

# Jessie Beck Parent Faculty Association Newsletter

April 2017

## FUND THE ARTS 2017

The PFA held its annual Fund the Arts Dinner & Auction on March 10, 2017 at the Nevada Museum of Art's beautifully renovated Sky Room. What a beautiful and remarkable night it was!!!

**Funds the Arts 2017 generated a record setting \$65,000  
in net proceeds for our kids!**

**A HUGE thank you to Michon Colovich, Ali Ball, Erin Wilday, the entire Fund the Arts Committee, and, of course, Lanny Hershenow, for all of their tireless work in making this the most successful auction to date!** Last, but of course not least, thank you to all of our parents, grandparents and friends of Jessie Beck for attending and spending your money on such a worthy cause!

With the monetary support PFA has received this year, the Board has been able to purchase three laptops and/or iPads **per classroom**, thereby replacing numerous aging devices and adding to the number of devices in each class!

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## JESSIE BECK SCIENCE FAIR

**May 18, 2017  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

It's almost time for the awesome JESSIE BECK SCIENCE FAIR!!

Start helping your students plan their projects now! Students can do Scientific Method, Invention, or Demonstration projects by themselves or in groups of 2.

- Science Fair Family Night is **Thursday, May 18th 5:30 - 7:30PM** at the Boys and Girls Club - mark your calendars!
- Sierra Nevada Journeys will be there to run science stations and a roller coaster challenge.
- Dinner will be available for purchase (details to follow).
- Tri-fold display boards (white only) will also be available for purchase (details to follow, proceeds benefit JB PFA).

Volunteers are needed on May 18th to help with set-up, running science stations, serving food, and the awards program.

Look for an orange Science Fair information sheet that should have come home in your backpack just before Spring Break. See [www.jessiebeckpfa.com](http://www.jessiebeckpfa.com) for forms and more information. **Entry forms are due April 21.**

Please contact Faith Osgard at [emosgard@msn.com](mailto:emosgard@msn.com) to get involved and be part of something amazing!

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### SBAC TESTING

SBAC Testing is scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades starting Monday, April 10. To support your student during standardized testing, you can:

- Contact teachers to **confirm testing dates**, and **set a reminder** on your calendar or phone.
- Make sure that your child gets at least **nine hours of sleep**. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, nine to twelve hours is optimal for children age six to twelve.
- Wake up in time for kids to eat a **healthy breakfast** that includes the five food groups: fruit, vegetables, protein, grain, and dairy.
- **Stay positive!**
  - Develop a **growth mindset** by encouraging hard work and persistence.
  - **Reframe** negative thinking into positive statements... turn challenges into opportunities.
  - Ask kids to take a **long, slow breath** when they are worried or overwhelmed.
  - Remind your child to **take their time and do their best.**

Don't hesitate to let me know how I can help!

Thanks and take care,

Robyn Davis  
Counselor, Jessie Beck Elementary school

**PFA BUSINESS**

**PFA Board for 2017 – 2018**

**The PFA continues to seek board members for the 2017 – 2018 school year.**

The Board is still looking for Board members for next year, in particular, an assistant treasurer. The Board meets once a month during the school year and twice over the summer. If you are interested in getting more involved in your child’s school for a very rewarding experience with some great people(!), please contact Michelle McCormack at [mleighbneff@gmail.com](mailto:mleighbneff@gmail.com). Positions will be voted on by the nominating committee and then the general membership.

**Next PFA General Membership Meeting**

April 11, 2017

8:00 a.m.

Jessie Beck Library

**PFA Website**

Tina Ho has been working tirelessly to revamp the PFA website. There is now a wealth of information on the website, including event and fundraiser information, membership and event forms, PFA meeting minutes, budget information, committee information, and volunteer forms. Check it out! [www.jessiebeckpfa.com](http://www.jessiebeckpfa.com)



**STROLLING ART SHOW**

**May 10, 2017**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



**COOKIE DOUGH SALES**

The cookie dough sales for this year will take place between May 1 through May 15. Watch folders for the packets to come home!

