



# HDMS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MR. ERIC



This last week we officially opened the west playground and Great Basin Community Center! These projects concluded 3 years of construction in partnership with Dennis Banks Construction. To commemorate the occasion

we held an all school assembly in which the Snowflower, Lahontan, Ruby, and Upper Elementary students performed beautiful songs. Our celebration concluded with a ribbon cutting with Ms. Tammie, Principal Eric, Ms. Kaleigh, construction manager Dan Joselyn, Garrett Banks, and board member Max Haynes. We are beyond thrilled to be sharing these beautiful new spaces with our community!

Mr. Eric

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4/10/23: 6:30 VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE REGARDING PRINCIPAL PERFORMANCE [LINK](#)
- 4/11/23: 9:00 AM IN PERSON ROUNDTABLE REGARDING PRINCIPAL PERFORMANCE IN STAFF LOUNGE
- 4/12/23: TWO HOUR EARLY RELEASE
- 4/20/23: 5:30 PTO MEETING
- 4/21/23: 6:00-8:00 ELEMENTARY ADULT + CHILD DANCE
- 4/26/23: TWO HOUR EARLY RELEASE
- 4/26/23: 5:00 HDMS BOARD MEETING
- 5/10/23: TWO HOUR EARLY RELEASE
- 5/18/23: 5:30 PTO MEETING
- 5/23/23: 5:00 FAMILY READING NIGHT
- 5/24/23: TWO HOUR EARLY RELEASE
- 5/29/23: NO SCHOOL - MEMORIAL DAY
- 5/31/23: 5:00 HDMS BOARD MEETING



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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MISS TAMMIE



Each year our Board of Directors evaluates Principal Eric's overall performance. As part of this process, we solicit parent input through our parent liaison to the PTO and Board Nancy Smith. We invite you to attend either a Zoom or in-person Roundtable to share your thoughts.

The zoom meeting will be held on Monday, April 10th at 6:30PM [here](#). If you prefer to meet in-person, the meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11th at 9:00AM in the Tahoe Tower. Thank you to all who filled out the survey- your input is valuable.

We appreciate your continued support and hope you are able to attend one of the meetings.

Miss Tammie  
tammie@hdmsreno.com

## SUPPORT CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITY FUNDING!

Nevada charter schools like High Desert Montessori School need your help! The 2023 Nevada legislative session is happening now, and significant developments could affect our school! Bill SB256 has been introduced and it is a game-changer!

This bill would let public charter schools get funding for facilities from the state if passed. This means more money goes directly into the classroom and our children's education. But we need your help to make it happen!

Our legislative leaders need to hear from you, families who choose charter schools! They need to know that our schools are doing a fantastic job educating our students, and with this bill, we could do even more innovative practices in the classroom.



So please, click this [link](#) and send a message to our representatives. It's time to let them know that facility funding for public charter schools is crucial for the future of education in Nevada.  
Facility Funding for Public Charters Petition

## FREE LUNCH & BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Our full breakfast and lunch menu can always be found at [www.hdmsreno.com/school-lunch-breakfast/](http://www.hdmsreno.com/school-lunch-breakfast/)

3 Bagel & Cream Cheese w/ Fruit & Milk	4 English Muffin & Sausage (veg option w/cheese) w/ Fruit &	5 Waffle w/ Fruit & Milk	6 Quesadilla w/ Fruit & Milk	7 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 & Potatoes (Veg. option Stewed Chickpeas) w/ Fruit & Milk	Tuscan Grilled Cheese (w/tomatoes, spinach & italian spices) w/ Fruit & Milk
10 Bagel & Cream Cheese w/ Fruit & Milk	11 English Muffin & Sausage (veg option w/cheese) w/ Fruit &	12 Waffle w/ Fruit & Milk	13 Quesadilla w/ Fruit & Milk	14 French Toast Casserole w/ Fruit & Milk
Pasta Salad (vegetarian) w/ Fruit & Milk	Beef Tacos (Veg. Option is Refried Bean Taco) w/ Fruit & Milk	Veggie Pizza w/ Fruit & Milk	Stew Beef & Potatoes w/ Fruit & Milk	Tuna Salad Sandwich (veg option is veggie & cheese sandwich) w/ Fruit & Milk

*Question of the Week: "What is the role of music in the Montessori classroom?"*



Music is a universal language that is enjoyed by people all over the world, at all ages. At HDMS, song, movement, instruments and appreciation for music are integrated into the classroom on a daily basis. Music is fundamental to so many areas of learning and education; from logic and language skills to problem-solving and cultural awareness.

Two unique Montessori music materials are the Bells and the Tone Bars. The Bells are present in Primary classrooms. The Bells are a set of 13 pairs of bells that comprise the chromatic scale. The Tone Bars are present in Elementary classrooms. The Tone Bars allow students to compose and play music, learn musical scales, intervals, and more.



*"...success [in music education] is bound up with the need for the production of plenty of music around the child, so that there is set up an environment calculated to develop musical sense and intelligence." -- Maria Montessori*

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for sale!**



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for \$20**

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**Order Now!!**

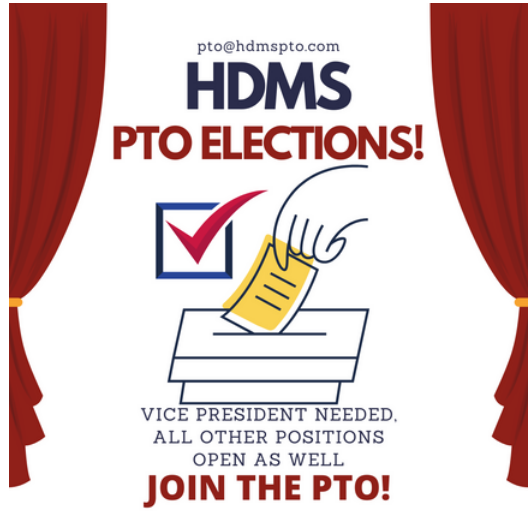
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# A NOTE FROM OUR PTO

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](mailto:pto@hdmspto.com). The Vice President position needs to be filled, but we encourage you to run for any position on the board.

### Upcoming PTO events

- PTO meeting Thursday April 20th at 5:30 PM on Zoom
- Spring Picnic May 21st



Thank you to everyone who has signed up for Spring pictures! Make up photos are scheduled for Tuesday April 28th you can sign up by clicking [here](#). 10% of sales from the Spring Photo's goes to the PTO (thank you Midori!), and this year the PTO will be donating that 10% to Diana Ballasteros' Go Fund Me account. If you'd like to support Diana you can contribute to her [Go Fund Me here](#).

# A NOTE FROM OUR GREEN PARENTS GROUP

Spring is finally here, and one way many of us will be celebrating is by going on egg-hunts with the children. This is a great opportunity to think again about the amount of waste we produce with store-bought plastic eggs. How about hiding real eggs or individual pieces of candy instead? Have fun boiling eggs and decorating them with natural dyes made from the juice of red cabbage and black beans, or rubbing them with those abundant dandelions you can find in public parks? Please contact us and join us, we need help with ideas and activities!  
[greenparents@hdmsreno.com](mailto:greenparents@hdmsreno.com)



# TARDY SLIPS

High Desert Montessori knows that students who are on time and regularly attend school do better academically and behaviorally. Children who are chronically tardy miss breakfast, a chance to socialize with classmates, morning meetings and even lessons.

Each time a child is late to school, they are now required to check in at the front desk and get a tardy slip filled out to give to their teacher.

## A little late?

Being a little late to class can seem harmless, however, overtime it all adds up.

<p>Being <b>5 minutes</b> late a day can lead to <b>3.4 days</b> missed a year.</p>	<p>Being <b>10 minutes</b> late a day can lead to <b>6.9 days</b> missed a year.</p>	<p>Being <b>15 minutes</b> late a day can lead to <b>10.3 days</b> missed a year.</p>
<p>Being <b>20 minutes</b> late a day can lead to <b>13.8 days</b> missed a year.</p>	<p>Being <b>25 minutes</b> late a day can lead to <b>17.25 days</b> missed a year.</p>	<p>Being <b>30 minutes</b> late a day can lead to <b>20.7 days</b> missed a year.</p>

# NOTES FROM THE PRIMARY TEAM

## PRIMARY PERFORMANCE AT THE RIBBON CUTTING

What a heartfelt singing performance from Snowflower and Lahontan students to celebrate our new community center! They did an amazing job!! -Miss Maureen



# NOTES FROM THE ELEMENTARY TEAM

## ELEMENTARY ADULT + CHILD DANCE!

Adult + Child Dance in our brand new community center! Students, bring a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle or caregiver!

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](#)

A vibrant event poster for "HDMS Elementary Adult + Child Dance!". The background is a colorful aurora borealis. The text is in large, bold, colorful fonts. It lists ticket types: Parent + Child, Grandparent + Child, Aunt/Uncle + Child, and Caregiver + Child. It also includes the date, time, price, and a link to buy tickets. At the bottom, there are illustrations of a man dancing with a girl and a woman dancing with a girl.

**HDMS ELEMENTARY  
ADULT + CHILD  
DANCE!**

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

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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)

# CANDELARIA CLASSROOM

Candelaria is growing a lot of cold weather crops in the greenhouse and has harvested a lot of buttercrunch lettuce and spinach. We also have carrots, broccoli, kale, onions, and cauliflower.



Candelaria has also started seedlings for warm weather crops including peppers, tomatoes, corn, a variety of squash and more!

Candelaria students learned about parts of a mushroom and grew 3 different varieties of Oyster Mushrooms.



# VIRGINIA CLASSROOM

Thank you for coming to the parent teacher conferences. We had 100% attendance!

We are beginning our work on life cycles and hatching eggs in the elementary classrooms. The children are incredibly excited. I will be in and out tomorrow, I am taking care of observations for my credential work. Ms. Mary (Math Mary, as the children call her) will be subbing with Paige. The new playground is great and we had PE on the equipment on Tuesday.

Our math is moving forward really well! Multiples seem to be the fad with trinomial work for others being the most exciting. Kindergarteners have begun visiting and will be meeting soon as a team to determine our end of the year plans.



Virginia class loves the new playground!

Scarlett B. learns how the incubator works. She also volunteered to help any classroom who was unsure of how it works.



# EXCELSIOR CLASSROOM

Students studied the way water moves through plants with their celery experiment.



Reminder! Please send silverware, napkins and reusable water bottles with your children!

# RUBY CLASSROOM

Montessori At Home/School

Please don't forget you can help your with your child's education by:

- Take your student to the park
- Fix something that is broken at home
- Do chores together

State Testing: Ruby's third grade students will take the Smarter Balanced tests May 3rd and our last round of MAPS on May 17th and 18th. We will be practicing in class. Here is a link for at home. <https://wbte.drcedirect.com/NV/portals/nv/>.



This week we started using planners. The children are getting the hang of it and it has allowed me to teach lessons centered around a group of stories your child chose. It has also provided time for me to observe. When you look at Transparent Classroom, you should see additional notes. If you have any questions please reach out to me.

Volunteers/Thank yous

Thank you to Cameron for putting up and helping Ruby Classroom to get new blinds from Horizon Window Coverings. They will be helpful when we watch instructional videos.



# NOTES FROM THE ADOLESCENT TEAM

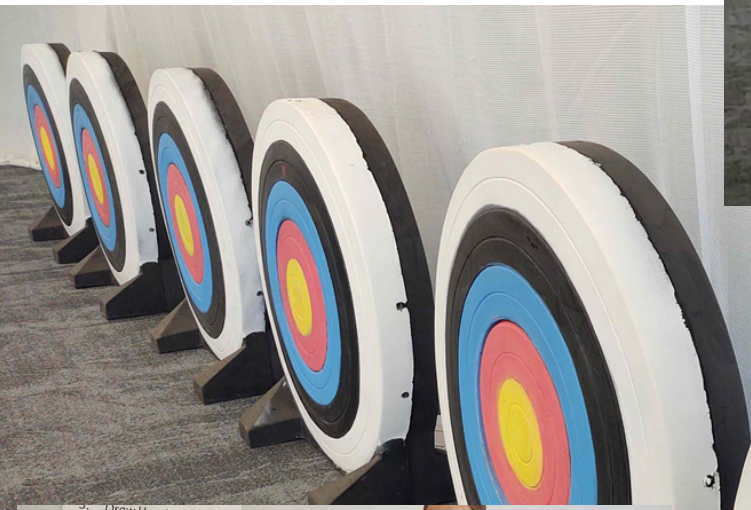
## ADOLESCENT STUDENTS LIKE THE NEW PLAYGROUND TOO!



Adolescent students enjoying the new playground!

## ARCHERY PROGRAM UPDATES

A HUGE shout out to the Nevada Wildlife Record Book who granted us funds to replace our eight year old targets, as well as giving us additional funding which will enable us to travel in style in a charter bus to the National Tournament in Salt Lake later this month!





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# YOGA

Spring Yoga Session  
Enrolling Now  
April 4 - May 26

HDMS Library  
Yoga Mats Provided  
"Trilingual" Classes:  
English/Spanish/Sanscrit



<https://forms.gle/1wnBYfhb4MvQC1vAA>

Children's Yoga

(4-year-olds to 3rd graders)

Thursdays 3:50-4:40 pm

Adult Vinyasa

Fridays 3:45-4:45 pm

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# WHAT AMATXI WHISPERED WITH ZOE BRAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH AT 11:00AM

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Join us for a reading of the new bilingual Basque children's book, *What Amatxi Whispered*, with author and illustrator Zoe Bray.

In *What Amatxi Whispered*, a little girl who lives by the Truckee river, in northern Nevada goes to visit her grandmother Amatxi in the Basque Country.

There, she discovers something magical that helps her appreciate her home back in Nevada even more. *What Amatxi Whispered* is the story of a child of immigrants navigating different cultures and places. The book is written in English and Basque, and published with the University of Nevada Reno's Center for Basque Studies Press.

Zoe Bray is an artist and illustrator based in Reno, Nevada, hailing from the Basque Country. She enjoys creating illustrations that evoke adventure and her love of nature. She seeks to tell stories that celebrate the active imagination of children and exploration of their environment

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