



HDMS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MR. ERIC



We have a lot of great things going on here at HDMS as we get closer to the end of the school year. Several classes are planning or have had great field trips to Tahoe, The Elk's Club pool, Discovery Kingdome, and more. Many of our middle school students are currently learning about our country's history and government while touring Washington DC. This is a really exciting time to be at HDMS and I hope everyone enjoys the final few days before the beginning of summer.

Thank you for your continued support of HDMS.

Sincerely,
Mr. Eric
Reach for the Stars!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5/25/22: 1:00 EARLY RELEASE
- 5/25/22: 5:00 PM HDMS BOARD MEETING
- 5/27/22: 4:00 PM LOWER EL CHILDREN'S CHOIR CONCERT
- 5/30/22: MEMORIAL DAY—NO SCHOOL
- 5/31/22: CRAZY HAIR & HAT DAY
- 6/1/22: FAVORITE TEAM DAY
- 6/2/22: TIE DYE DAY
- 6/3/22: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL / EARLY RELEASE FOR ALL PROGRAMS
- 6/3/22: 9:15 AM KINDER GRADUATION
- 6/3/22: 10:30 AM ELEMENTARY & ADOLESCENT END OF YEAR CELEBRATION
- 6/8/22: 5:00 PM HDMS BOARD MEETING

Not seeing the rest of the newsletter? Hover on the bottom left corner and click to turn pages!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MISS TAMMIE

Join us in congratulating our very own Grandma Essie on the dual awards she received this last week. Essie was recognized by the Foster Grandparents organization as "Volunteer of the Year". In addition, she was honored by Volunteers of America as a recipient of the "Thousand Points of Light" receiving a certificate signed by Governor Sisolak and Senator Catherine Cortez Masto. HDMS gave Grandma Essie a \$500 gift card as a token of our appreciation. Grandma Essie teaches our lower elementary not only to read, but to enjoy and love reading. If you see her, please let her know how much we love and appreciate all she does for our school.



Enjoy your last week of the 21-22 school year.

Warmly,
Miss Tammie

FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH

The full breakfast and lunch menu can be found on our website [here](#).

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
23 Bagel with cream cheese, fruit and milk	24 Grilled Cheese Sandwich, fruit and milk	25 Homemade Granola, fruit and milk	26 English Muffin w/ Ham & Cheese, fruit and milk	27 Homemade Banana Muffin, fruit and milk
Spaghetti w/ tomato sauce and meat (veg option is marinara sauce), fruit and milk	Quesadilla, fruit and milk	Cheese Pizza, fruit and milk	Cream of Potato Soup, fruit and milk	Chicken Drumsticks, fruit and milk
30	31 Grilled Cheese Sandwich, fruit and milk	1 Homemade Granola, fruit and milk	2 English Muffin w/ Egg & Cheese, fruit and milk	3 Bagel and fruit platters per classroom with milk
Memorial Day	Teriyaki Bowl, fruit and milk	Veggie Pizza (tomato & black olives), fruit and	BBQ Day Burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers,	Turkey or Cheese Sandwich w/ lettuce, tomato and

LOWER EL CHOIR CONCERT

Friday May 27th at 4:00 PM, the Lower Elementary Children's Choir will perform in Hole in the Mountain at the Elementary building. All are welcome!



ELEMENTARY LOST & FOUND


Elementary Lost & Found will be donated at the end of day Friday 5/27/22. Please have your child check for lost items one last time this school yer.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL INFORMATION

- Friday June 3rd will be the last day of school and a 1:00 early release day for ALL PROGRAMS. Morning arrival will take place as normal.
- Kindergarten Graduation will take place on the Orovada Campus field at 9:15 AM (UPDATED TIME). Upon completion of the ceremony, students may either go home with parents, or they will go back into their classrooms until 1:00.
- The End of Year Celebration for 1st-8th Grades will take place on the Orovada Campus Field at 10:30. Upon completion of the celebration, students may either go home with parents, or they will go back to their classrooms until 1:00.



NOTES FROM THE GREEN PARENTS

 Aware Animals

HIDDEN PLASTIC



NOTES FROM THE PTO

The PTO calendar is a great way to keep up-to-date on all school events, early dismissal days, PTO meetings, and more! Bonus: profits go back into the school (teacher appreciation days, fundraisers, parent night out, family friendly events, etc.). If you'd like to pre-order a calendar you can do so here and it will be shipped directly to your house. Calendars are \$25 during pre-sale and will be \$30 once the school year starts, so get them early! (note* picture is from last year's calendar, this year will have a new cover!) Also, there's still room for some amazing artwork. If you'd like to submit a piece of artwork please email it to pto@hdmspto.com

Hope you all have a great summer! Head over to our Facebook Group page to stay connected, form meetups, and post about your goings on over the summer!

PTO meetings are on hold for the summer! Our next meeting will be on 8/18 at 5:30 PM on Zoom. We are now holding all PTO meetings at 5:30 PM on Zoom for next year.

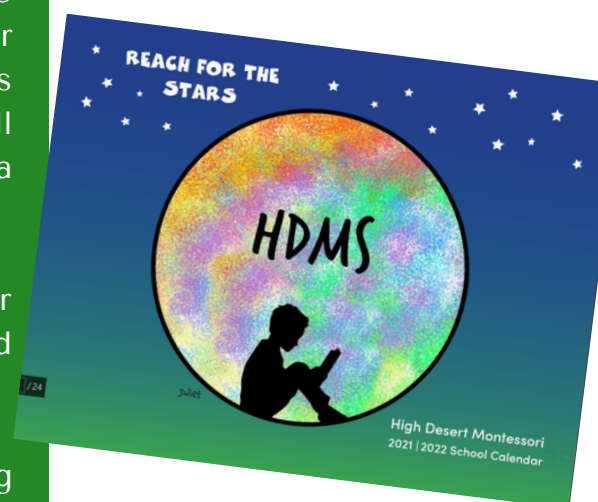
You will have noticed at the end of the past weeks' newsletters a poster announcing a presentation on Microplastics this Thursday. Microplastics are a growing concern and have shown up in people's lungs and bloodstreams in addition to affecting animals and ecosystems. The local organization Be the Change Project (founded by some HDMS parents!) conducted research on microplastics in the Truckee River and will share their findings together with scientists from the Desert Research Institute and UNR. Together with Reusable Reno and other community groups, we will talk about what we can do to reduce plastic pollution in our daily lives and for our children at school. Please join us this Thursday at 7pm in the fantastically renovated building at Fantastic Drive!

Local artist Kyle Karrasch will also be present showing one of his sculptures made of trashed plastic. For more information about the problem of disposable plastic and recycling, we recommend these documentaries:

[here](#) and [here](#)

Also, our beloved Aware Animals are informative as ever:

[here](#) and [here](#)



PRIMARY PROGRAM

PINE NUT CLASSROOM

This week the Pine Nut classroom released their 5 butterflies. The children have learned about the lifecycle of the butterfly, have seen them emerge, and even saw a proboscis up close.



We are working on a cooking basket for our silent auction. Included in this is a class cookbook, so be sure to bring in your recipe. We also have a few more items on our Amazon list which can be found [here](#). Thank you so much for helping to prepare this!

SPECIAL ED PROGRAM

We appreciate the dedication of our parents for advocating for their children and for collaborating with the classroom teachers, assistants, and ourselves this school year. We look forward to seeing many of you return this fall. Have a great summer!

-Ms. Chrislyn, Ms. Lisa, Ms. Shannon



CANDELARIA CLASSROOM



SEEDLING SALE!

June 1: Candelaria Classroom Seedling sale

Come at 2:15 on June 1st to buy seedlings the children planted and have been caring for over the past 2 months.

There are a variety of vegetables: including tomatoes, zucchini, pumpkin, peppers, etc.

We will be set up under the shade awnings at the main entrance. Please **PARK YOUR CAR ON THE STREET** to avoid any traffic building up.

You can come to purchase a plant or 2 and then take your child home early.

Proceeds will go towards a local gardening organization like Soulful Seeds or a local Environmental Organization like Clean Up the Lake. Hope to see you there!



VIRGINIA CLASSROOM

We just completed Math maps and I am really impressed with the concentration and growth in our classroom. Tuesday we will complete our reading MAPS. We are also doing a lot of art this week and the 3rd graders are wrapping up their big works on a study of our nation. The first graders had a great time at the arboretum and thanks to Ms. Nina for chaperoning with me.

My husband has volunteered to watch the goldfish and frog for the summer but he is unwilling to watch the hissing cockroaches. Is anyone willing to be home to the most boring pet? Our silkworms are growing quickly and have started to make cocoons. If you have a pet that eats silkworms please let me know,

The 3rd-grade field trip is coming to the Elks pool on May 31st: 3rd Grade Graduation Pool Party (3rd graders and their families only)

10am-2:45 If you are taking your child or other children that you are carpooling with you can go directly to the pool at 10am.

- If your child needs a ride or are carpooling with another family that is meeting at school please discuss a time or if you are just coming to school regularly and then hanging out until we all leave at 9:45.

- It is going to be potluck style. Please go to the following link to sign up for something to bring to share. To sign up, just follow the instructions on the [page](#). It only takes a few seconds to do.

- If you are taking your own child and meeting us at the Elk pool, please send me an email to confirm and let me know if you plan on carpooling with your child (and maybe another family). If your child will need to take school transportation to the pool please let me know ASAP so I can plan transportation accordingly.

June 1: Field Day 9am to 12pm- If you would like to volunteer to run a station or drop off items, please click on the following weblink (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work):

To sign up, just follow the instructions on the [page](#). It only takes a few seconds to do. Thank you for volunteering! It is very important that we get ice and coolers (Shh. I rented a sno-cone machine)

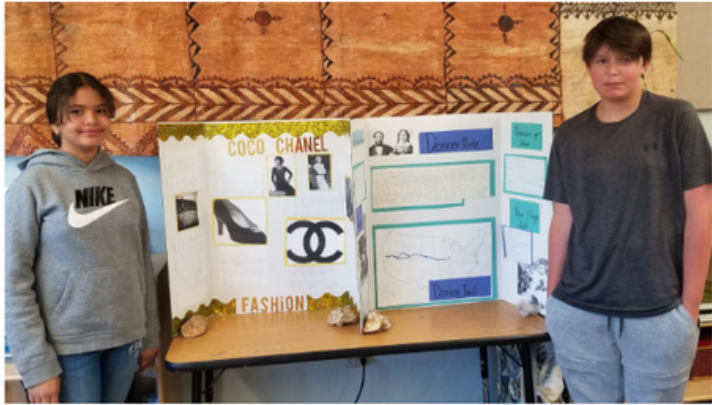
Photos:

1. Many of the 1st graders at the arboretum at UNR. Fun fact: Did you know that Idlewild park is also an arboretum?
2. After MAPS on Monday we took advantage of the beautiful weather and played outside.
3. The 3rd graders like using the stamps to demonstrate understanding of economics in each state.

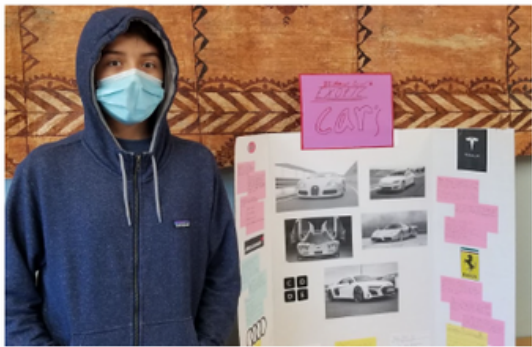


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The Stillwater 6th grade students have finally finished their passion projects. They had to write a 5 paragraph essay, interview an expert, create a display, and give a presentation. Although they complained about the workload and were nervous about interviewing and giving a presentation, their diligence, perseverance, and practice helped them overcome their final big work before going off to middle school. Here are their projects:



Abner - Exotic Cars
Athen - Sports Injuries
Aylet - Coco Chanel
Bobby - Donner Party
Daniel - World War II
Phoenix - Legos
Zoie - African Lions



Stillwater 6th Graders, you should be very proud of yourself!

Students at work and play. Montessori classrooms are set up with the students' characteristics in mind which helps them construct who they are. These are specifically for the elementary child, such as:

1) Physical Stamina and 2) Developing a Sense of Responsibility: Daniel is intensely focused on his 6th grade research topic and has the stamina to research for long periods (about 1.5 hours). Because he is very interested in his topic, the work is not tiresome but motivates him to learn more. He is also taking responsibility to do the work because he knows that it will help him prepare for middle school.



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3) Developing Imagination: Creating something from their research allows students to use their imagination and makes the work more meaningful. Charlie, Lincoln, Zoie, Aylet, and Natalie present their projects of interest (elevator) and projects inspired after lessons (snakes).



4) Group Instinct: Socializing and interacting with the group is desired at this age. Students form bonds with their peers through work and activities. Aara spent a great deal of time and effort to create a birthday event with food, crafts, dancing, and games for the class to celebrate students' birthdays in the past months.



5) Great Work, 6) Developing the Power of Abstraction, and 7) Developing Intelligence: Aylet and Natalie are doing an example of Great Work. They have worked up to doing a 4 digit divisor Racks and Tubes long division problem that they have repeated often even though one problem may take an hour to finish. Doing work with their hands allows them to progress. The elementary mind years to work through challenges that they are ready for and develop their reasoning mind (intelligence) such as understanding the process of long division without the materials.

Other Elementary Characteristics are Moral Development (ie. fundraisers for others in need), Hero Worship, and Separation from the Family. Families can help nurture these elementary characteristics too. Allow your children to read, work with their hands, volunteer, meet adults in various professions, and do additional help around the house or backyard; have an agenda meeting where everyone's voices are heard; and set up playdates with different children. Your child will have a fulfilling summer.

Students organizing bake sale fundraisers have raised \$310 for UNICEF to support the children of Ukraine thanks to Jaylee, Ellie C., Adley, Ellie R., and Blake from Stillwater and Lily and Sofia from Virginia. Jaylee and Ellie C. worked with Lily and Sofia researching the war in Ukraine and finding an organization to support its children. Zoie and London collected \$375 for The Ryan's Well Foundation to support clean water in countries like Africa. These students were inspired to research clean water and try to create their own filter. That is how they discovered Ryan's Well Foundation and created a display board to present to classes.



ADOLESCENT GREENHOUSE CLASS

Students did a great job of cleaning up and maintaining the greenhouse that they designed and built themselves this school year.



CHALLENGE ISLAND SUMMER CAMPS

STEAM + Reading + STREAM!
This summer, our CHALLENGE ISLAND SPARKS COMES TO LIFE!

SHARK CAMP
June 13-17 @ High Desert
Montessori

Girls AND Dolls CAMP
June 20-25 @ High Desert

SLIMETOPIA CAMP
June 28 - July 1 @ High Desert
August 1-5 @ Mater Academy

World Cruise
June 13-17 @ High Desert

ARCADE MANIA CAMP
July 11-15 @ Mater Academy
July 22-25 @ High Desert

Steam-Warts
July 11-15 @ High Desert
July 25-29 @ Mater Academy

Road Trip USA CAMP
June 13-17 @ Mater Academy

MINE ISLAND
June 20-25 @ Mater Academy

STEAM TANK Entrepreneur CAMP
June 28-July 1 @ Mater Academy
July 18-22 @ High Desert

STEAM ACROSS UNIVERSE CAMP
June 13-17 @ Mater Academy

PETS ALOOZA CAMP
June 18-22 @ Mater Academy

Challenge Island Reno-Sparks Camps 2022
9-4pm Extra ½ before and after for \$35 a week
\$245 a week
Call 775-846-6733 or
Email dtorvinen@challenge-island.com
Sign up at www.challenge-island.com/reno-sparks-nv

THE GENERATOR SUMMER CAMPS

Get ready for a creative summer at The Generator!

SPOTS ARE LIMITED Register today!

MAKER WORKSHOP
Get hands-on with real tools!
June 20-24 & July 18-22

SCULPTURE STUDIO
Create art in three dimensions!
June 27-July 1 & July 25-29

INSTALLATION ART
Build a large collaborative project!
July 11-15 & August 1-5

Questions? Email us at: education@theneratorator.com

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

[Information on Sports Camps](#)



Microplastics 101 this Thursday

Please join us and local scientists this Thursday evening for an informational event about microplastics in our area. Learn about the latest and ongoing research about where microplastics have been found, where they come from, what are the possible effects on people and the environment...

Microplastics are a growing concern and have shown up in people's lungs and bloodstreams in addition to affecting animals and ecosystems.


Be the Change Project conducted the first research on microplastics in the Truckee River in 2018 and we'll share what we found. DRI and UNR scientists will also share about their extensive findings.

Reusable Reno and other local civic action groups will talk about what we can do locally to reduce plastic pollution.

WHEN: Thursday, May 26th at 7pm

WHERE: High Desert Montessori Charter School, 101 Fantastic Drive, Reno

PLUS: Local artist Kyle Karrasch will be present with his sculpture Negligible. This work addresses the 286.7 pounds of plastic waste that the average American produces in a year. That equates to 42 million metric tons of plastic waste last year alone. At this current rate America produces the most plastic waste per capita worldwide. Negligible visualizes this immense output by means of randomized color-coded data. The artwork depicts that 40% of our plastic waste is single-use and only 8.7% is recycled. Kyle's art serves as a reminder that this vast waste exists. It is a reminder to think about the life of something you toss away and where it will end. We humans can never stop consuming, but we can be contemplative of our actions and strive for sustainability.



MICROPLASTICS
IN OUR
COMMUNITY:
CURRENT
RESEARCH,
CITIZEN SCIENCE &
LOCAL ACTION

MAY 26TH, 7PM
HIGH DESERT
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DRIVE, RENO

DESERT RESEARCH
INSTITUTE & UNR
SCIENTISTS
SIERRA CLUB
REUSABLE RENO
GREAT BASIN FOOD CO-OP
BE THE CHANGE
PROJECT

Microplastics 101

COVID INFORMATION

-Find COVID testing [HERE](#)

-Find Community Vaccine Events [HERE](#)

