



HDMS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MR. ERIC



There are a lot of things happening in Carson City with the legislature these days, and one bill has charter schools, including HDMS, very concerned. SB231 is a bill that allocates \$250 million for increasing school staff salaries. This sounds really great, but the text of the bill only allows these monies to be paid to school district employees and NOT to charter school employees. An inequity in pay will make it difficult for charter schools to attract and keep quality employees.

Taken in total, charter schools in Nevada have large enough populations to be considered the third largest school district in the state. Charter schools serve public school children and it's time they receive fair and equal funding to their counterparts in school districts!

We urge you all to immediately follow the link below and submit your opposition to the bill as written. Action is being taken this week!

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82nd2023/Bill/10045/Overview>

- Click on the link.
- Scroll down to "Submit Opinion or View Opinion Stats for SB231" at the bottom of the page.
- If you have never submitted public comment on leg.state.nv.us, you may need to take a moment to create an account. After creating an account, return to the bill and again click on "Submit Opinion or View Opinion Stats for SB231"
- Select Position "Opposed" and then please add a comment about the fact that it is inequitable/wrong/discriminatory to exclude public charter schools from these public funds - we all serve public school children!

Please help to get HDMS staff, as well as all other charter school employees, equal treatment as public educators for Nevada's future.

Sincerely,
Mr. Eric

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MISS TAMMIE

The Nevada Legislature is hearing AB319 this Friday, May 19th which would provide funding for universal free meals to students in Nevada.

As you are aware, High Desert Montessori has been able to benefit from universal free meals since November 2020 due to COVID national waivers and funding. I know for a fact that providing a free breakfast and lunch to our students has made such a positive impact on learning outcomes and the larger school community. Last school year Farm Fresh Catering provided 100,000 free meals to our students! Please take a moment to offer your support of universal free meals to students in Nevada.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82nd2023/Bill/10176/Overview>

Your input would be greatly appreciated on this important issue.



Miss Tammie
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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.)

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/

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	Turkey Sub (veg. option Cheese Sub) w/ Fruit & Milk
22 Bagel & Cream Cheese w/ Fruit & Milk	23 English Muffin w/Cheese & Sausage (veg option w/cheese)	24 Waffle & Pancake w/ Fruit & Milk	25 Quesadilla w/ Fruit & Milk	26 French Toast Casserole w/ Fruit & Milk
Cheese Ravioli & Marinara Sauce w/ Fruit & Milk	Beef Tacos (Veg. Option is Refried Bean Taco) w/ Fruit & Milk	Veggie Pizza w/ Fruit & Milk	Oven Fried Chicken & Potatoes w/ Fruit & Milk (veg. option Eggplant Parmesan)	Tuna Salad Sandwich (veg option is Cheese Sandwich) w/ Fruit & Milk

WORK BEE REMINDER AND MISCELLANEOUS FREE ITEMS!

The green team wants to personally invite you to the work bee! We hope to see you this Saturday! I know you all do so much outside of school hours already, but we would love to see you and work with you to beautify our spaces, if you have some extra time and energy. It's from 9am to 12 pm THIS Saturday.

We are working on 3 spaces:

1. The urban food forest areas around the perimeter and parking lot (weeding, pruning)
2. The space near the compost and green houses (moving beds, dirt, and compost)
3. The East Playground: cleaning up the DG paths and putting the logs back on the edging of the sandpit, weeding, pruning, etc.

If you have expertise in pruning or plant identification we would especially love to have you help us out. Please bring your own:

- garden gloves
- hand shovels, sheers, other tools you may need
- sun protection (hat, sunscreen)
- water bottle.

Hope to see you this SATURDAY from 9am-12pm.



We have accumulated some miscellaneous wood, glass, and piping over the last few years which needs to be claimed or discarded. The glass top is 71 3/4 x 41 1/2 and has beveled edging- it's really nice!



We need these items gone within the week due to our new modular greenhouse being delivered and installed next Thursday, May 25th.

We hope some of you are able to join us for the Spring Work Bee this Saturday and look forward to sprucing up the garden area.



Myths about student centered learning continued:

- Students cannot learn new material on their own. In a student centered learning environment like Montessori, the classrooms are intentionally designed with materials and resources that allow children to learn new ideas. The teacher acts as a guide when the student is discovering new information in the classroom.
- Student centered learning is not rigorous- a student centered classroom takes a cross-curricular approach to learning. Children explore and understand content on a deeper level and are often mastering content in many areas at a time
- Allowing children to work at their own pace can cause them to fall behind- lessons and instruction are given to students at grade appropriate and student appropriate levels.

Student centered learning promotes partnership and collaboration between learners, peers and the teacher.

GREEN PARENTS GROUP

The school has two fun social gatherings this weekend and we're excited to get together. Let's make sure our gatherings are waste-free. Our kids care about animals and nature. Let's show how we care too! We can lead by example by opting for reusable foodware instead of single-use to avoid filling up the trash cans. Reusables are easy, cheap and practical. Come with your food in your favorite bowls or in handy Tupperware boxes, and bring your reusable plates and cutlery from home.

Aware Animals



Also, remember: much as we are accustomed to balloons and all these single-use decorations being the norm at events, we don't really need them, especially when we have all the beautiful blossom of the trees right now! And to find the party at Rancho San Rafael, let's just open our ears to follow the laughter, and our eyes to see the smiles - and the natural beauty!

A NOTE FROM OUR PTO

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 this Sunday! Join us 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!



HDMS PTO

Annual Potluck Picnic

May 21
11:00 AM

Our next PTO meeting will be today, 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](#)

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

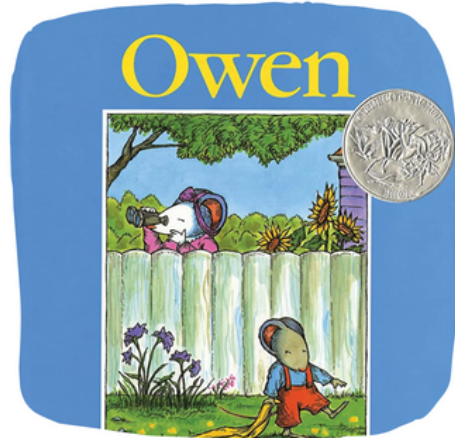
Have remaining questions? Need your Infinite Campus log in? We are here to help! Email Miss Stacey stacey@hdmsreno.com

FAMILY READING NIGHT

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

Sign up [here](#)

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 frpcoordennlc.org.

YEARBOOK

YEARBOOKS FOR SALE



YEARBOOKS ARE NOW \$25

Many ways to order!

1. Get your yearbook today online at www.buytheyearbook.com and enter School ID 708241
2. Email Miss Robin at robin@hdmsreno.com
3. Print and fill out the form below and return to the front desk

Student name: _____

Class name: _____

Pay with Check

Pay with cash

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

Visit www.buytheyearbook.com and enter School ID 708241

NOTES FROM THE PRIMARY TEAM

SPRING MIXER SUCCESS!

Our coffeebar event was a huge success! We wanted to extend a big THANK YOU to everyone who could attend!! It was great to see you all! Coffeebar also deserves a big THANK YOU for their donations and for allowing us to use their beautiful space!! We are so grateful! The primary program was able to raise over \$2000 for our classrooms. We have such a wonderful community!



NOTES FROM THE PEAVINE CLASSROOM

In the Peavine classroom, some of the most popular items to bring from home for show-and -tell have been interesting rocks, crystals or gems. Seeing the children's interest in these items, we decided to make a new lesson in geology. We borrowed the collection of crystals and rocks from the Adolescent program, and have them displayed in class with magnifying glasses and books about geology, rocks and minerals. The children are really excited to look closely at the details on the surface of the rocks, and to learn how to carefully use a magnifying glass.



NOTES FROM THE ELEMENTARY TEAM

NOTES FROM THE ANTELOPE CLASSROOM

Hello! We will be hosting a Parent's Day Tea on June 2nd in our classroom. Each child can have one guest to come and enjoy snacks and tea from 1:30-3:00. Unfortunately we can only accommodate one guest per student due to limited space in the classroom. We hope to see you there!



Our frog dissection has been moved to the 23rd due to unforeseen complications. Our students have worked really hard to learn all about frogs to prepare for this!

EXCELSIOR CLASSROOM HENNA EVENT

Excelsior Class is holding a Henna Event on Thursday, May 25, 2023 from 1:00-2:30 in our classroom to raise funds for classroom materials. 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.

Menu

Food/drinks

- 1 Water: Free
- 2 Lemonade: \$2.00
- 3 Fruit Cup: \$2.00
- 4 Muffin: \$2.00
- 5 Popcorn Bag: \$1.00
- 5 Cookie: \$1.00

In addition, the event will have food and drinks. In order to ensure that the Henna event is a waste-free and environmentally-friendly event, the Excelsior class is asking that everyone who wishes to purchase snacks or drinks at the event come with their own individual reusable cups, bowls and cutlery. We will plan to have our own stock of reusables, but want to make sure there are enough to go round. Looking forward to celebrating the art of Henna with you!

NOTES FROM THE EXCELSIOR CLASSROOM

Thanks for the contributions of our classroom volunteer Emily. This week's activities included making & sharing strawberries & whipped cream.

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 May 19, 2023.

Thank you, Excelsior families!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ADOLESCENT SCIENCE

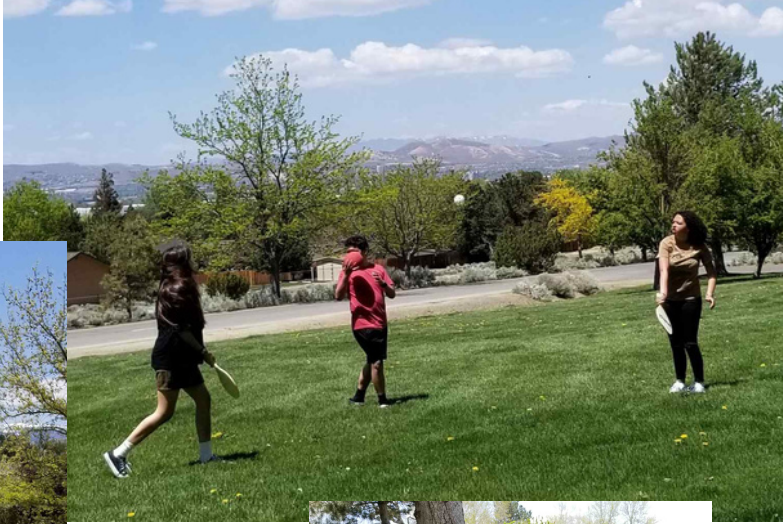
Extracting DNA from strawberries and bananas is valuable hands-on experience for middle school students because it provides:

- Interactive, Hands-on Learning
- Real-World Relevance
- Visualizing DNA
- Cross-Disciplinary Connections
- Collaboration and Critical Thinking
- Fostering Curiosity and Scientific Inquiry



EXPLORING WASHOE COUNTY PARKS

Exploring Washoe County Parks Creative Expression Class visited Hidden Vally Park this week.



ADOLESCENT SOCCER CREATIVE EXPRESSION CLASS

The adolescent students are highly engaged in their Creative Expression Soccer class where they have the opportunity to get some fresh air and develop leadership and team building skills at the Paradise Park facility.



THE GENERATOR SUMMER CAMPS



\$275
\$250 w/
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
THE
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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

Summer Camps at the Generator
<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

9am-4pm (Before/After care available)
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