

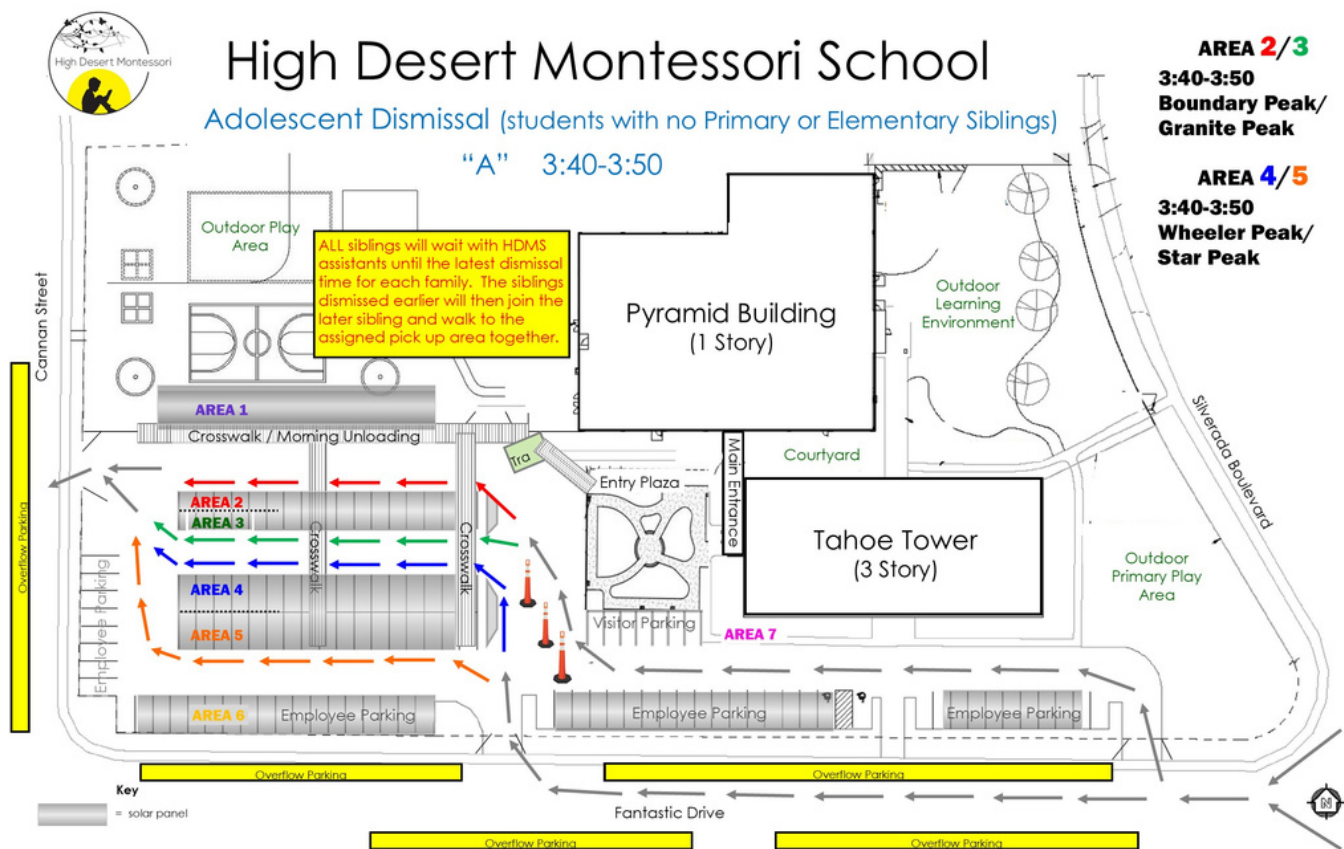


HDMS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MR. ERIC

As you know, mother nature has been really finicky this year. We have had a ton of delayed starts, snow cancellations, and even a fire/smoke cancellation this year. We did a deep dive into our minutes as required by the State Department of Education and found that, despite all of the missed school, our Adolescent Program (7-8 grades) was the only level where we were short of the required number of minutes required by state law.

This week, the state approved our plan to make up those missing minutes. We will adjust the school day for the Adolescent Program by adding 40 minutes to the day from May 8th through June 8th. The pick up window for Adolescent students and their siblings will be from 3:40-3:50 (after Primary dismissal). Boundary Peak and Granite Peak advisory students will be picked up in Area 2/3 (please enter the parking lot at the first (EAST) driveway and wrap on either side of the solar bay). Wheeler Peak and Star Peak Advisories will be picked up in Area 4/5 (please enter the parking lot at the second (WEST) driveway and wrap on either side of the solar bay).



Ms. Laurel, our Communications Coordinator, will email all families affected by this plan in the next few days to discuss the impact to each family. Happily, we will not have to extend the school year by using contingency days, nor will we have to cancel our much-needed professional development early release Wednesdays. We appreciate your understanding and patience with this process. Thank you for your continued support of HDMS.

Sincerely,
Mr. Eric

Keep reading! This is just page 1 of our Weekly Newsletter!

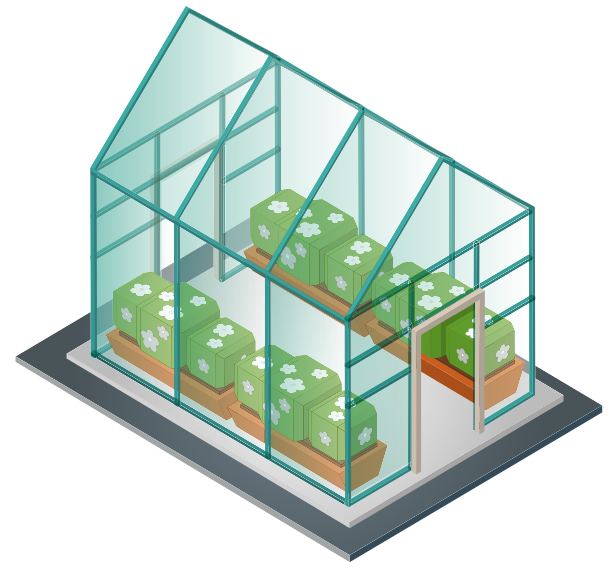
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MISS TAMMIE

At HDMS, we continue to strive towards being a socially-conscious and green community. With that being said, we are beyond thrilled to be partnering with Great Full Gardens and RootEd Gardens in adding a second modular greenhouse to our property! Great Full Gardens has donated a \$5,000 grant towards the 192-square-foot structure which will be maintained by our adolescent students. Our current garden space is located on the north side of the Pyramid building. The 1st-3rd grade students in the Candelaria classroom have been growing all types of veggies in the current modular greenhouse and overseeing the school composting program- thank you, Ms. Kelly and Ms. Jazmine.



In addition, the HDMS Green Team will be hosting a "Spring Work Bee" on Saturday, May 20th from 9:00-12:00 so mark your calendars. Families can do their part by sending in reusable utensils, cups, cloth napkins, and water bottles as well as packing healthy foods for snacks and/or lunches. Thank you for doing your part in supporting the "green" core values of our school community.

Miss Tammie
tammie@hdmsreno.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4/20/23: 5:30 PTO MEETING
- 4/21/23: 6:30-8:30 ELEMENTARY ADULT + CHILD DANCE
- 4/26/23: TWO HOUR EARLY RELEASE
- 4/26/23: 5:00 HDMS BOARD MEETING
- 5/8/23: NEW PICK UP WINDOW FOR ADOLESCENT PROGRAM BEGINS
- 5/10/23: TWO HOUR EARLY RELEASE
- 5/12/23: 4:30-6:30 SPRING MIXER & PRIMARY FUNDRAISER
- 5/18/23: 5:30 PTO MEETING
- 5/20/23: 9:00-12:00 SPRING WORK BEE
- 5/23/23: 5:00 FAMILY READING NIGHT
- 5/24/23: TWO HOUR EARLY RELEASE
- 5/24/23: 2:00-5:30 6TH GRADE PROJECT PRESENTATIONS
- 5/25/23: 4:00-7:30 6TH GRADE PROJECT PRESENTATIONS
- 5/29/23: NO SCHOOL - MEMORIAL DAY
- 5/31/23: 5:00 HDMS BOARD MEETING
- 6/9/23: 1:00 EARLY RELEASE FOR ALL PROGRAMS
- 6/9/23: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!



FREE LUNCH & BREAKFAST PROGRAM

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

17 Bagel & Cream Cheese w/ Fruit & Milk	18 English Muffin & Sausage (veg option w/cheese) w/ Fruit &	19 Waffle w/ Fruit & Milk	20 Quesadilla w/ Fruit & Milk	21 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	Pepperoni Pizza (Veg. option is cheese) w/ Fruit & Milk	Chicken Asian Salad w/ Rice Noodles (veg option no Chicken) w/ Fruit & Milk	Beef Burger (Veg. Option is Vegan Chicken Patty) w/ Fruit & Milk
24 Bagel & Cream Cheese w/ Fruit & Milk	25 English Muffin & Sausage (veg option w/cheese) w/ Fruit &	26 Waffle w/ Fruit & Milk	27 Quesadilla w/ Fruit & Milk	28 French Toast Casserole w/ Fruit & Milk
Spaghetti w/ meat sauce (veg. option Marinara) w/ Fruit & Milk	Chicken Quesadilla (Veg. Option is Cheese Quesadilla) w/ Fruit & Milk	Cheese Pizza (Vegetarian) w/ Fruit & Milk	BBQ Drumsticks & Veggie Rice (Veg. option Stewed Chickpeas) w/ Fruit & Milk	Tuscan Grilled Cheese (w/tomatoes, spinach & italian spices) w/ Fruit & Milk

SAVE THE DATE!

YEARBOOKS FOR SALE

SAVE THE DATE
FOR THE SPRING MIXER AND FUNDRAISER!

WHO: ALL HDMS FAMILIES ARE WELCOME!

WHEN: MAY 12 FROM 4:30-6:30

WHERE: COFFEEBAR McCARREN

WHY: PRIMARY PROGRAM FUNDRAISER

THIS WILL BE A FUN EVENT FOR ALL!

MORE DETAILS TO COME!



Yearbooks for sale!

Special offer! Yearbooks are selling

for \$20.00 until Friday, April 21st!

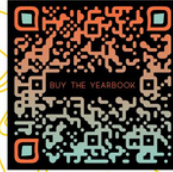
The price will raise to \$25 starting

on April 22nd and will remain that

cost until the end of the year.

Please scan the QR code or email

Miss Robin at robin@hdmsreno.com



Visit www.buytheyearbook.com and enter School ID 708241

SPRING WORK BEE



WORK

BEE!

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 20

TIME: 9:00-12:00

TASKS:

- GARDEN AREA CLEAN UP
- EAST ELEMENTARY PLAYGROUND CLEAN UP
- ELEMENTARY TREE HOUSE STAIN AND SEAL
- GENERAL SPRING CLEAN UP

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

FLOWER FUNDRAISER

By purchasing bulbs and seeds for your home or as gifts for others, our Primary classrooms will benefit from 50% of the sales! Thank you for your support!

<https://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/marketplace/seller/profile/shop/hdmsprimary/>



Fundraiser!

Spring Flower Bulbs

Dahlias • Lilies • Perennials • Seed Mats • More!

Order Flower Bulbs & Support Our Cause!
Online Orders Delivered Directly To Your Door!

The Primary program at High Desert is raising funds to provide students in each of our 7 classrooms with high quality Montessori materials and classroom essentials!

By purchasing bulbs and seeds for your home or as gifts for others, our classrooms will benefit from 50% of the sales!

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Visit Our Personalized Website By 05/15:
<https://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/index.php/marketplace/seller/profile/shop/hdmsprimary>

Contact For More Information:
ELLIE@HDMSRENO.COM

Turn In Paper Order Forms By: **N/A**

GUARANTEE GROW GUARANTEE

ADULT + CHILD DANCE!



ADULT + CHILD DANCE!

STUDENTS, BRING A FAVORITE ADULT!
PARENT + CHILD
GRANDPARENT + CHILD
AUNT/UNCLE + CHILD
CAREGIVER + CHILD

DESSERT & PHOTO INCLUDED!
BYO WATER BOTTLE!

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023
6:30-8:30 PM
\$25 FOR ONE ADULT+CHILD TICKET

[HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/E/ELEMENTARY-FAMILY-DANCE-TICKETS-609808743367](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/elementary-family-dance-tickets-609808743367)

Adult + Child Dance in our brand new community center! Students, bring a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle or caregiver! While this is an Elementary fundraiser, all ages are welcome!

Desserts, photo opportunities, fun for the family night out! Please bring a water bottle or cup to keep our event green!

Friday, April 21, 2023 6:30-8:30 PM

\$25 for one Adult + Child Ticket

Buy tickets [HERE](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/elementary-family-dance-tickets-609808743367)



Question of the Week: "Why do children misplace things?"



Children are undisputed champions at losing things-the lost and found at HDMS is evidence of that! But why does this happen?

It's natural for children to lose their stuff, especially young school-age children. At this stage of their development, children are ego-centric in their thinking and live in the moment. They can be oblivious to things outside themselves, including the jacket they took off at recess.

How can you help your child stop losing things?

- Teach your child to get organized
- Set up routines
- Make a checklist
- Make searching for lost things easier
- Replacing lost things with new ones is not advised.

Helping your child keep track of things is a long process, and may be challenging; but should get easier as they get older.

A NOTE FROM OUR GREEN PARENTS GROUP

Earth Day is coming up Saturday 22nd!

But what is Earth Day?? The first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970 when people organized to protest the negative impacts of industrial development and raise awareness about the need to actively care.

Speaking with kids about Earth Day is incredibly important. It's a great opportunity to teach kids about waste, pollution and climate change. Fueling their love for earth doesn't have to be hard. Nor should it be all doom and gloom. Focusing on the earth's wonders always work best. Spend time outside in the garden or in one of our area's many parks!

While it's normal to want to protect children from harsh truths, climate change isn't a problem we can ignore and hope will go away. It's important to talk to our kids openly and honestly and to draw on facts. It's ok if you yourself don't know much about climate change. You can do research together! Here's a simple guide from BBC News that may help answer questions.

As always, connect with us at greenparents@hdmsreno.com



A NOTE FROM OUR PTO

PTO elections are happening now! If you'd like to run for a position on the PTO please send an email to pto@hdmspto.com. The Vice President position needs to be filled, but we encourage you to run for any position on the board.



Call for student artwork! The PTO is collecting submissions of student artwork for next years school calendar. If you would like to submit artwork please send it to pto@hdmspto.com.

The PTO would like to hear from you! What do you love about an HDMS staff member/teacher? Tell us about it! We'd love to include shout outs to our staff/teachers from the parents. Ex: "I love the weekly newsletter that Ms. Kelly sends out! I get a reminder when it's my turn to bring something in and highlights from the school newsletter. Thank you, Ms. Kelly!"

Upcoming PTO events

- PTO meeting Thursday April 20th at 5:30 PM [Click Here for Zoom Link](#)
- Spring Picnic May 21st

NOTES FROM THE PRIMARY TEAM

NOTES FROM THE SNOWFLOWER CLASSROOM

Beowawe, Tuscarora and Snowflower classrooms have been so excited about the warm sunny weather! We have taken to growing our brains outside on our beautiful outdoor patio. The kids love being outside while they work!



NOTES FROM THE PEAVINE CLASSROOM

The children in Peavine have been enjoying many new practical life lessons, thanks to the many donations by families and community members.

We are able to work on sewing, weaving, plant care, food preparation, coffee grinding, tea and coffee making, and music all from generous contributions. Thanks to everyone for what they have given to bring these lessons to life.



In the spirit of giving, one kindergartener diligently saved her coins at home and brought in a donation for our playground. We counted the coins together, and along with her family, she was happy to make sure her donation would get to the right place in our administrative office.



Painting outside with a donated easel



Parts of a flower with donated flowers

Luca making coffee to serve to adults of his choice



Making music on a lap harp donated to class



Making music on a steel tongue drum donated to class

NOTES FROM THE ELEMENTARY TEAM

EXCELSIOR CLASSROOM

Thanks for the contributions of our classroom volunteers Emily, Mimi, Zoe, & Geeta.

This week's activities included observing acid-base reactions during our dancing popcorn experiment. We also printed marbled paper.

We would like to remind Excelsior families that children need to bring water bottles, silverware, & napkins.

Scholastic book orders have been sent home. Please place orders online. The class code for online orders is Z6DDY and orders are due April 27, 2023.

Thank you, Excelsior families!



RUBY CLASSROOM

Testing

- SBAC testing for 3rd graders will happen on Tuesday, May 2nd and Wednesday, May 3rd.
- MAPS for 1-3rd graders will happen on May 17th. We will only be doing the reading as this test session is to meet the requirements of Read by Three law.

Please get good rest, eat a good breakfast, and talk about testing strategies that you use when doing a test.

Volunteers

- Thank you to Geeta and Mimi for helping in the class.
- Thank you to Sherri for helping the school find and hire the best staff. She is helping us to interview our new Vice Principal and Grant Writer/Fundraiser position. These new positions will help our school meet future goals for expansion and providing Montessori education to more students.

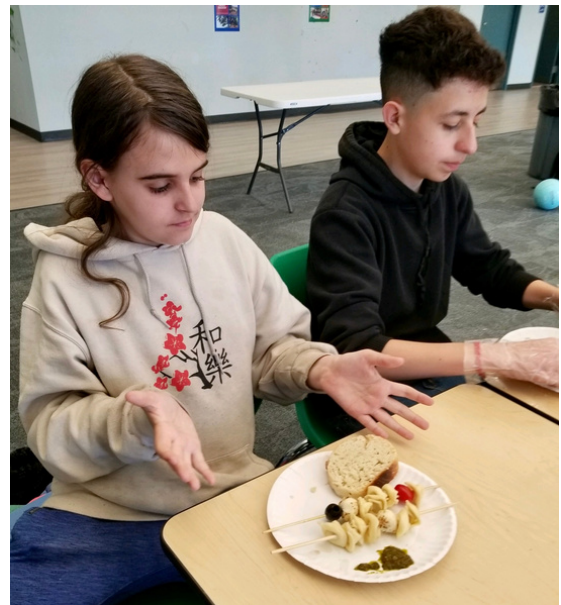
Planners

We are finishing up our third week of planner use. Keishla and I are seeing more challenging work being chosen and more organizational skills being mastered. I will be putting completed work from past weeks and current weeks in Transparent Classroom as we move forward. Please observe an increase in work, maintenance of work or less work. These are great ways to start conversations about what is working well and what needs to be changed or practiced. I am here if you have any questions.

NOTES FROM THE ADOLESCENT TEAM

CULINARY CREATIVE EXPRESSION CLASS

Students make homemade bread, Italian kebabs & chocolate covered strawberries!



HIKING CREATIVE EXPRESSION CLASS



Check out Bowers Mansion Park's Programs on the Porch WILDLIFE EDITION Series!

Bowers Mansion Regional Park



Programs ON THE -Porch-

WILDLIFE EDITION

Fridays, May 19th – June 23rd • 7pm - 8pm

Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy these local wildlife professionals as they present information on a variety of species! Admission is free although our presenters welcome and appreciate donations.

MAY 19 **Birds of Prey!**
Marie Gaspari

MAY 26 **Bears!**
NDOW

JUNE 2 **Snakes!**
UNR Biology Dept.

JUNE 9 **Bats!**
Carson Creature Catchers

JUNE 16 **Bees!**
No. NV Beekeepers Assn.

JUNE 23 **Bobcats &
Mountain Lions!**
NDOW



Bowers Mansion Regional Park, 4005 Old Highway 395, Washoe Valley, 775-849-1825
Visit our events calendar at www.washoecountyparks.com for information.

EARTH DAY AT IDEWILD PARK

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EARTH DAY

Reno Earth Day - 2023_recycle

*Refuse, Reduce, Reuse,
Recycle, Rot*



Reno Earth Day
April 22nd, 2023
11:00am – 5:00pm
Idlewild Park, Reno, NV

Join us at Idlewild Park for this year's annual Reno Earth Day. Learn about sustainability, recycling, energy and much more from local non profit and educational groups. While you're at Reno Earth Day, you can expect another Great American Craft Fair, live local musicians and locally sourced beer. Be sure to bring your flask and reusable shopping tote. In addition to the complimentary water fill stations, aluminum bottled water will be available for purchase.

FREE BOOK READING

RAD CAT STORYTIME

Zoe Bray will read her bilingual Basque/English children's book, What Amatxi Whispered, and lead a fun craft!

Always free & open to all
Saturday 4/22 at 10:30am
at The Radical Cat
1717 S. Wells Ave



Family Counseling Service's Summer of Healing Therapeutic Camp!

Now accepting applications for
Campers
&
Volunteers!

Summer of Healing Camp from July 9th-July 15th is offered free of charge to children who have been impacted by sexual and/or family violence .

Accepting children in the age range of:

- 8-16 years old; Ages 17+ can apply for junior counselor positions
- Children and volunteers have the opportunity to have fun by swimming in the lake, playing lawn games, learning archery, riding bike, and creating art together.
- Children are given the chance to have role models and build positive experiences with healthy adults.
- The volunteers and therapists help the child heal from trauma in a nonjudgmental and safe space by spending the week alongside the children.

Applications and further information available on our website at www.fcsnv.org under youth treatment camps at the bottom of the page or contact us at 775.329.0623 for more information

Email: kate@familycounselingservice.org or

tiffany@familycounselingservice.org



1475 Terminal Way, Ste D, Reno, Nevada 89502



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