



HDMS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MR. ERIC



I am so happy to be your principal, and I try to tell everyone here, from our students to our parents, to our amazing staff, what a joy it is to come to work every day. This week's grace and courtesy focus is "having a positive attitude." I see a lot of positive attitudes among our students every day, and they love to tell me all the great things that are happening in their lives. Children are happy to be here and love to greet me with a fist bump or a high five, and I think that a positive attitude is infectious. Please reinforce this with your children at home by talking about the day and discussing all the cool things that are happening. Spend some time also talking about the tough parts of the day and how the children can remain positive.

Thank you for supporting HDMS. You are all positively the best.

Sincerely,
Mr. Eric
Eric@hdmsreno.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/28/22: TWO HOUR EARLY RELEASE
- 9/28/22: HDMS BOARD MEETING [LINK](#)
- 9/30/22: SCHOOL-WIDE JOG-A-THON
- 10/3/22-10/7/22: FALL BREAK - NO SCHOOL
- 10/17/22-10/21/22: CONFERENCE WEEK - TWO HOUR EARLY RELEASE ALL WEEK
- 10/22/22: FANTASTIC FAIR
- 10/26/22: HDMS BOARD MEETING
- 10/28/22: NEVADA DAY - NO SCHOOL
- 11/2/22: TWO HOUR EARLY RELEASE
- 11/9/22: MONTESSORI THROUGH MY EYES: LITERACY FOCUS (ADOLESCENT & PRIMARY PROGRAMS)
- 11/11/22: NO SCHOOL - VETERAN'S DAY
- 11/16/22: TWO HOUR EARLY RELEASE
- 11/16/22: MONTESSORI THROUGH MY EYES: LITERACY FOCUS (ELEMENTARY PROGRAM)
- 11/17/22: PTO MEETING
- 11/18/22: 9:00AM 2ND CUP OF COFFEE WITH MR. ERIC
- 11/21/22-11/25/22: NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK



A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MISS TAMMIE

A huge shout out to local artist Kyle Sharp for the 100 hours he spent transforming the first floor of the Tahoe building into a secret garden. Kyle created a whimsical mural of grasses, wildflowers, and insects which the primary children will enjoy daily. Our new building is a blank slate, and the addition of a beautiful mural will enhance our campus for years to come. Thank you Kyle for helping to transform our school community.

Warmly,
Miss Tammie
Tammie@hdmsreno.com



QUESTION OF THE WEEK WITH MISS KALEIGH, OUR MONTESSORI ADVISOR

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Question of the Week: *What does Peace Education look like at HDMS?*

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"Education is the best weapon for peace." -Maria Montessori

Peace education is a major component of our classrooms and our school. Teachers model peaceful and respectful behavior. Most classrooms have a peace corner or table where two students can resolve a conflict, or one child can go to calm down and feel peaceful. As students get older, they may request a peace talk when dealing with conflict. A peace talk includes the students involved and an independent adult to help guide the conversation.

The Grace and Courtesy curriculum shares simple lessons with children, such as how to greet others, using manners, and tucking in chairs.

At the core of our Peace Education and Grace and Courtesy lessons is respect for others, self and the environment.



JOG-A-THON

HIGH DESERT MONTESSORI SCHOOL

The annual school-wide Jog-A-Thon is quickly approaching!

On Friday, September 30th, the entire school (primary through 8th grade students) will have an opportunity to walk, jog, or run around the track at the Rita Cannan playground. Before the jog, the students are asked to set personal goals and collect pledges for their laps. While this is an adolescent program fundraiser, the money raised will go toward playground improvements and a second HDMS van. The more support we have for this community event, the more we will be able to give back! Please ask your student(s) about the flyer that will be sent home, check out our online Pledgestar page <https://pledgestar.com/HDMS/>, or print the [attachment](#).



For our Jog-a-thon this year, we're using an awesome web based fundraising system that makes it much easier for you to request pledges from your family and friends, and for them to make secure credit card donations online. It's fun, it's easy, and people who use it typically raise twice as much as those who don't!

Remember, our Jog-a-thon is September 30, so please register now to help our school raise as much as we can for playground Improvements and HDMS van.

Using your computer's browser:

- Go to <http://pledgestar.com/HDMS>
- Click "Not Registered For This Year's Event"
- Enter your name and email address, then click "Submit"
- Follow the instructions on-screen to register Jogger(s) and add family and friends



Using your Android or Apple phone or tablet:

- Go to the Apple App Store on IOS or the Amazon App Store on Android and search for "PledgeStar" to download the Family App, or go to: <https://pledgestar.com/HDMS/downloadapp.html>
- On the home screen enter your event code: "HDMS" to locate your event
- Click "Not Registered For This Year's Event"
- Enter your name and email address, then click "Submit"
- Follow the instructions on-screen to register Jogger(s) and add family and friends

When you finish, the system emails pledge requests to your family and friends, and allows them to make secure credit card donations online. You get notified each time a pledge is made, and you can track your pledge progress online. Call 1-888-598-7510 if you need help.

FREE LUNCH & BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Our menu can always be found on our website [HERE](#). Please make sure your child has their own utensils, cloth napkins & washable cup (unless your child's classroom teacher has let you know otherwise).

26 Yogurt w/ Homemade Granola with Fruit & Milk Chicken Alfredo Pasta (Veg. Option is Veggie Alfredo) w/ Fruit & Milk	27 Grilled Cheese Sandwich w/ Fruit and Milk Pulled Pork Tacos (Veg. Option is Bean Tacos) w/ Fruit & Mild	28 French Toast Casserole or Waffle w/ Fruit & Milk Cheese Pizza (Vegetarian) w/ Fruit & Milk	29 Bagel & Cream Cheese w/ Fruit & Milk Veggie Curry w/ Rice (Vegetarian) w/ Fruit & Milk	30 Quesadilla w/ Fruit & Milk Beef Burger (Veg. Option is Veggie Burger) w/ Fruit & Milk
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PTO

Planning for Fantastic Fair (formerly Fall Festival) is moving forward! The event is quickly approaching on October 22nd. This event is entirely parent run and we need your help to make it a success. As a reminder, parents commit to a 2-hour service pledge to help our community and this event is a fun way to help out.

We will be sending out sign ups for specific events, donations, and for running booths in the next few weeks so keep an eye out for more info. In the meantime, if you have any ideas for booths, prizes (that don't include candy), games, or would like to volunteer. Please email us at pto@hdmspto.com.



There's still time to get your school calendar today! Calendars have full school schedule, amazing artwork by our own students, and they'll be shipped straight to you for \$35.

Get cool HDMS swag at our PTO store! We have water bottles, sweatshirts, backpacks, t-shirts and more! All printed with the HDMS logo and shipped straight to you. See picture for a sample of what we have.

Our next PTO meeting is October 20th at 5:30 PM. We hope to see you there.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HDMS GREEN PARENTS GROUP



Let's rethink our choices.



@waste_aware_animals

With the new building came a new traffic pattern for all of us, and the school leadership is praising our efforts in sticking to it. Now that we all have our schedule and route down is a good time to rethink our choices that we make when we do arrive too early. Whenever you need to wait outside the parking lot, or when your kids walk out a bit delayed, please rethink the idling. Idling for the sake of music inside the car or cool air in your face is a choice that has detrimental impacts on the air quality outside of the car. Idling for more than 10 seconds uses more fuel and produces more emissions than stopping and restarting your car, and modern cars do not even need to idle to warm up in the morning when you set off for school (DOE 2015).

Rethink your idling so our kids can breathe easy!

greenparents@hdmsreno.com

NOTES FROM THE ELEMENTARY TEAM

FALL CONFERENCES

It is that time to schedule Parent, Teacher, Student Conferences! Please watch the [Creating Google Calendar Appointment Slots for Parent Teacher Conferences](#) starting at 3:24-4:09. Use the classroom links below to get to the appointment slots and click the purple words, "Next available appointment slot/schedules on Oct. 17, 2022" to begin. This process should prevent double bookings. If you would like the teacher to set up the appointment, please email 3 times that work for you. In person conferences are preferred and check with your teacher to see if students are attending.

- [Ruby Appointment Slots](#)
- [Excelsior Appointment Schedule](#)
- [Toiyabe Appointment Slots](#)
- [Antelope Appointment Slots](#)
- [Juniper Appointment Slots](#)

ANTELOPE CLASSROOM

This week we started our new science units:
 First grade: Space systems (vocabulary- compare)
 Second Grade: processes that shape the Earth (Vocabulary- form, wide, length)
 Third Grade: How Forest Fires Affect Living Things (vocabulary- acre, flourish, underbrush)

We also started working on fractions and learned fun addition and multiplication games that can be played with a deck of cards. Ask your child to show you how to play at home!

You will also start to see some fun Pop Art coming home from our recent art lesson. Many students continue to practice our hand bells from our music lesson.

Donation requests: flour and salt, cream of tartar

Our field trip is this coming Tuesday. We are loading the buses at 9 so please make sure your child arrives to school before 9! Your child will need a backpack and water bottle.

CANDELARIA CLASSROOM

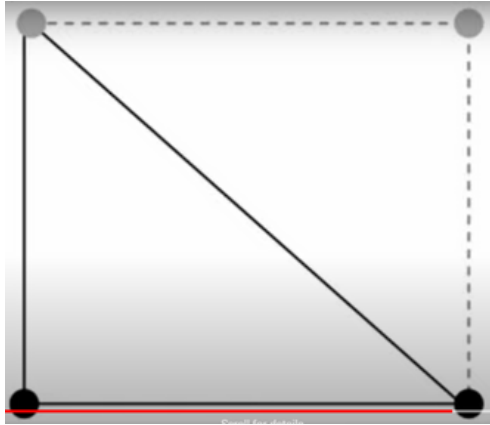


Levi and Vincent explore what life was like on Earth in the beginning, a planet covered in Volcanoes.



Sheppard and Ellison explore the laws of the universe following up on the story of the Coming of the Universe, the first great lesson.

RUBY CLASSROOM



On Monday, some of the Ruby students went into Excelsior to learn the story of Geometry. [PLAY VIDEO](#) to see an example of the lesson. Students were asked to follow-up by exploring the Earth and measurement. 17 parents checked out Transparent Classroom last week, so EXCITING. Start your ride home with something like, "Tell me about the Geometry Story."

Field Trip

All the Lower Elementary classrooms are going to UNR to explore the Fleischmann Planetarium, Keck Geology Museum, and Natural History. Click [HERE](#) for details and permission slip (Ruby will be going on Thursday the 29th from 9-1) You can send one check for all lower elementary children and respond with a paper copy or email to ruby@hdmsreno.com. Please let us know if you would like a free school sack lunch by September 23rd so we can let Farm Fresh know what we need.

Volunteers/Ways to Help the Class

The Fall Festival is right around the corner- Saturday, October 22. We are beginning the planning for an afternoon filled with food, games, costumes, and activities. If you have a business that you would like to advertise or a game that you would like to help with, please email me.

[SCHOLASTIC INFO](#) is here and all electronic. Your order helps us put more non-fiction books in our school library. We will finalize the orders on Saturday.

Gratitudes

- Thank you to Geeta and Mimi for volunteering in the classroom this week.

TOIYABE CLASSROOM



Students comparing fractions

Transparent Classroom

I am putting lessons your child receives into Transparent Classroom. You should be receiving notifications and information by email. If you are not and you would like to, please let me know.

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Representative

Our class needs a representative to attend PTO meetings. This is a great organization that helps support classrooms with fundraisers and plans family events. It meets on Zoom once a month and it's a great way to connect with other families and get involved. It doesn't have to be the same person all the time. If you would like to attend some or all of the meetings, please let me know.

We need a projector

Every once in a while, I want to show the class or small group a video. If any of you have a good projector you no longer use, we would love to have it! I always prefer quality second-hand things to new ones if we can manage it.

The Fantastic Fair (formerly Fall Festival)

Thanks again to all of you who have been so generous with donations. The elementary team will soon be asking for donations and volunteers for our fall fundraiser The Fantastic Fair. Please watch your emails and this newsletter for more information.

NOTES FROM THE ADOLESCENT TEAM

CERAMICS CREATIVE EXPRESSION CLASS

The adolescent ceramics class is finished molding and sculpting their pinch pots! They will be glazing and firing their pieces next week, this is when sculpting clay turns into durable ceramic pieces.



EXPLORING WASHOE COUNTY CREATIVE EXPRESSION CLASS

The Exploring Washoe County Creative Expression Class went on a fun and informative tour of PBS!



HIKING CREATIVE EXPRESSION CLASS



BIKING CREATIVE EXPRESSION CLASS



LUNCH POUCHES FOR SALE!

Lunch Pouches Are Back!

HDMS is requiring students to bring their own utensils, so a couple of adolescents are here to help make your life easier!

Pouch includes:

- A tie dyed cloth napkin (dyed by students)
- A fork and spoon (child size option for primary)
- A personalized and easy to clean, waterproof pouch to hold the items

The lunch pouch costs \$7 (additional \$3 for mini utensils). An added donation would also be greatly appreciated!

Return this [FORM](#) to Robin@hdmsreno.com to order.

Thank you for supporting our business and school!



ELEMENTARY (1ST-6TH GRADE) AFTER SCHOOL CHOIR

Children's Choir

September 7th

Every Wednesday

\$10 each lesson

3:30-4:30 PM

Lower and Upper Elementary

Music Director

Ms. Keishla Cortés Martínez

Wednesday afternoons for any interested Elementary aged student. Please use this [link](#) to sign up.

For more information:



keishla@hdmsreno.com



Space is limited to 35 students.

FALL BREAK

SPOOKY ART

CAMP

OCT 3-7

9 AM - 3 PM

@The Generator
2450 Oddie Blvd
Sparks NV



BUILD A HOLE FOR HAUNTED MINI-GOLF!

MAKE SPOOKY ART PROJECTS!

SIGN UP AT:

[WWW.THERENOGENERATOR.COM/KIDS](http://www.therenogenerator.com/kids)

<http://www.therenogenerator.com/kids>



**CHALLENGE ISLAND
RENO-SPARKS:**

FALL BREAK

Shark

**Ages
6 to 12**

\$255

Camp

OCTOBER 3 TO 7, 2022

9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

AT HIGH DESERT MONTESSORI

101 FANTASTIC DRIVE.

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