www.facebook.com/hdmsrenoschool) ) This is a great place to connect with other HDMS families! Ask your questions, let people know about family events in the community, pass along items you no longer need that someone might find useful, get recommendations and more!

**Transparent Classroom:** Many of our teachers use Transparent Classroom. This is a great way to stay involved with what is happening in your child's classroom. If your teacher does not use Transparent Classroom, you can expect regular classroom updates via email from your child's teacher.

## SUPPLY FEE INFORMATION

High Desert is a tuition-free school for all students in grades K through 8. Comparable Montessori tuition-based programs can cost thousands of dollars a year per child. We charge a flat \$125 supply fee per student.

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Supply fees are used for many purposes, including the purchase and replacement of costly Montessori materials, classroom furniture, field trips, and renewable classroom supplies.

If you have not made a payment by the end of September, you will receive an invoice from the school for a supply fee. Your payment can be run via credit card, can be mailed in, or dropped off at either front desk.

We understand that times are tough for many families but know that the price of a Montessori Education is well worth the investment! If you need to work with the school to make payments towards the supply fee, please contact our Business Office at 624-2800 extension 3 or email Sherrie at [sherrie@hdmsreno.com](mailto:sherrie@hdmsreno.com). We are happy to work with families needing this assistance.

## BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

High Desert Montessori School offers programs for 1st-8th grade students who need care for hours outside of the regular school day. Advance registration is required and rates are due monthly for a one month block of time or daily as a drop-in fee.

Due to Social Services ratios and regulations, we are unable to accommodate Primary aged students on a drop in basis. All Primary aged students who need before or aftercare must be registered for the "Extended Day Program".

Please use this [link](#) to register your 1st-8th grade child.