

Jessie Beck Parent Faculty Association Newsletter

2016-2017

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING **November 15, 2016 @ 8:15 a.m.** **Jessie Beck Library**

Please attend the next general membership meeting of the Jessie Beck PFA where we will be voting on several items, including amendments to the PFA By-Laws.

JESSIE BECK FAMILY ARCHERY NIGHT: SECOND ROUND

When: Sunday, November 20, 2016 from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Where: Wasting Arrows Indoor Archery Range, 4855 Joule St. Reno

In our continued effort to establish strong relationships between Jessie Beck's students, parents and faculty, we are proud to announce the second annual "Beck's Family Archery Night" this year. This night is designed for family fun while learning the sport of archery. Students in grade 3 and above along with any family members (parents and older siblings) are welcome to participate.

With a grant through the Wild Sheep Foundation, 40 participants will be paid for, making this event **FREE**. There is a \$10 reservation cost per family to hold the spot, which is reimbursed the night you show up. There are only 40 spots available, so if you plan on attending, make sure to download the forms from the PFA website or visit Dr. Brock in room C5 to pick up the registration form and waiver. The first event was a huge success and we hope the second one will be as well!

Direct any questions to Dr. Brock at Rbrock@washoeschools.net, including if you would like the forms emailed to you.

SCARECROW SUCCESS!

The scarecrows were great, the weather was not bad and the crowd was wonderful! We are so sorry that the date had to be changed at the last minute, but after the weather report sounded rainy and windy, Thursday was the only option available to the Committee. We would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time during the event including the cookie bakers, cookie decorators, and the people working the games and booths. Without our volunteers, the Scarecrow Contest would not be possible!

We would like to specifically thank several individuals as they performed jobs that were above and beyond the call of duty. Thank you to Eric Anderson, Brett Olsen and Lou Benetti for pounding the posts into the ground for the scarecrows. If anyone has ever

done that job, it is not fun. Also, we would like to thank Fred Kreuger (grandfather to Carrick) and John Brisbois (former 5th grade teacher at Jessie Beck) for their hard work all day helping with scarecrows, setting up games and putting cornstalks around. Lastly, we would like to thank Michelle Cotton and Nicole King for all their hard work on the Committee. They are moving on to Swope next year and will be missed!

Although there are still several outstanding bills, initial reports indicate that the event grossed over \$10,000.00! This is amazing considering the last minute date change. The Committee is considering holding the Scarecrow Contest at the end of September on a Thursday next year (September 28, 2017, if no other events conflict).

Thanks again!

The Scarecrow Committee

ROOM PARENTS

I am this year's Room Parent Coordinator and am reaching out to see if there are volunteers interested in acting as the Primary Room Parent (PRP) in your chosen classroom. The main purpose of this position is to assist teachers with all areas of event planning and generally make teachers' lives easier!

As PRP, you will be the primary contact for the teacher, the other room parents in your class and all parents for the events that take place in your classroom. The PRP is responsible for posting and managing all notices of parties and for fund raising and other classroom needs. I will provide volunteers with all necessary information, including fellow room parent contact info. For parents with more than one child at the school, it is not necessary for you to be the PRP for each child's class unless you want to.

Please forgive my tardiness in sending this request out – there were many things to address at the start of the year and I was delayed in getting all the required info! With that being said, kindly let me know as soon as possible if this is something for which you are interested in volunteering. Interested parents should provide their names and specific classroom to me.

Thank you so much for taking your precious time to volunteer in your child(s) classroom as a room parent!

Sincerely,

Kelly Andresen – Room Parent Coordinator
Kelly@apexsaw.com

ELECTION YEAR EVENT FOR KIDS

Where: Sala Family Dentistry

When: November 8, 2016

Time: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Why: Sala Family Dentistry created this event as a fun way to show kids the importance of voting. In addition to election bingo, kids will be provided with a fun ballot on which they may cast their vote! The school with the most votes on the ballot will receive \$1,000.

Sala Family Dentistry has over 75 insightful and inspiring essays in its lobby from kids around the community talking about the importance of voting. The goal is to create something fun for the kids in this community while teaching them about the importance of having their voice heard.

Any help in spreading the word would be greatly appreciated. You can rsvp at www.salafamilydentistry.com. All are welcome!

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

It is time again for the New Opportunities Committee to start collecting food for the 25 baskets that are given to special families at Jessie Beck. The families in need of a little help have already been chosen and we hope to make their Thanksgiving dinner brighter. Please look for the flyer the first of November telling each grade level what they can donate. Additionally, we are in need of 25 turkeys. If anyone would like to donate a turkey, please e-mail Lanny at lhershenow@washoeschools.net.

EL ADOBE NIGHTS

El Adobe Night now takes place **on the third Tuesday of the month**. On El Adobe night, the restaurant will donate a percentage of the profits to the Natalia Berumen Scholarship Fund. Natalia Berumen was a Beck student who died of a Brain Tumor in the Fall of 2013. Her parents own El Adobe.

It is so easy to contribute! Simply go to the restaurant with your family and/or friends for dinner or grab take out and you will make a small contribution to the overall percentage. Last year about ten graduating seniors – all of whom are former Beck students – each received \$500 scholarships. We believe it is incredibly valuable to begin showing students in elementary school that there is a pathway to high school graduation and that Beck's students and their families should set their sights on higher education!

SKY TAVERN PROGRAM

Join the fun at Sky Tavern this winter! Since 1948, the volunteer-based program has taught over 100,000 kids to ski and snow board. The non-profit 501(c)(3) also offers adaptive lessons, junior instructor training, racing, and a family atmosphere.

Registration is now open and the Sky Kids program (ages 3—6) is beginning to fill up. The eight-week program for children (\$145) includes a two-hour morning lesson each day and kids can choose to participate on Saturday, Sunday, or both weekend days. Older children (ages 9+) can opt to ride the bus to Sky Tavern from an area drop-off location. This package includes round-trip transportation for one day of each program weekend and two-hour morning lessons (\$240). Kids that do not ride the bus need to be accompanied by an adult.

Students from Jessie Beck who register by November 13, 2016 can apply the discount code “BECK” to save \$10 on each child season pass purchased.

Additional program details are available online at www.skytavern.com. Sky Tavern is located on the Mt. Rose Highway, less than 30 minutes from downtown Reno.

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THE PFA BOARD HARD AT WORK FOR OUR KIDS

Jog-A-Thon

The Jog-A-Thon was extremely successful this year, netting \$12,818 for PFA projects!

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

PFA Membership Drive

The PFA's membership drive ended on September 30. Final counts were made using prorated numbers and the winners were:

Katrena Kalleres – 4th grade – 61% family membership
Christine McCormack – Kindergarten – 55% family membership

Each class received a \$50 check from PFA!