

The Bear Facts

*Sponsored by the Parent Faculty Association
of Jessie Beck Elementary School*

PFA News

This is the latest list of families that have joined! Thank you! It's not too late to support the school and our children...

These are the paid PFA members/families as of September 20th, 2014. (Please excuse any spelling errors.) The Arteaga Family, The Anderson/Behlmer Family, The Bergin Family, The Benson Family, The Brenner Family, The Knudtson/Cowan Family, The Curtis Family, The Egan Family, The Espinosa Family, The Carol Fisher Family, The Franey Family, The Galt/Keesee Family, The Garman Family, Mrs. Shonee Hansen, The Hull Family, The Imbasciani Family, The Kalleres Family, The Kittell Family, The Koch Family, The Lamb Family, The McDonald Family, The Matthew Meyer Family, The Migliore/Bowling Family, The Chris Moore Family, The Patton Family, The Petty Family, The Red Family, The Rios Family, The Ripley Family, The Rodriguez/Patro Family, The Rodgers Family, The Scripps Family, The Brice Shoolroy Family, The Skadberg Family, The Stevens Family, The Stott Family, The Tatro Family, Mrs. Debi Welch, The Wilson Family, The Zeller Family. Thank you for joining Jessie Beck PFA

October 2014

Scarecrow Festival.....	2
Library News.....	2
Jog-A-Thon Success.....	2
Art to Grow.....	3
Paper-Opt-Out.....	3
El Adobe.....	3
Special Thank You.....	3
Walking School Bus.....	4
FREE School Money.....	4
School Lunch Payment Option.....	4
Dates to Remember.....	4

Jessie Beck Garden

You may walk by it everyday, and you may not have even noticed it. The small space enclosed by fencing on the northwest corner of the office, between the Kindergarten playground and the area in front of the office. This is the site of the soon-to-be new and improved Jessie Beck Garden! Sure, it's a little shady, but this is the year it will come to fruition. PFA budgeted \$1,000 to get this project off the ground, and the Garden Committee has been working on the initial planning and design of our new grow house. We are planning raised beds, storage, composting, and a seating area to be part of our design. If you have ideas, resources, landscape/garden design expertise, or want to be part of the initial planning/design process, please contact me at emosgard@msn.com. Or just send me your thoughts on what this space and budgeted money should do for the kids/school! Thanks and eat your veggies!

Faith Osgard,
Garden Committee Chair



Scarecrow Festival



Please come and join in the fun at the Scarecrow Contest tomorrow, October 3rd from 3 – 6 PM. Carnival games, famous pumpkin cookies baked and decorated by Jessie Beck parents, pies, cotton candy, sno cones, popcorn, face painting, raffle and Cuddles the Clown will be making sculpture balloons for the children. Also, there will be drinks, hot dogs, hamburgers, pretzels, pizza, and salads from the snack wagon. Why not plan to have dinner with the family?



Fresh pumpkins will be sold this year for \$4.00 - \$6.00. Buy them at our pumpkin patch and get a jump on Halloween.



Check out the new Archery game run by Dr. Brock. This game is fun for all ages. If you pop all four balloons you get a certificate from Wasting Arrows.

Jog-A-Thon

Thank you to all the students, teachers, staff and parents for making this year's Jog-A-Thon such a HUGE success! Even after a postponement due to smoke, Jessie Beck pulled together for a fun-filled, exuberant time running laps with so much energy and enthusiasm! Glow in the dark medals were loved by all the children. Money raised is still being counted. We will keep you updated!



Library News

SIR READALOT'S CASTLE is coming to the Library October 24 –30, and you can enter the kingdom of books through our **Scholastic Book Fair**. Our hours of operation will be 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Please come visit us and get some early Christmas shopping done. You can also shop on-line October 19- November 8 by visiting the Book Fair website at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/jes siebeck>.

I will need some extra help during the Book Fair, and if you would like to volunteer, please let me know.



I've had some questions about The *ACCELERATED READER (AR)* Program and wanted to briefly explain some of the basics of the program. "AR is a computer program that helps teachers manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. Your child picks a book at his own level and reads it at his own pace. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer." A Parent's Guide to Accelerated Reader, Questions and Answers. This helps teachers determine your child's reading level and guides students in finding books at the appropriate reading level. AR is sponsored by the PFA, and the web-based program that we now use enables students to access any quiz that is in the AR database. This means if a student checks out a book from another library and there is a quiz on the book, they can take the quiz. However, students can only take quizzes at school. Also, parents can check on a book's reading level by logging in to AR BookFinder at www.arbookfind.com.

Mrs. Cox
Librarian

We are FALLing head over heels for art at Jessie Beck! In addition to the creative preparation for our Annual Scarecrow Festival, you can see art is coming to life in all our classrooms. This month's installations on Jessie Beck 's Art Gallery are courtesy of Mrs. Kalleres' class featuring Pop Art with print-making and Mrs. Hamilton & Mrs. Espinosa featuring self portraits with print making. Thank you for sharing your wonderful works of art!

We had a great turnout at this month's workshop were volunteers learned first hand how to make paper. This fun process is fun, simple and enjoyed by all ages. Special thanks to Ms. York for sharing her artistic wisdom, Ms. Moore for the use of her classroom and Lanny Hershenow for her delicious homemade treats. If anyone needs help or assistance with future projects or ideas for incorporating this cool process, please contact me and I will be happy to assist.

Want to learn more? Mark your calendars for next month, **Wednesday, October 22 from 3:15 – 5:00** (no early release day) in Mr. Moore's room C8. This is perfect for the new and existing art volunteer. We will be creating some new projects. Please RSVP so I know how many to expect.

As always, if you have questions, suggestions or just want to get involved with our art program, please contact me at robinheywood@sbcgobal.net.

Robin Heywood
Jessie Beck Art Coordinator



Thank you for coming out in September to support the **Natalie Berumen Scholarship Fund** while enjoying authentic Mexican food and a night with friends and family. It was a wonderful success! The next El Adobe night is Monday, October 13. Your continued support is appreciated!

Thank you

Many Thanks for helping our school! To the **Hull Family** from **Artistic Gardens** for donating sand for the sand box, and to Corey Casci of **Casci Landscaping** for hauling away all the old garden materials at no charge. Your deeds and donations are greatly appreciated!



Paper Opt-Out

If you would rather receive "The Bear Facts" via email than paper copy, please follow these simple directions: Send an e-mail to beckpfa@gmail.com and put "opt-out of paper newsletter" in the subject line. In the body of the e-mail, include your name, your child(s) name and their teacher. Opting-out is a great way to save on paper and printing costs.

Walking School Bus

Join the fun and walk to school. It's safe, free, entertaining and a healthy way to start each day. Please see our website for details. beckpfa@gmail.com



©Pushkin * illustrationsOf.com/1071117



FREE Money For Our School

Box Tops for Education:

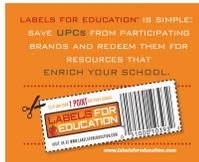
Look for the Box Top on 100's of participating products. Each one is worth 10 cents for the school – seems like a small amount but if everyone collected them, it would amount to a significant benefit to



Jessie Beck.

Labels for Education:

Clip the UPC code with "Labels for Education" on Campbell soups, V8, Dannon, Glad, Emerald Nuts packaging, Swanson, Pepperidge Farm products and Prego. Each label earns points that can be used towards Arts, Athletic, or Academic supplies for the school.



Cut out and collect both the Box Tops and Labels for Education and put them in your classroom bag to help your classroom win a small prize for having the most box tops or labels for the month. Don't forget to ask family and friends for their box tops and labels.

We are also looking for people interested in helping with Box Tops and Labels for Education one morning a month at Jessie Beck. Please email Jeanne at jamonier@aol.com

And remember to use your Raley's card, SaveMart SHARES card and Target card when shopping.

Dates to Remember

- October 3.....Scarecrow Contest
- October 6-10.....Fall Break
- October 13.....El Adobe Night
- October 14-175th Grade Field Trip
- October 15.....End of Grading Period
- October 15.....NO Early Dismissal
- October 22.....ART workshop 3:15
- October 22.....NO Early Dismissal
- October 22.....Art to Grow Workshop
- October 24.....Report Cards Issued
- October 24-30.....Conference Week
- October 24-30.....Scholastic Book Fair
- October 24-30.....12:50 Dismissal
- October 30.....Clean out Lost and Found
- October 31.....Nevada Day: No School
- November 3.....El Adobe Night
- November 4.....Election Day: No School
- November 5.....Fall Pictures Make-Ups
- November 11.....Veterans' Day: No School

Wear your Jessie Beck Gear weekly!

Spirit Fridays!



Jessie Beck Elementary

1900 Sharon Way, Reno, NV 89509
Phone: 689-2520 Fax: 689-2598
www.washoecountyschools.org/beck

Absence Line: 689-2520

Principal: Ruth Williams
email: rwilliams@washoeschools.net

Secretary: Marianne Norwich
email: mnorwich@washoeschools.net