



HDMS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MR. ERIC

Welcome to the final newsletter of the 2022-2023 school year. It has been a pleasure to work with so many great staff members, teachers, my administrative team, parents, and most importantly, amazing children and young adults. There are 2 people that I would most like to say thank you to:



Ms. Sharon House has been an assistant at HDMS since coming to us in 2007. She started as an assistant in the Antelope classroom where my son, Mason, was a 1st grader in her class. He is now a mechanical engineer and is one of countless children who can honestly say Ms. Sharon was a big influence on him. Ms. Sharon is retiring from her current position in the Toiyabe classroom and is looking forward to splitting her time between a much-deserved retirement here in Reno and on the Oregon Coast near Coos Bay. Thank you for all the wonderful times and the love and care you have shown our children throughout the years. We love you, Ms. Sharon.

I first met Ms. Tammie in the fall of 2011 when she became the principal at HDMS and I was a parent of the school. I always found her to have a friendly approachable smile, a witty sense of humor, and a demeanor that showed leadership with empathy and caring.



When I became a part of the staff here at HDMS in 2017, Ms. Tammie greeted me with open arms and made me feel welcome and appreciated. Our working relationship became even closer when I became a part-time Dean and we had to work together to run a school when the pandemic hit in 2020. Since then, we have worked even more closely with Tammie taking on the role of Executive Director, and me as Principal. Tammie's mentorship has been invaluable, and I have grown to see Tammie as more than just a work colleague, but as a true friend.

Tammie will be starting her 2nd retirement with a long-deserved visit to several national parks in Alaska with her husband Chris this summer. Tammie has four big loves in her life: her (extensive) family, National Parks, the Giants, and HDMS. She will undoubtedly be spending more time with Chris, her kids, and grandkids, and rooting for her beloved Giants, and I know she will be around this fantastic school that she has left such an indelible mark on, just as she has left such a mark on me.

Please help me wish Ms. Sharon and Ms. Tammie well as they turn the page on this chapter and begin the next.



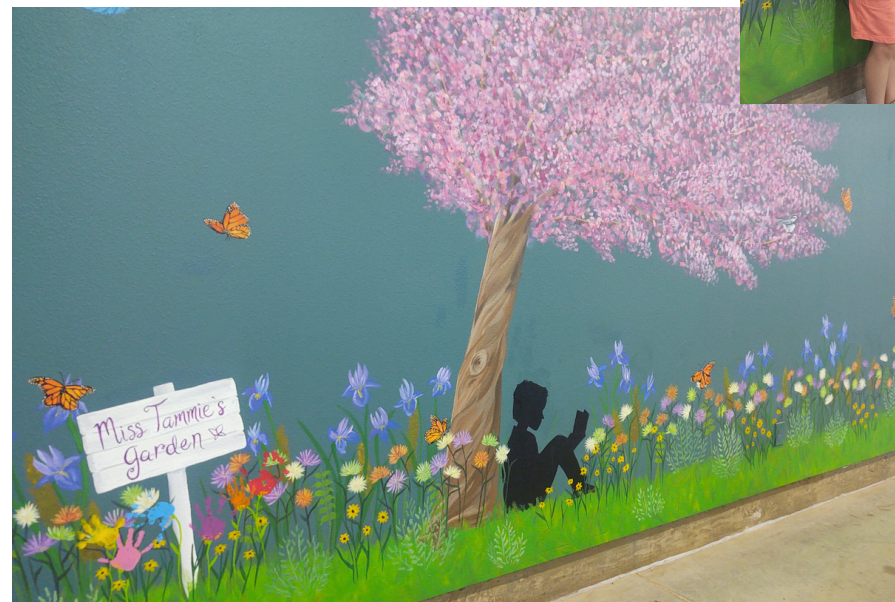
Sincerely,
Mr. Eric



A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MISS TAMMIE

I am filled with a great sense of pride and gratitude in wrapping up this school year and embarking on a second retirement. After 39 years in education, I feel extremely honored and blessed to have led the HDMS community for the last 11 years; it has been the highlight of my career. I would like to thank those along the way who have supported and inspired me- my parents, siblings, husband Chris, 5 children and 7 grandchildren, extended family members, Principal Eric, Ms. Kaleigh, HDMS Board of Directors, and so many staff members, as well as students and their families. My husband and I will continue our journey of visiting the National Parks- we have 40 of 61 under our belt and plan to visit Alaska this summer to see 6 more.

On a side note, I would like to thank 7th grader Kalli Woolstenhulme for her generous art grant donation to commission my niece Nicole Teague in painting a beautiful garden mural, "Miss Tammie's Garden" in our new community center on my behalf. My grandchildren and great niece were able to provide some sweet touches- thank you for this legacy!



In the words of Maria Montessori, "The greatest gifts we can give our children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence." Thank you for choosing to be part of the HDMS community and enjoy your summer!

Miss Tammie
tammie@hdmsreno.com

A NOTE FROM OUR MONTESSORI ADVISOR MISS KALEIGH

What a wonderful year we've had! I am so grateful for this amazing community of teachers, assistants, administrative support, students and families.

I wish you all a safe, relaxing summer. See you in August!!



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

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



9:15 AM KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION
10:30 AM ELEMENTARY END OF YEAR CELEBRATION
12:00 PM 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.)

-NO PROGRAMMING FOR PRE-K PROGRAM
-1:00 PM EARLY RELEASE FOR K-8TH GRADE



REMINDER OF NEW BELL SCHEDULE FOR THE 2023-2024

In an effort to allow our teachers more time for planning & prep, we will be adjusting the bell schedule for next school year. Lower & Upper El will be shortened by 30 minutes. Primary will be shortened by 20 minutes. Dismissal will take place with the sibling who has the latest dismissal time. See below for details (changes in red):



NEW 2023-2024 Bell Schedule

Primary Program:

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| School Day Preschool and Kindergarten..... | 8:55 am-3:10 pm |
| Arrival Window (Primary + 1st-8th sibling)..... | 8:35-8:40 am |
| Arrival Window (Primary Only)..... | 8:40-8:55 am |
| Pick Up Window..... | 3:10-3:20 pm |
| Extended Day Preschool and Kindergarten..... | 7:30 am-5:30 pm |
| Arrival Window..... | 7:30-8:40 am |
| Pick Up Window..... | 3:10-5:30 pm |

Lower Elementary Program:

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| 1st Grade thru 3rd Grade..... | 8:40 am-2:40 pm |
| Arrival Window..... | 8:20-8:40 am |
| Pick Up Window..... | 2:40-2:50 pm |

Upper Elementary Program:

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| 4th Grade thru 6th Grade..... | 8:40 am-2:50 pm |
| Arrival Window..... | 8:20-8:40 am |
| Pick Up Window..... | 2:50-3:00 pm |

Adolescent Program:

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| 7th Grade and 8th Grade..... | 8:40 am-3:00 pm |
| Arrival Window..... | 8:20 am-8:40 am |
| Pick Up Window..... | 3:00 pm-3:10 pm |

1st-8th Grade Before & Aftercare Program:

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| Morning Care Window..... | 7:30 am-8:20 pm |
| Aftercare Window..... | 2:40 pm-5:30 pm |

LOST AND FOUND

Please have your child check Lost and Found before the end of the school year. All items remaining after graduation will be donated to charity.



REGISTRATION FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

REGISTER NOW

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!

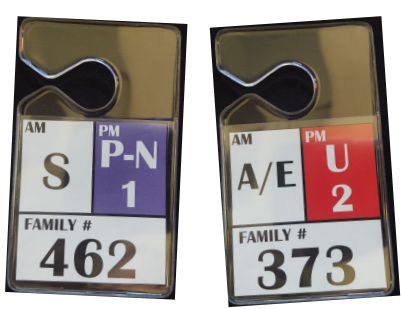


The due date for registration is June 9th. If you do not plan on having your student attend next year please let Miss Stacey know.

- STEP 1: Open [Infinite Campus](#) Log in to the Parent Portal (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

WINDSHIELD PLACARD RETURNS FOR REUSE



ALL HDMS Families will receive new windshield placards for the 2023-2024 school year. If your placards are still in good shape and they could be reused next school year, please turn them in to the front desk or any of the yellow vested crossing guards in the parking lot before the end of the school year.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PTO

What a year! Thank you to all the parents who have helped, volunteered, or come to our unwind events. We had a fantastic time and couldn't have done it without you. Have a great summer!

Looking for something to do with the kids over the summer? Join our GroupMe chat this summer to hear about (or plan) events throughout the week or weekends. Click [here](#) to join.

We still need artwork for next year's school calendar. We have 6 amazing submissions and need at least 6 more to round out the calendar! So please send in any student artwork to pto@hdmspto.com. This year we also want to open a section of the calendar to 8th grade students (incoming or outgoing) that would like to include a shoutout for one of the months pictures. You can submit those to pto@hdmspto.com as well.

You can [pre-order a calendar now here](#) for \$20! Calendars will feature student artwork, 8th grade shout-outs and the whole school schedule with important dates.

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](#)



A MESSAGE FROM THE GREEN PARENTS GROUP



Happy summer! The long days and warm temperatures are perfect for getting the family outside to enjoy the rushing river, vibrant wildflowers, and brimming lakes that the wet winter has brought us. If you invite a friend, save gas and make parking easier by sharing a ride. Whether you go hiking, boating, or just playing, pack your own snacks and picnics, and consider bringing cloth towels and napkins instead of paper. That way, you avoid the excessive plastic waste of pre-prepared food and keep the parks free of litter. You can even bring your own reusable bowl and spoon to your favorite frozen yogurt shop for a zero-waste treat on the way home!

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEI COMMITTEE

DEI Committee

HDMS has a brand new Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee.

We are a diverse group of parents and staff who have come together to work with community members and experts to improve HDMS for EVERYONE.

Our group is currently working on a plan for the 2023-2024 academic year.

If you are interested in learning more or getting involved, please reach out to Martha@HDMSReno.com.



DIVERSITY
is a fact

EQUITY
is a choice

INCLUSION
is an action

BELONGING
is an outcome

NOTES FROM THE PRIMARY TEAM

NOTES FROM THE SNOWFLOWER CLASSROOM



Thank you Snowflowers for a wonderful school year!! Have a great summer! We love you!!
Love, Jocelin and Maureen

NOTES FROM THE PEAVINE CLASSROOM

Thank you to all of the Peavine families for the time I have been able to spend with their children this spring. It has truly been an honor to watch them grow and learn each day, and be inspired by their creativity and curiosity.

Have a safe and adventurous summer!

With love,
Ms. Allison



NOTES FROM THE TOQUIMA CLASSROOM

Dear Toquima students and families,

Thank you so much for a wonderful school year together! We have learned so much and had a lot of fun along the way. Our students can now sing about all 50 states, say hello in multiple languages, and talk about the life cycles of living things, just to name a few! We appreciate all of the class donations as well that each family generously sent in to enhance the learning experience for all.

We also want to extend a BIG thank you to both Ms. Allison and Ms. Amira for supporting our classroom this year! Both have been wonderful assistant teachers and we are grateful for all of the work they did helping children with lessons, preparing materials, assisting with recess, cleaning our classroom and the multitude of other tasks that they did every day to make things run smoothly!

Wishing you all a wonderful summer with fun, adventure and family time! It has been such a pleasure getting to teach each child this year.

Sincerely,
Ms. Casey and Ms. Ellie



NOTES FROM THE TOIYABE CLASSROOM

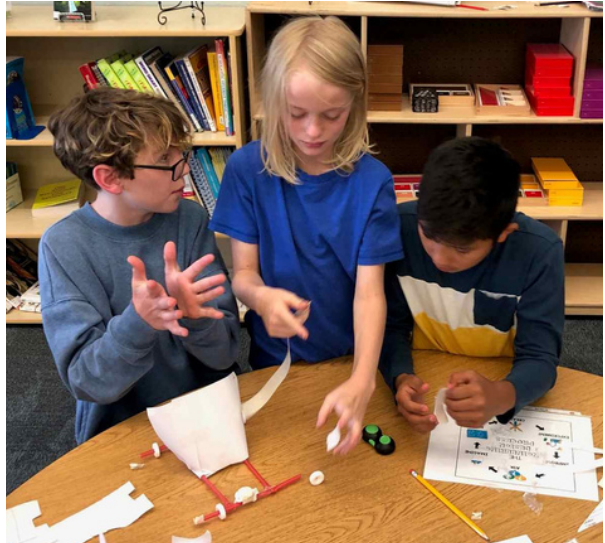
Thank you to everyone who volunteered to chaperone our trip to Paradise Park this week and volunteer for field day - Allison Cowan, Alecs Noles, Cathy O'Donnell, and Zoe Bray. The kids are having so much fun playing together this last week of school! Thanks also to everyone who donated items for our potluck on Monday, field day, and ingredients for baking.



I want to take a moment to recognize Ms. Sharon and her 15 years of service to our school. Her dedication, loyalty, hard work, and loving nature have made a difference in 100's of children's lives during her 15-year career at HDMS. We will miss her and wish her well on her retirement adventures!



**STEM
Engineering
Challenges**



Jameerah and Mirabella designing a floating castle

Diggory, Finnley, and Jayden designing a wind-powered vehicle



Carly and Lily designing a bubble wand

Lily testing a bubble wand



Dakotah and Anakaia building a paper tower



Wyatt designing a floating castle

UPPER EL FIELD DAY!



ADOLESCENT PARK DAY!

Adolescent students spent the day at Sparks Recreation Center/Park on Wednesday. It was an awesome day filled with laughter, food, sports activities and sunshine.

