



HDMS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MR. ERIC

Thank you all for helping out with the PTO clothing drive these past couple of weeks. It is amazing how much you all have contributed to this important fundraiser. Keep those donations coming.

Speaking of parent volunteerism, we have an amazing community of parents, grandparents, and others who work tirelessly for our community. The PTO is kicking it into high gear this 3rd semester with the clothing drive, as well as the Parent's Bocce Night coming on February 4th and Brews and Bites on February 25th. These are all super fun events for adults and raise a lot for the community. I'll be there. I hope you'll join me. Our Green Parents Group is hard at work to support the goal of becoming a more green and environmentally conscious school. Finally, thank you to all the parent volunteers who have spent time in classrooms and on field trips, sharing your abilities and interests with our children.



Finally, this Friday, I will be hosting a Second Cup of Coffee with any parents who would like to attend, in our 2nd-floor lounge from 9:00 to 10:00. This is an open chat with no agenda, and an opportunity to find out about Montessori, our facilities, and any other topics you would like to discuss. I hope to see you there.

Thank you for your continued support of HDMS.

Mr. Eric
eric@hdmsreno.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/26/23: 6:00 ADOLESCENT NEW PARENT SEMINAR
- 1/27/23: 9:00 SECOND CUP OF COFFEE WITH MR. ERIC
- 1/30/23: 6:00 ELEMENTARY NEW PARENT SEMINAR
- 2/1/23: TWO HOUR EARLY RELEASE
- 2/4/23: PTO PARENTS NIGHT OUT BOCCE
- 2/15/23: TWO HOUR EARLY RELEASE
- 2/16/23: 5:30 PTO MEETING
- 2/17/23: TEACHER WORK DAY- NO SCHOOL FOR ALL PROGRAMS
- 2/20/23: NO SCHOOL - PRESIDENTS DAY
- 2/21/23: 5:00 FAMILY READING NIGHT
- 2/22/23: 5:00 HDMS BOARD MEETING
- 2/25/23: 6:00 BREWS & BITES AT THE GENERATOR
- 3/1/23: TWO HOUR EARLY RELEASE
- 3/8/23: MONTESSORI THROUGH MY EYES
- 3/13/23-3/17/23: TWO HOUR EARLY RELEASE FOR SPRING CONFERENCES
- 3/15/23: 5:00 HMDS BOARD MEETING
- 3/16/23: 5:30 PTO MEETING
- 3/20/23-3/31/23: NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK



A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MISS TAMMIE

You may have noticed some activity in the west playground area during arrival and dismissal. We're excited to share that some of our new playground equipment has arrived and workers have been prepping the area for installation in the next few weeks. The 4,000 square foot community center is almost complete with some minor items being finished on the inside. We are planning a "Grand Opening" sometime in March prior to spring break to officially open up both of these spaces. We cannot wait for Phase 3 to be completed and to enjoy these spaces with our school community!

Warmly,
Ms. Tammie



NEW PARENT SEMINARS




HIGH DESERT MONTESSORI SCHOOL
New Parent Seminars

JAN 23, 26, 30
6PM

- 1/23/23: 6:00 Primary New Parent Seminar
- 1/26/23: 6:00 Adolescent New Parent Seminar
- 1/30/23: 6:00 Elementary New Parent Seminar

New Parent Seminars are intended for families interested in attending HDMS, as well as current HDMS families who have a child moving up to a new level next school year (current kindergartners and 6th graders).

1/26/23: 6:00PM Adolescent New Parent Seminar

1/30/23: 6:00PM Elementary New Parent Seminar

All New Parent Seminars will be held onsite at HDMS.

FREE LUNCH & BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Our full breakfast and lunch menu can always be found at www.hdmsreno.com/school-lunch-breakfast/

23 Bagel & Cream Cheese w/ Fruit & Milk	24 Waffle w/ Fruit & Milk	25 Quesadilla w/ Fruit & Milk	26 Scrambled eggs w/ Cheese, Toast, Fruit & Milk	27 French Toast Casserole w/ Fruit & Milk
Pesto Chicken Pasta (Veg. option is Pesto w/veggies) w/ Fruit and Milk	Bean & Cheese Burrito (Veg.) w/ Fruit & Milk	Veggie Pizza w/ Fruit & Milk	Taco Salad & Chips w/ Fruit & Milk	Chicken Sandwich (Veg. Option is Cheddar Sandwich) w/ Fruit & Milk
30 Bagel & Cream Cheese w/ Fruit & Milk	31 Waffle w/ Fruit & Milk	1 Quesadilla w/ Fruit & Milk	2 Scrambled eggs w/ Cheese, Toast, Fruit & Milk	3 French Toast Casserole w/ Fruit & Milk
Alfredo Pasta w/ Roasted Veggies w/ Fruit & Milk	Chicken Tacos (Veg. Option is Refried Bean Taco) w/ Fruit & Milk	Pepperoni Pizza (Veg. option is cheese) w/ Fruit & Milk	Tomato Soup & Grilled Cheese w/ Fruit & Milk	Beef Burger (Veg. Option is Vegan Chicken Patty) w/ Fruit & Milk

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MONTESSORI ADVISOR, MISS KALEIGH



Question of the Week: "Why should unnecessary items not come to school?"

The Montessori classrooms at High Desert Montessori are prepared to meet the needs of all students during the school day. All of the materials, from Montessori materials to consumables like paper, pencils and paint are provided as part of the Supply Fees that are collected for each student. Materials are intentionally uniform in the classroom to minimize distractions. When items are brought from home, they become a disturbance. Please avoid sending unnecessary items to school. HDMS is not responsible for unnecessary items that come to school that are lost, missing, or broken. Some examples of unnecessary items are markers, colored pencils, Pokemon cards and toys.

"The material is carefully gradated to satisfy the child's every need" -Maria Montessori

A MESSAGE FROM OUR GREEN PARENTS GROUP

The Green Parents have been hard at work on ways to make our school and community more sustainable and eco-friendly. Here are some of the efforts we're excited about:

- Signs will be going up soon to remind drivers in the parking lot to turn off their engines instead of idling, which uses up fuel and releases harmful pollutants into the air.
- All classrooms have started sending their vegetable waste to the compost heap. This is fantastic, since now the whole school is using food waste to produce nutrient-rich soil for our gardens instead of sending it to the landfill!
- We are working on providing reusable silverware and dishes at bake sales and PTO events so we can avoid wasteful disposable items.
- The next Green Team meeting will be held in April. Anyone interested in learning more about how the school community is working towards sustainable solutions is invited to attend.



DONATIONS WANTED!

Adolescent students Paolo and Elias are collecting donations for the Eddy House- a local teen homeless shelter.

- Deodorant, shampoo, and toothpaste, and/or any other travel sized toiletries will be greatly appreciated!
- NEW socks or underwear
- Canned soups and other canned goods are needed.

Next time you're shopping please consider buying extra socks, underwear, or canned goods. THANK YOU!

A donation box will be at Miss Martha's desk. Questions- please contact Paolo or Elias - d.reich@hdmsreno.com



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PTO

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Get your volunteer hours in! We need help with the following:

- Bringing bags from the parking lot into the school for the Savers Fun Drive from now until February 10th, [click here to sign up!](#)
- Helping to load the truck and bring all the bags to the drop off location on February 10th
- Help get or provide raffle items for our Brews and Bites event, Email pto@hdmspto.com if you're interested.

Keep bringing your bags for Savers Fun Drive until February 10th! If you have any used items you've been looking to donate this is a great chance with proceeds coming back into our school.

February 4th will be our Parents Night Out Bocce Night! Come hang out and relax for an evening. childcare will be available at HDMS! Eden Richards, HDMS Alumni, and daughter of Ms. Kaleigh, and some of her experienced friends, will be providing childcare at HDMS from 5:30 pm-8:30 pm. The cost will be \$15 per child, or \$25 for families with 2 children. Food will be provided.



In preparation for that, we would like to get an idea of the approximate number of children attending to ensure we are adequately prepared and have the right amount of supervision. If you are interested, please email floridafallon@gmail.com and include the number and ages of the children. Thank you so much. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to email and ask!

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

BREWS & BITES

Art | Food | Drinks | Raffle Prizes | Live Music | & More!

FEBRUARY 25, 2023
6:00 - 9:00 PM

featuring art from Burning Man!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/492006664177>

Join us for Brews and Bites! There will be live music, local art, raffle, food, drinks, and more! It's an adult only event and childcare is available for HDMS families. Brews and Bites is open to the general public as well, so invite your friends. February 25th from 6:00 - 9:00 PM @ the Generator. [Purchase your tickets now!](#)

WANTED: OLD CLOTHES!



- WHO?** Your friendly PTO
- WHAT?** Full 33-gallon bags of...
- Clothing
 - Shoes & boots
 - Bedding/linens
 - Towels
 - Hats, purses, bags & backpacks
 - Jackets
 - Belts, jewelry
- (Note: Please no items other than these)*

Where?
Donations may be dropped off in the linger longer lane at drop off.

When?
January 9th - February 10th

Why?
We'll earn 20 cents/pound... all proceeds will be used to support community, education, and growth at HDMS for students, teachers, and parents/guardians.



- Collection for Savers Fun Drive until early February 10th
- Parents night out Bocce night February 4th
- PTO meeting Thursday February 16th @ 5:30 PM on [Zoom](#)
- Brews and Bites at the Generator February 25th
- Spring Picnic May 21st

TOQUIMA CLASSROOM

It is so exciting to see a child take on the challenge of a “big work” in the primary environment. Here is a story in pictures of kindergartener, Josie, working for many days on completing the entire number pyramid with the bead chains and then discovering how a corresponding work (that she did when she was much younger) relates to this higher level work when measured! What wonderful Montessori materials we have and what a joy it is to see the powers of observation, concentration and perseverance at work!



SIXTH GRADE PROJECT INFORMATION

SIXTH GRADE PROJECT FAMILY INFORMATION MEETING

This is a reminder that the upper el team is holding a family information meeting for the sixth-grade projects this Thursday from 5:15 - 5:45 in the second floor library just before the new parent seminar for middle school. We will give an overview of the expectations and process for the project as well as leave time for you to ask questions. The middle school teachers will be presenting information about what you can expect next year in middle school. We look forward to seeing you there!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE SIXTH GRADE PROJECT PROPOSAL COMMITTEE

The upper elementary team is seeking volunteers to come in for 2-3 hours on the mornings of Feb 8, 9, or 10. The sixth grade project is the culmination of the academic and creative experience of elementary at HDMS. The proposal is an important part of their process in order to organize their ideas, make a plan, and receive advice and encouragement from adults in our community. This is a great way to get directly involved with students at our school and an insider view into the sixth grade projects. If you are interested, please email Elyse at: elyse@hdmsreno.com. Thank you!!



Feb. 8-10

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers for the 6th Grade Project Proposal Committee!

Interested? email elyse@hdmsreno.com

A NOTE ABOUT VALENTINE'S DAY FOR LOWER ELEMENTARY



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DAY

We hope this note finds you and your family well. We are writing to inform you that our level will not be having a Valentine's Day celebration this year and will not schedule time to make or distribute Valentine's. Instead, on Tuesday, March 14 (3.14) we will explore the mathematical concept of pi. Pi is a number (3.14) used to calculate the circumference of a circle. We will be discussing the history of pi and looking at examples of how to use it in everyday life. We believe this is a great opportunity for your student to learn something new and exciting. We understand that this may be disappointing for some of your students and they are encouraged to write gratitude notes to their friends throughout the year making it a year long celebration. Please be assured that we are committed to providing your student with a quality education in an inclusive, engaging, and fun way. If you would like to assist in this day or have any questions please reach out to your classroom teacher

VIRGINIA CLASSROOM

We will be going to the art museum this Friday. It is a short trip. Permission slips and money must be returned by Friday morning. If you cannot pay, due to financial reasons please let me know so that I won't be looking for it.

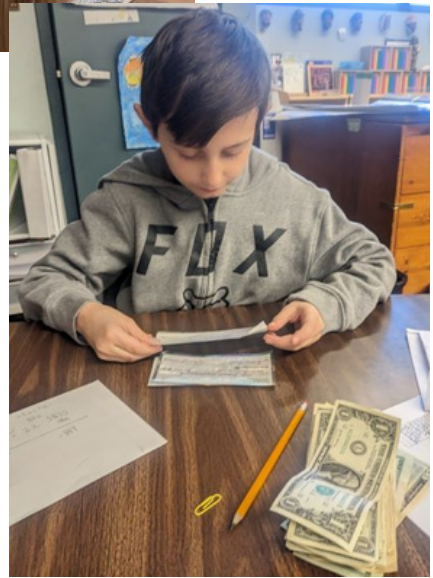
Our mushrooms are starting to pin and we are moving right along. We have maps testing. 2/7 and 2/8. Please see the note above about how we are not celebrating valentines day at school this year.

Giving children the responsibility to do things that we can much more easily do for them shows them that we believe that they are capable. Although many of you enjoy packing your child's lunch each day, perhaps this is something that you can do together at first and then let them take over. Also pro-tip. Children love cleaning. like scrubbing a tub with a brush and soap.

All of the children will have 9am music lessons centered around jazz from the Jazzy Lady herself, Ms. Erika.



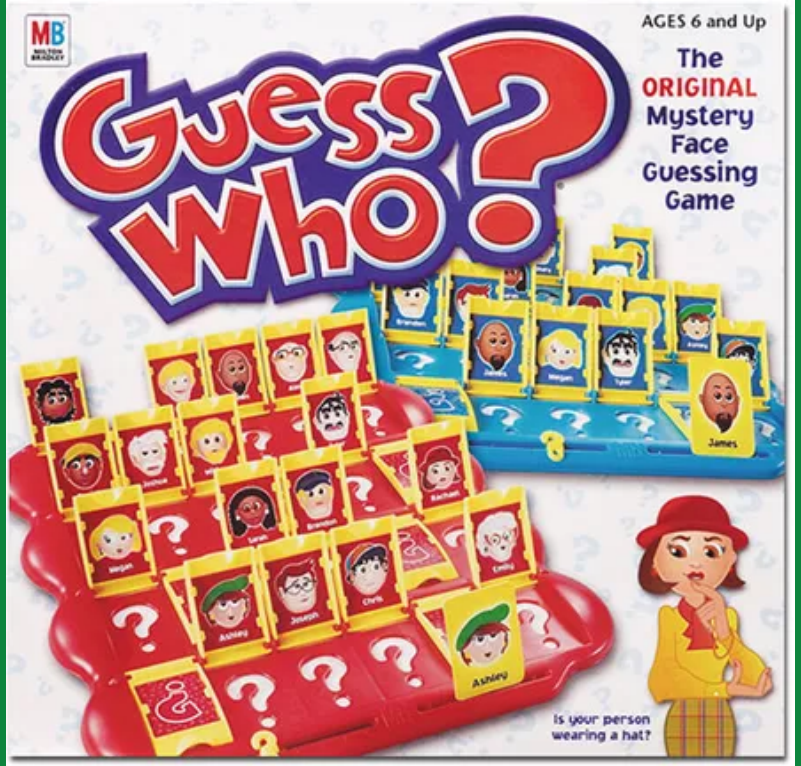
Lucie is measuring a tablespoon of honey into the tea that she has made.



Dominic is reading a check and adding all of the money up for the field trip.

CANDELARIA CLASSROOM

Does anyone have an old Guess Who Game that their family isn't using anymore? Miss Kelly from the Candelaria Classroom needs one to make a work in her classroom. If you have one that you don't use and you can donate, can you please email her at kellyr@hdmsreno.com



ANTELOPE CLASSROOM

We had a wonderful trip to the art museum! The children explored warm vs cool colors. They discovered how they made certain pieces of art make us feel and think differently about the art. We even got to experience how scent in a piece of art can evoke different fillings and interpretations of art. If you have not paid yet, please get your money in by the 27th.



We are continuing our mushroom study where we are discovering the different types of mushrooms and will grow mushrooms to eat! The mushrooms need to be cooked. Once the kids decide on a recipe to use we will be asking for food donations in order to make the recipe!!

EXCELSIOR CLASSROOM

Thanks to our classroom volunteers, Geeta and Mimi. Also, thank you to Heidi and Jess for chaperoning for our field trip to Nevada Museum of Art.

Reminders:

- We are asking that you send silverware in your child's backpack for breakfast and lunch.
- Please remind your children to leave their stuffed animals and Pokemon cards at home.
- We are asking parents to refrain from sending acrylic paint to school.



RUBY CLASSROOM

Ruby will be completing our winter MAPS testing on Monday and Tuesday, February 13th and 14th. Everyone has set goals which include an area of strength and an area of weakness. These will help us grow and meet our potential. Second Language Learner testing is currently taking place with the help of Miss Kaleigh.

March 1st- 15th are Parent, Teacher, Student Conference, I will be sending out the appointment slots soon.

Montessori At Home/School

- Set goals for home and school
- Take a new risk
- Practice time management
- Discuss current events

Gratitude

- Thank you to Geeta and Mimi for volunteering in the class.
- Thank you to everyone that is helping with PTO events or attending any of the school committee meetings
- Thank you to Sherri and to ALL that helped this week to cover lunches and bathroom breaks.



Abel and Royce work on their Mystical creature/animal stories for the class book

Victoria and Eloise read to each other to learn and enjoy



NOTES FROM THE ADOLESCENT TEAM

EXPLORING WASHOE COUNTY CREATIVE EXPRESSION CLASS

The Exploring Washoe County students find frozen river creations.



ADOLESCENT SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Students designed, built and operated a model roller coaster. This was a great opportunity for students to use engineering practices and become more familiar with concepts of motion and forces.



CHECK OUT A PARK PASS FROM THE LIBRARY

CHECK OUT YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE
at your public library

Use your library card to check out a Nevada State Parks Day-Use Pass!
#CheckOutNVStateParks

FORT CHURCHILL

Discover your next Nevada State Park adventure at your local library!

Nevada State Parks is excited to announce the launch of the Library Park Pass pilot program, available at public libraries throughout Nevada beginning January 1, 2023.

The Library Park Pass can be checked out at public libraries throughout Nevada and used to gain free entry into all of Nevada's 27 state parks. Each pass covers the day-use entrance fee for one passenger vehicle with a capacity of 8 people or less. Park fees may be assessed for boating, camping, or other specific fees including special programs or tours. To view a list of the exciting recreational opportunities available at Nevada's State Parks, visit parks.nv.gov.

WHOLE FAMILY COMMUNITY ED CLASSES AT TMCC

TMCC has created a series of family classes to include all your family members. The memories we make with our family are everything. Check out this semester's family classes and register at <https://www.tmcc.edu/educational-programs-inspiring-community> or call at 775-829-9010!

Offerings include:

- Shotokan Karate
- Clay Pinch Pot Animals
- Family Ice Skate
- Family Snowshoeing Adventure
- Gardening with Your Kids
- Family Decoupage
- Valentine Clay Succulent Planter
- Chess
- Outdoor Navigation and Trip Planning



YOGA

Tuesdays (6-10*) or Thursdays (4-6*)
3:50-4:40 pm ~ HDMS Library

*recommended ages

Yoga Mats Provided ~ "Trilingual" Classes

Alegria.A.Day@gmail.com

775.312.3645

AFTER SCHOOL BRIDGE CLASSES FOR AGES 9+

Learn to Play Bridge 1, 2, & 3 Three Bridge Classes

Instructor: Jill Wallace,
alwaysup4bridge@gmail.com

Cost:

\$80 for Bridge 1 or Bridge 2
\$60 for Bridge 3



Bridge 1: Bridge Basic
Feb. 1 – Mar. 22, Wedn

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week series via Zoom fo
experienced players)

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Contracts**
Feb. 6 – Mar. 13, Mond
week series via Zoom fo
experienced players)

**Each course includes
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**Register for Bridge 1,
<https://bit.ly/Bridge-Registration>**