



HDMS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MR. ERIC



We have a few fun opportunities for families coming up in the next couple of weeks that I wanted to tell you about.

Tomorrow night, May 12, from 4:30 to 6:30 at the Coffeebar, 9620 S. McCarran in N. W. Reno, our Primary team is hosting a mixer and fundraiser. There will be movies and snacks for children in a dedicated space, adult beverages, raffle prizes, and more. This should be a really fun event for everyone.

Saturday May 20 from 9:00 am to noon, HDMS will be hosting our Spring Work Bee. Historically, this was a twice yearly event at HDMS. It was put on hold during COVID, but we are excited to bring it back! We would love volunteers to help us in our gardens and playgrounds to do a little weeding, cleaning, and general spiffing up of our campus. If you can make it, please bring some gloves, gardening supplies, a smile, and maybe a little muscle.



Sunday, May 21 from 11:00 to 1:00, our PTO is hosting the second annual HDMS Family Picnic at Rancho San Rafael. Last year, the picnic was a terrific success with tons of families bringinging food, games and a lot of laughs. More info on this event and the spring work bee will be coming this week.

Finally, we are finishing up staff appreciation week. If you get a chance, please let your teachers, assistants, and any other staff members know that their hard work is appreciated.

Oh and one more thing, to all the moms, grandmas, and anyone out there doing mom-like stuff, Happy Mothers Day!

Sincerely,
Mr. Eric

UPCOMING EVENTS



- 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
 - 5/21/23: 11:00 PTO PICNIC
 - 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
 - 5/30/23: 5:00 HDMS BOARD MEETING
 - 6/9/23: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!
 - 9:15 AM KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION
 - 10:30 AM ELEMENTARY END OF YEAR CELEBRATION
 - 12:00 PM ADOLESCENT END OF YEAR CELEBRATION
 - NO PROGRAMMING FOR PRE-K PROGRAM
 - 1:00 PM EARLY RELEASE FOR K-8TH GRADE
- (PARENTS CAN TAKE THEIR CHILDREN HOME AT THE END OF THE CEREMONY THEY ATTEND. WAITING UNTIL 1:00 IS NOT NECESSARY.)

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MISS TAMMIE

Due to funding from the USDA and Nevada Department of Agriculture, we have been extremely fortunate to serve all students a free breakfast and lunch since November 2020 in partnership with our outstanding onsite vendor Farm Fresh Catering. If your family is interested in applying for food benefits (PEBT Debit Card) during the summer, you will need to submit a Free and Reduced Application to the school by June 1. Applications can be picked up from Ms. Martha at the front desk or online at <https://www.hdmsreno.com/school-lunch-breakfast/>



Click on the news story to the left to watch a short video describing the program in more detail.

Please feel free to reach out to the school if you have any questions.

Miss Tammie
tammie@hdmsreno.com

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL INFORMATION

JUNE 9TH IS THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR!



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FREE LUNCH & BREAKFAST PROGRAM

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

8 Bagel & Cream Cheese w/ Fruit & Milk	9 English Muffin w/Cheese & Sausage (veg option w/cheese)	10 Waffle & Pancake w/ Fruit & Milk	11 Quesadilla w/ Fruit & Milk	12 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
15 Bagel & Cream Cheese w/ Fruit & Milk	16 English Muffin w/Cheese & Sausage (veg option w/cheese)	17 Waffle & Pancake w/ Fruit & Milk	18 Quesadilla w/ Fruit & Milk	19 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

WE'RE HIRING

HDMS is hiring for the following positions for the 2023-2024 School Year:

- Adolescent Math Teacher (7-8 grades) (Must have a Secondary Teaching License (7-12) with Math Endorsement. Must be Montessori trained, or willing to attend Montessori training. HDMS offers tuition assistance to our teachers.)
- Upper Elementary Teacher (4-6 grades) (Must be Montessori trained, or willing to attend Montessori training. HDMS offers tuition assistance to our teachers.)
- Full Time Classroom Assistant
- After School Program Assistant



For complete job description, please visit our website. Please submit application and resume to Sherrie Jordan at sherrie@hdmsreno.com

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR



HDMS is returning to the Infinite Campus registration system (as opposed to Google Forms) for next school year. EVERY student at HDMS (age 3 through 8th grade) must be registered through this system.

Registering through Infinite Campus by June 9th secures your student's spot. Failure to fill out the registration could result in a loss of their seat at HDMS. We need just 5 minutes of your time to complete registration for the entire school year!

The due date for registration is June 9th. If you do not plan on having your student attend next year please let Miss Stacey know.



How to register:

- STEP 1: Open Infinite Campus (District: Washoe State: Nevada). Log in to Infinite Campus (if you have forgotten your username or password, please call or email Miss Stacey stacey@hdmsreno.com)
- STEP 2: Click "More" on the bottom left hand menu
- STEP 3: Select "Online Registration" -Select "Start"
- STEP 4: Select Child and "Begin Registration"
- STEP 5: Complete all phases of Online Registration
- STEP 6: Click on the large red "Submit" button to complete registration

Have remaining questions? Need your Infinite Campus log in? We are here to help! Email Miss Stacey stacey@hdmsreno.com

NOTES FROM OUR MONTESSORI ADVISOR, MISS KALEIGH



Myths about Student Centered Learning

The Montessori approach to education is a student-centered learning approach. There are several misconceptions and misunderstandings about student-centered learning. Over the next couple of weeks, I will discuss some of those myths.

1. Student centered classrooms are out of control- In student centered classrooms, students are talking, conferring, collaborating and working together. The classroom may seem chaotic to parents. Research shows that forcing children to sit quietly can increase fatigue and lower concentration.
2. Quiet students don't flourish in a student centered classroom- Children have the opportunity to work in ways that best suit their individual needs and strengths.
3. Children need boundaries. Student centered teaching is too permissive.- In a student centered classroom, students are expected to direct their education, within limits. Independence is encouraged through self-respect and respect for others.
4. The student centered classroom allows students to do whatever they want all day long.- Yes, students have more freedom, but there are expectations and accountability for work throughout the school day. Children have the freedom to investigate a subject in depth, but are still given the knowledge they need to succeed academically, socially and emotionally.

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/>



SPRING MIXER & PRIMARY FUNDRAISER



Spring Mixer and Primary Fundraiser!

Who: All HDMS Families are welcome!

When: May 12 from 4:30-6:30

Where: Coffeebar McCarren

Why: Primary Program Fundraiser

There will be movies and snacks for children in a dedicated space, adult beverages, raffle prizes, and more.

SPRING WORK BEE



WORK BEE!

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 20

TIME: 9:00AM-12:00PM

TASKS:

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

PLEASE BRING ANY TOOLS THAT MIGHT BE USED IN A GARDEN CLEANUP (GLOVES, CLIPPERS, TROWELS, SHOVELS, ETC)

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED. PLEASE BRING A WATER BOTTLE FOR HYDRATION.

GREEN PARENTS GROUP



Did you know that the month of May is also called No Mow May? "No Mow May" is a gateway to understanding how we share our lawns with many small creatures.

Lawns cover 40 million acres, or 2%, of land in the US, making them the single largest irrigated crop we grow. Lawns are mowed, raked, fertilized, weeded, chemically treated, and watered—sucking up time, money, and other resources. Lawns provide little benefit to wildlife, and are often harmful. Grass-only lawns lack floral resources and nesting sites for bugs, including bees, and are often treated with pesticides that kill them.

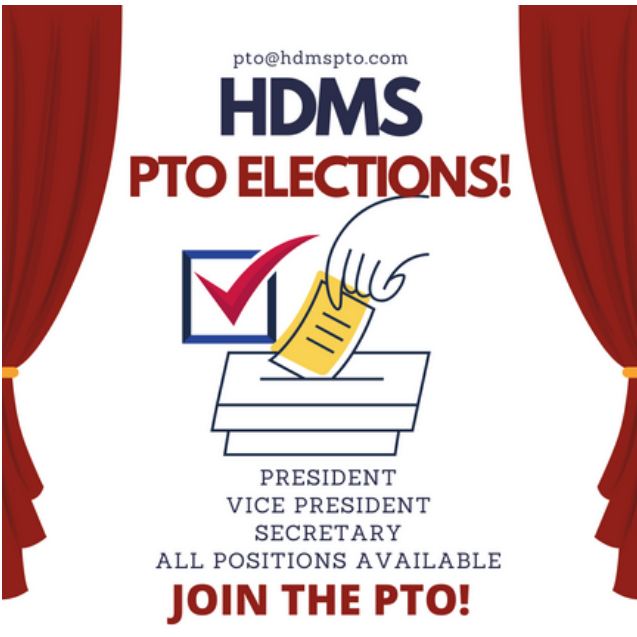
The start of the growing season is a critical time for hungry, newly emerged bees. A diversity of flowers is hard to find in urban landscapes. By allowing wildflowers to grow longer, and letting them bloom, your lawn can provide nectar and pollen to help pollinators thrive.

Many of us will be celebrating our Mothers this weekend, and, needless to say, here we are the Green Parents with some waste-free and non-polluting tips! Remember that simplicity is key, as it is the gesture that counts much more than the actual thing. And because we want to do things in a way that are respectful of our environment (and by extension of ourselves!), here are a few simple ideas that are sure to make Moms delight:



- Make a bunch from those plants that tend to be called 'weeds' - dandelions, rapeseed, daisies, clovers, wild lettuce and wild geranium are easy to find in abundance, have lovely smells and are very pretty!
- Serve your Mom a cup of tea in a pretty reusable cup (for example dandelion flower tea is tasty, healthy and beautiful!)
- Make your Mum a card from recycled scraps of paper and sign it with your very best handwriting.
- Memorize a song or a poem and recite it in front of your Mom.
- Present her with a potted plant made from a recycled yogurt or coffee cup, with gathered soil and a chosen 'weed' still with its roots planted, wrapped with scrap paper and decorated with your colorful doodles.

A NOTE FROM OUR PTO

A graphic for PTO elections featuring a hand putting a ballot into a box, with a checkmark and a stack of papers below. The text includes the email pto@hdmspto.com, the HDMS PTO ELECTIONS! logo, and a list of positions: PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, and SECRETARY. It also states 'ALL POSITIONS AVAILABLE' and 'JOIN THE PTO!' in bold red letters.

pto@hdmspto.com
HDMS
PTO ELECTIONS!
PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT
SECRETARY
ALL POSITIONS AVAILABLE
JOIN THE PTO!

We need you to help make the PTO the best it can be! Last call PTO Elections are happening next week during our PTO meeting! Minimal time commitment, great connections! If you're interested in being on the board please reach out to pto@hdmspto.com. All positions open, Vice President especially needs someone new!

President

- Create agenda for all meetings
- Lead meetings and events
- Preside over general membership and board
- Serve as primary contact for the school

Vice President

- Assist the president
- Carry out the president's duties in their absence

Secretary

- Keep all records
- Take and record the minutes
- Post notices of meetings/post in the newsletter

Our annual PTO Potluck Picnic is officially this month! Join us Sunday May 21st starting at 11:00 AM at Rancho San Rafael Park. Bring toys, water bottles, food, and anything else you'd like. The Golden Owl Bookshop will be there too so come prepared to fundraise by buying books!

A colorful graphic for the Annual Potluck Picnic. It features a sun with 'HDMS PTO' written across it, a kite, a picnic basket with bread, a bottle, and fruit, a cupcake, an apple, and a juice box. The text reads 'Annual Potluck Picnic May 21 11:00 AM' in a playful font.

HDMS PTO
Annual Potluck Picnic
May 21
11:00 AM

Our next PTO meeting will be next Thursday May 18th at 5:30PM! Open to all, on Zoom for convenience! [Zoom link here.](#)

Keep the student artwork coming! 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.

Need a new water bottle, t-shirt, sweatshirt, backpack, or other cool swag? Get one with the school logo on it and help us raise money to support our teachers and staff! Money raised goes into teacher appreciation weeks, back to school, and teacher trainings/conferences. [PTO Swag Store Link here](#)

NOTES FROM THE PRIMARY TEAM

NOTES FROM THE TOQUIMA CLASSROOM



A special thank you to Rory's Grandma for helping with our seeds!

Toquima class has been learning all about plants and seeds. We've been singing songs, reading stories, and planting our own seeds to watch them grow!

Toquima students also sang a special "thank you" song to our kitchen staff this week for the good, good food!

NOTES FROM THE ELEMENTARY TEAM

HENNA EVENT FUNDRAISER

Excelsior Class is holding a Henna Event on Thursday, May 25, 2023 from 1:00-2:30 in Hole in the Mountain to raise funds for classroom materials. In addition, the event will have food and drinks. We are looking for volunteers to assist us in the Henna Event. Excelsior class is offering to give henna hand tattoos to Lower EL and Upper EL students. Henna tattoos are safe for children and the environment and fade away after a few days. A Henna tattoo is a temporary body art technique that involves drawing designs on the skin using henna-based ink. Most people are familiar with Indian wedding henna tattoos, which are known as mehndi, but henna tattoos are also traditional in places like Egypt and Morocco.

The prices for Henna:

\$1.00 for a small size

\$2.00 for a medium size

The Excelsior Class will give Lower EL and Upper EL permission slip to get signed by parents/guardians for henna art/tattoo.



NOTES FROM THE EXCELSIOR CLASSROOM



Parent volunteer Emily brought a desert tortoise to visit Excelsior and shared her knowledge & experience with the class.

NOTES FROM THE VIRGINIA CLASSROOM

Themes of the week:

- Monet and Robert McCloskey are our two artists that we are looking at more closely this week.
- We are winners! Our school uses Map Accelerator by Kahn Academy for both intervention and supplemental learning for our advanced children. Because they worked so diligently we were entered into a raffle by the 3M corporation and we won! We didn't know what we would win but it came and it was a big box of glue, tape and tabs. Thanks 3M.
- I am back from my last Montessori session in Massachusetts. It was very emotional and educational. I finished up my upper-el classes and now I understand multi-base math and the physical proofs for the pythagorean theorem.
- This week has been a lot of conferencing with children going over the due dates and making sure that they have a plan to wrap up the year nicely.
- Important dates:
 - 3rd graders will go on visits on the 19th of May
 - We wrap up our year long study of Africa and begin learning about Antarctica.
 - Parent's day tea is June 2nd. @ 1pm. I hope that each child has 1 family member that can attend. Please don't bring a whole gaggle of people because we will not fit in our room.
 - What is parent's day tea? It is a day where the staff and children thank the parents for their support. It is a practical life activity to set a room for a party and prepare drinks and snacks. It is when the children will share an art project and a song that they have been working on in addition to the culmination of a project. (Sometimes 2). We know that you often have children in multiple classrooms and Ruby class is doing a play.
 - 3rd grade pool party will be on June 7th
 - Field day is June 6th
- Many children are having anxiety about transitioning to summer and next school year. This week's homework is having a family meeting about what the calendar looks like for your family at home. Do you have memorial day plans? Are you planning summer camps? Will there be big changes and how do you all feel about that? Will there be birthday parties and how/when can they help? Wrapping gifts, writing cards, and helping to decorate are all ways that children can be successful and see themselves as a contributing member of your family but you have to plan extra time so that children can help.



Several boys work on their studies of Africa using the Waseca materials. We call it the Africa binder. It helps us to learn about the lives of people, animals and plants in child friendly activities.



Konner and Leo are excited to practice the equations for successive cubes!



Thank you to 3M. The children are planning on meeting today to decide what we should do with our excess. Part of a Montessori education is having meetings to work out how we want to do things. Practice in decision making is key for creating a society that can work and live together into adulthood.

NOTES FROM THE ADOLESCENT TEAM

SCHOOL COMMUNITY PROJECTS



Lily rescues our classroom succulents, and explains the process to Jewel.



Collette and Alejandra trim Spike's nails and hair.



School Community Projects- students assemble tables for our rooftop community space.

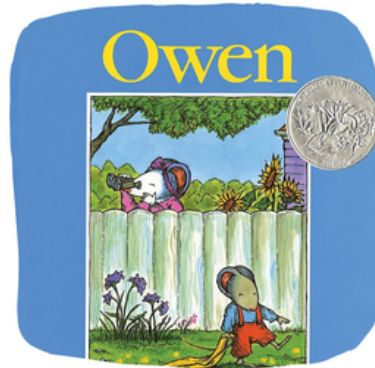
CREATIVE EXPRESSION HIKING CLASS



FAMILY READING NIGHT

Primary & Lower El Families, join us for another fun filled Family Reading Night on May 23rd!

Family Reading Night High Desert Montessori Library May 23rd @ 5:00 pm



Come for a story time, activity, and receive a take-home bag!

To sign-up scan the QR code or follow the link below.

<https://tinyurl.com/7ab42wmj>



If you have any questions please reach out to the Family Reading Program Coordinator at frpcoord@nnlc.org.

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3. Print and fill out the form below and return to the front desk.

Student name: _____

Class name: _____

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To pay with credit card call Miss Sherrie at 775-624-2800 x3

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MEMBERSHIP

- ALL CAMPS WILL BE MONDAY-FRIDAY, 9A.M.-3P.M.
- CAMPS WILL HAVE TWO SEPARATE AGE GROUPS, 5-9 Y/O AND 9-14 Y/O
- SNACKS ARE PROVIDED TWICE A DAY, BUT PARENTS MUST PACK A DAILY COLD LUNCH.
- 1 HOUR PER DAY WILL BE RESERVED FOR ART JOURNALING, FOCUSED ON EXPRESSION AND REFLECTION.
- EACH CAMP WILL HAVE A FEATURED ARTIST DROP IN TO SPEAK ABOUT THEIR CRAFT!
- DROP OFF AND PICKUP MUST HAPPEN WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF CLASS START/END.

SUMMER
CAMPS
WITH
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SCULPTURE CAMP
I: JUNE 26-30
II: JULY 17-21
PAINTING CAMP
I: JULY 10-14
II: JULY 24-28
MURAL CAMP
I: JULY 31-
AUGUST 4

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<https://www.therenogenerator.com/programs>

CHALLENGE ISLAND SUMMER CAMPS

<https://challenge-island.com/reno-sparks-nv/program/camps/>



Summer Camps 2023



June 20-23 @ High Desert
*No camp 6/19 - Juneteenth



June 26-30 @ High Desert



July 3-7 @ High Desert
*No camp 7/4 - Fourth of July



July 10-14 @ High Desert



July 17-21 @ High Desert



July 24-28 @ High Desert



July 31-Aug 4 @ High Desert




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9am-4pm (Before/After care available)
\$255/week
Ages 5-12 (must be entering Kinder)
Call: 775-813-2411
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