



HDMS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MR. ERIC

As we move closer to the end of the year, our teachers, specialists, and administrators are working hard on classroom placements for next school year. This is a big task that has a lot of moving parts when considering the best fit academically and socially for our children who are moving up between levels in our school, from Kindergarten to first grade, third to fourth, or sixth to seventh. The three-year cycle is a very important component of a Montessori education, and it is very rare that a child is changed between classes in the middle of a cycle. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept parent requests for changing classes since we are very full and any change would cause a change in another class as well. We thank you for your understanding as we work through placements for next school year.



On a separate note, I would like to announce that our own Ms. Kaleigh Richards has accepted the position of HDMS Assistant Principal for next school year. From the community lens, this isn't a big change for Kaleigh, but I am so happy for her and for the bigger responsibilities and challenges that come with this promotion. I can't think of a better person to have in this position.

Thank you for all you do to support our amazing Montessori community.

Sincerely,
Mr. Eric

UPCOMING EVENTS



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

5/21/23: 11:00 AM 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!

-NO PROGRAMMING FOR PRE-K PROGRAM

-1:00 EARLY RELEASE FOR K-8TH GRADE

-9:00 AM KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION

-10:30 ELEMENTARY END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

-12:00 ADOLESCENT END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

(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



Certificate of Completion

HIGH DESERT MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL

101 FANTASTIC DRIVE RENO, NV 89512

This certificate is awarded in honor of your commitment to reducing childhood lead exposure by completing the Nevada Lead Testing Program. Thank you for testing your drinking water sources for lead.



12/7/2022

Program Completion Date

Program Manager

For the past several years, High Desert Montessori has partnered with the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection in testing our drinking water throughout the campus as part of the Nevada Lead Testing Program. It continues to be important for us to advocate for safer drinking water where children are cared for. With that being said, I am pleased to share with you our Certificate of Completion! Thank you for all you do in keeping our community healthy.

Miss Tammie

tammie@hdmsreno.com

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER, MISS MARY

Dear HDMS Families,

Please see the following Resources regarding emotional regulation skills. We have been reviewing this lesson and what it means to "listen to our bodies." This concept can be tied to Social and Emotional Learning Competency; Self-Awareness and recognizing one's emotions. Please take some time in your schedule this week to watch the short video and discuss with your family.

Thank you and have a wonderful day!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3bKuoH8CkFc>

<https://www.therapistaid.com/worksheets/anger-management-skill-cards>



FREE LUNCH & BREAKFAST PROGRAM

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

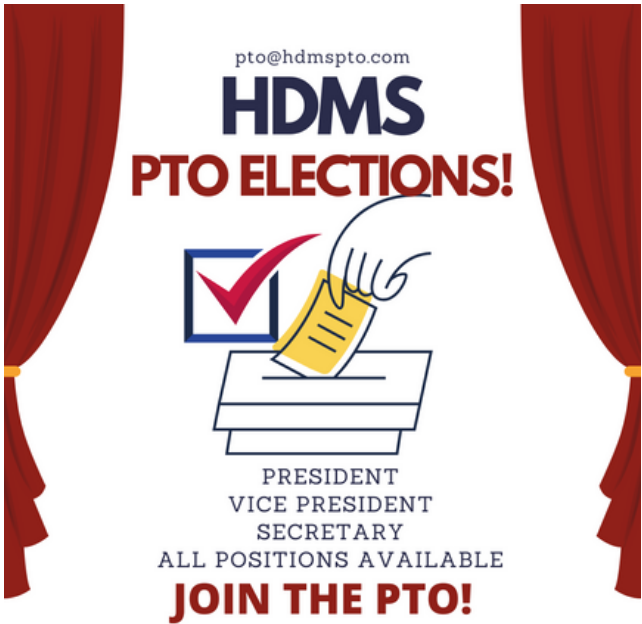
1 Bagel & Cream Cheese w/ Fruit & Milk	2 English Muffin w/Cheese & Sausage (veg option w/cheese)	3 Waffle & Pancake w/ Fruit & Milk	4 Quesadilla w/ Fruit & Milk	5 French Toast Casserole w/ Fruit & Milk
Pasta Salad (vegetarian) w/ Fruit & Milk	Beef Tacos (Veg. Option is Refried Bean Taco) w/ Fruit & Milk	Veggie Pizza w/ Fruit & Milk	Oven Fried Chicken & Potatoes w/ Fruit & Milk (veg. option Eggplant Parmesan)	Tuna Salad Sandwich (veg option is Cheese Sandwich) w/ Fruit & Milk
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 & Mild	Beef Burger (Veg. Option is Vegan Chicken Patty) w/ Fruit & Milk

A NOTE FROM OUR PTO

Our annual PTO Potluck Picnic is right around the corner! 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!



PTO Elections are happening this month! 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

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

The free little library is doing great! Books keep appearing and disappearing, thank you all who have stopped by.

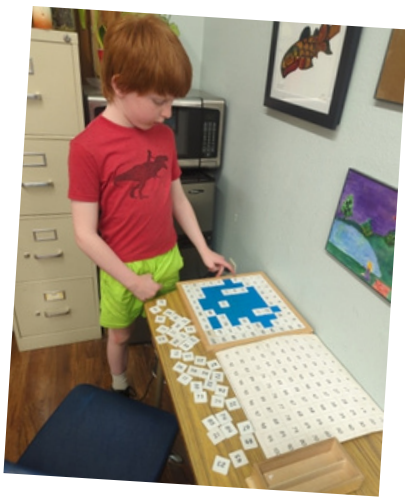
Need a new water bottle, t-shirt, sweatshirt or backpack? Get one with the school logo on it and help us raise money to support our teachers and staff! PTO Swag Store Link [HERE](#).

A NOTE FROM OUR GREEN PARENTS GROUP

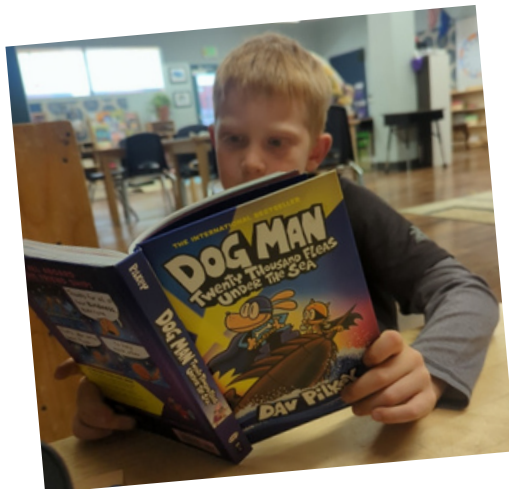
With spring comes the sigh of relief as produce is more bountiful and everyone is excited to get back to their favorite fruits and veggies. We all know how easy it is to buy our way through the fruit rainbow, so get ready to use it all up so nothing goes to waste. Ideally, have a meal plan set up for the week and just buy enough to make it happen. If you end up with leftovers, try to incorporate them into your next meal, as a salad or sandwich, or even a soup or stuffing. In the US, one third of all food goes to waste, mostly to landfill, which is devastating to humanity and the environment as food needs resources to grow, and many people do not have the resources to buy the healthy food they deserve. The HDMS school meal program is cutting back on food waste by giving our children the choice to take what they like. Support them in making sensible choices by being a good role model at home, just taking as much as you can eat, and always striving to paint your plate with the colors of the rainbow! Happy spring from the greenparents@hdmsreno.com



RUBY CLASSROOM



Students are using patterns to understand ratios, distance story problems, arrays, and factors.



In addition to Dogman, small groups are reading: Cazuela, Bo the Brave, Land of Stories, Three Little Pigs, and The Smallest Carbon Footprint.



Science groups are exploring habitats, compasses, feathers, seeds, and alternative energy.

Gratitude to the Geological Society of Nevada for the gem and rock presentation they did with Ruby and Excelsior classrooms.

6TH GRADE PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

Each year the HDMS 6th grade students are required to prepare and present a project that represents a culmination of their hard work during their elementary journey (The Sixth Grade Project). We would like to invite you to come celebrate your child's work. It is very important to each student that their hard work is recognized, not only by their teacher, but also by the adults in their family. We strive to make the time that your child will present his/her project convenient for you. We will be holding this event in the Great Basin Community Center.

The dates of the presentations are:

Wednesday, May 24 2:00 - 3:30 or 4:00 - 5:30

or

Thursday, May 25 4:00 - 5:30 or 6:00 - 7:30



If you have not already signed up for presentation times please follow the [link](#) to do so.

On Wednesday at 3:30 and Thursday at 5:30, we would like to hold a potluck reception for all the families attending on that day. In the spirit of being green and reducing waste, please bring your own cups or water bottles for beverages. If you would like to contribute, we welcome snacks and appetizers that do not require utensils.

For younger family members, if they are too young to be quiet and attentive, we ask that you find other arrangements for them so you and everyone else can focus on the sixth-grade students.

We look forward to your attendance at this very important event.

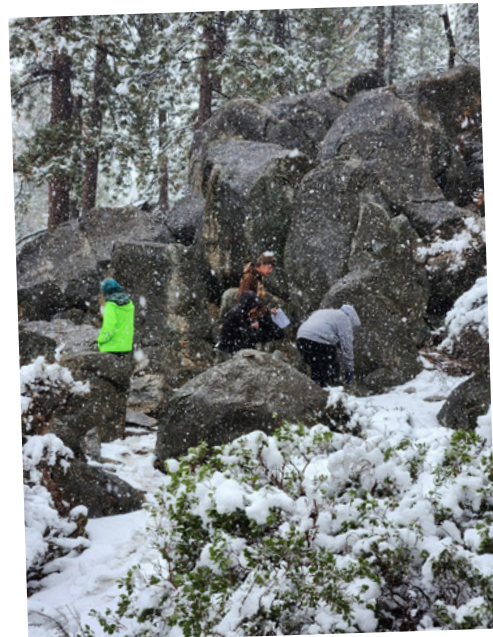
FAMILY DANCE

Our Family Dance fundraiser was a HUGE success! We raised money for all the scholarships we needed for science camp! Thank you Ms. Jen for the vision and all the volunteers who made it happen, especially our DJ's Moniker and Shay. Thanks to all of you who attended - we hope to have many more family events in our Great Basin Community Center.



6TH GRADE SCIENCE CAMP TRIP

Our sixth graders attended science camp at Great Basin Outdoor School this week on the shores of Lake Tahoe. Thank you to everyone who helped make this trip possible including our parent chaperones Sarah LaShelle, Lane Powell, Mitch Rivard, Nancy Villivencia, Emily Holtz, and David Ellison. Thanks also to everyone who donated money to our scholarship fund and attended our Elementary Dance so that all sixth graders could attend.



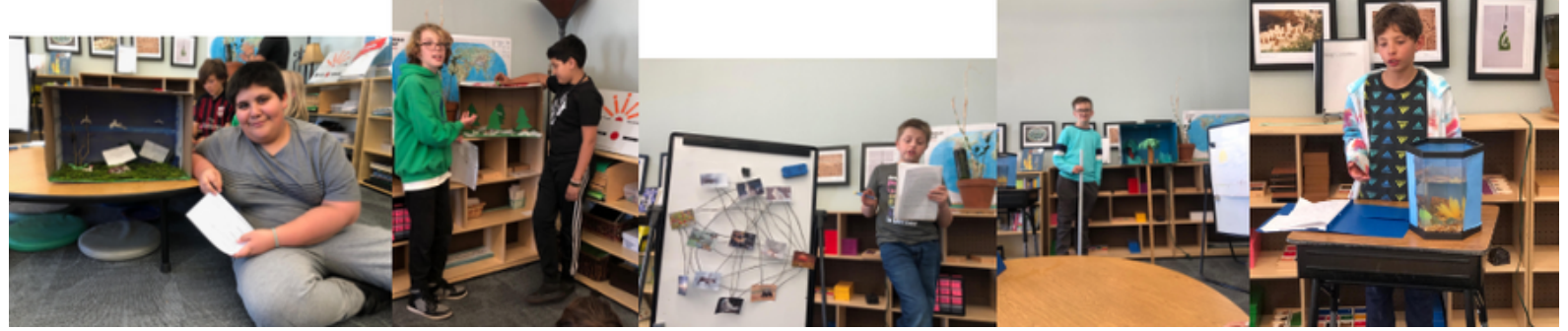
TOIYABE CLASSROOM

POETRY PORTFOLIO

It's been our tradition for several years now to end the year by compiling poems we have written as well as adding new poems into a portfolio. All the work for this may be completed in class, but this is also a great time to share your favorite poems and songs with your child. I am attaching the guidelines for the portfolio [HERE](#):

TESTING

All our scheduled testing is finished for the year! If your child missed any of the SBAC tests, we will be having them make those up in the next couple of weeks.



BIOME PROJECTS: by Urijah, Diggory, Jesse, Wyatt V., Kanin, Diego

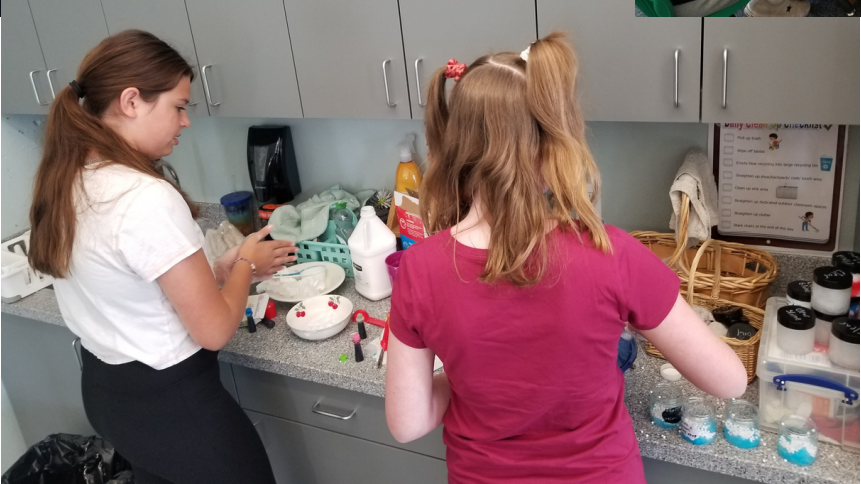


RAIN SHADOW DESERT FORMATION by: Paulina, Zelleon

NOTES FROM THE ADOLESCENT TEAM

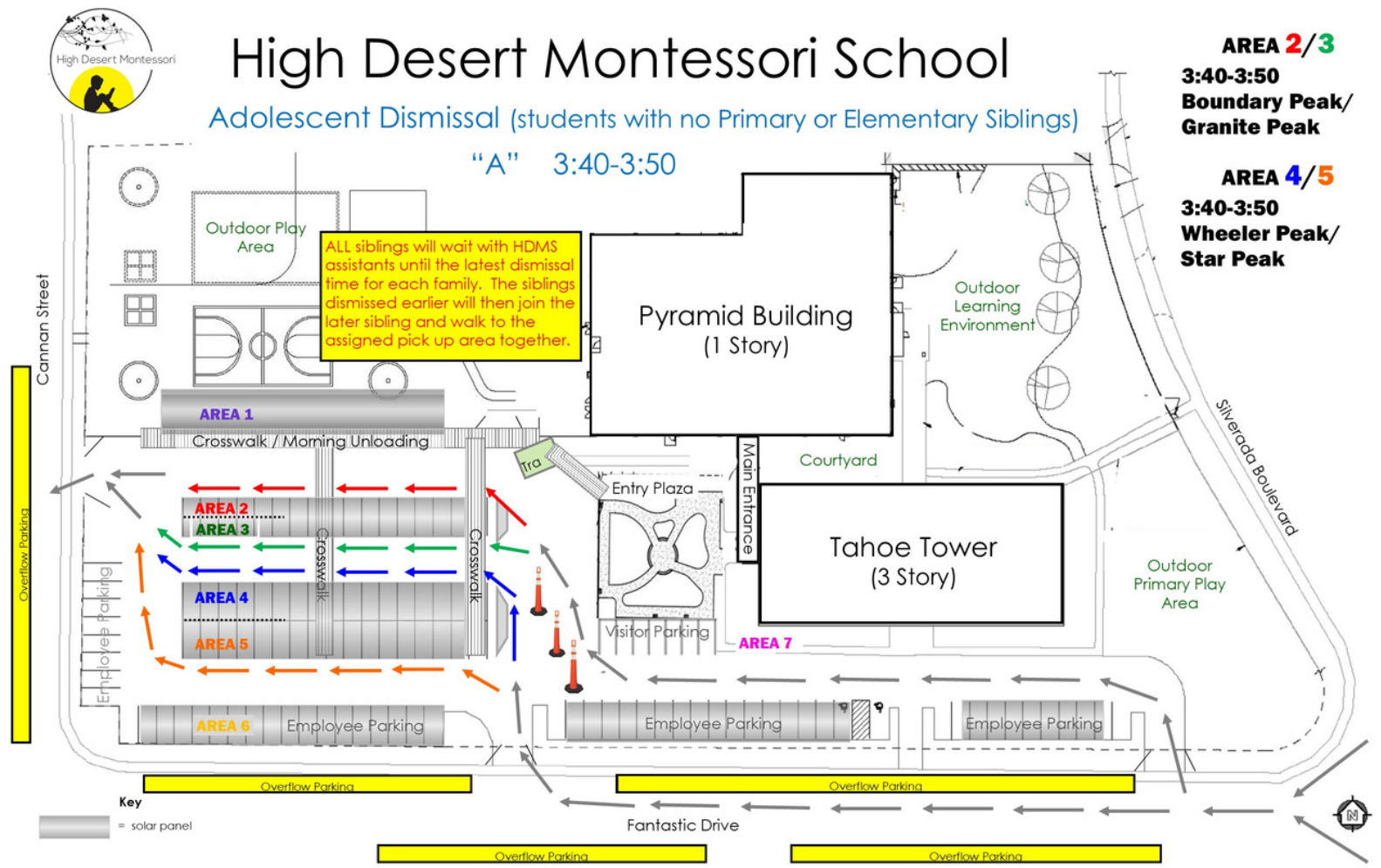
MICRO-ECONOMY BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS CLASS

Students are busy preparing strawberries to make natural syrup for snowcones, recycling records and creating artwork, and making slime in their Micro-economy Businesses class!



DISMISSAL CHANGE FOR ALL ADOLESCENT FAMILIES 5/8/23-6/8/23

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 (and their younger siblings) 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 (and their younger siblings) 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).

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.

SPRING MIXER & PRIMARY FUNDRAISER

SIPPING FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Coffeebar is pleased to donate \$0.50 per Ube Latte from May 1st - May 12th to support Reno's local High Dessert Montessori School.



YOU CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE IN OUR FUNDRAISING EVENT AT COFFEEBAR MCCARRAN

5.12.23 | 4:30 - 6:30PM



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

This will be a fun event for all!

Prior to the event Coffeebar will be helping us to raise money by donating \$.50 per Ube Latte sold in their Reno/Tahoe stores from May 1-12. Drink up and spread the word!

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

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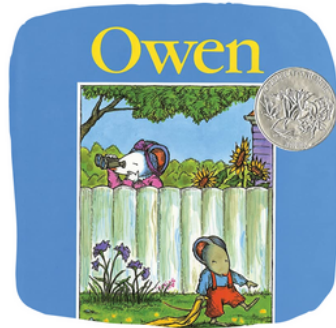


Have you noticed the new Little Free Library at the front of the school? Thanks to the Rotary Club, it's onsite and ready to be used! Donate, borrow, return!

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.

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

YEARBOOK

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2. Email Miss Robin at robin@hdmsreno.com
3. Print and fill out the form below and return to the front desk.

Student name: _____

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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
THE
GENERATOR

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)
\$255/week
Ages 5-12 (must be entering Kinder)
Call: 775-813-2411
Email: mcargile@challenge-island.com




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FREE CHINESE COURSE FOR ADOLESCENT AGE STUDENTS



N Department of World Languages and Literatures
College of Liberal Arts

**STARTALK
SUMMER 2023
Chinese Program
At UNR**

FOR Middle and high school students (grades 7-12).

FREE to all participants; **60 hours** for **0.5 elective credits**.

In-Person at University of Nevada, Reno (UNR).

**June 19-30
9am-3pm
Mon.-Fri.**

New students and returning students are welcome!

Registration: OPEN now.
Search key words: "UNR Chinese" for Program Website and Registration Form.
<https://www.unr.edu/world-languages/about/languages/chinese-course>

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UPCOMING FAMILY HEALTH FESTIVALS

The Family Health Festivals (FHF) are triannual events that connect families to a consortium of health and social services. One of the primary goals of the Family Health Festival is to increase access to health, education, employment, food, housing, safety, and transportation in underserved neighborhoods throughout Washoe County, thereby improving the health and well-being of community residents.



SAVE THE DATES: 2023 FAMILY HEALTH FESTIVALS

— SMALL STEPS TO A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY —

- **Saturday, May 20th - 1pm to 3pm**
Neil Road Recreation
- **Saturday, July 29th - 9am to 12pm**
Hug High School
- **Thursday, October 5th - 3pm to 6pm**
O'Brien Middle School

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