

# The Bear Facts

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## PFA News

**MAY 2012!** What a great year we've had! As we wind down to the end of the year, I just want to say THANK YOU again to all the parents and staff who have chaired committees, helped with events and fundraisers, attended events and donated money, attended meetings, provided input, and contributed in countless other ways to help PFA make Jessie Beck an awesome school for our kids!

### Here are some of the goals we accomplished this year:

- Completed Activboard installation with laptops in every classroom
- Equipped every teacher with an ELMO document camera
- Provided PE every week for every student by funding a PE teacher
- Maintained our high-quality art program for every student in the school
- Supplemented the Music Program by providing a new keyboard for Mr. Unruh
- Helped facilitate the Walking School Bus program
- Developed a PFA Website for increased communication and efficiency
- Mobile computer carts with 30 laptops for each of the 3 buildings
- Network printers for each of the 3 buildings

Congratulations to Jenni Anderson for surviving her first year with us! Thank you for all your efforts, Jenni, in learning the culture of this organization and doing your best to lead us through revitalization, budget cuts, CRTs, technology issues, PE teachers, PFA events, and all the added pressures from the school district PFA doesn't even get involved with. You attended every event, fundraiser, and PFA meeting, working late into the night on so many occasions, and we appreciate your dedication and involvement!

On a personal note, I have had a great year as the PFA President and really appreciate this year's Board, Committee Chairs and our Jessie Beck Community as a whole. **Derek Vogel, Andrea Baccigaluppi, Paula Murphy, Julie Callahan, Scott Nebesky**, staff members **Ms. Moore, Ms. Harper**, and **Ms. York, Jenni**, and of course **Lanny**,

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were not only there at just about every meeting and event, but spent so much of their time and energy contributing to the Board. I just want to recognize Past President, Scott Nebesky and Treasurer, Paula Murphy for their 3 and 2 years of volunteerism on the PFA Board. Thank you both for your commitment and service.

Update for this month: the **Garage Sale** we talked about earlier in the year has been cancelled due to lack of support and volunteers. **Jog-a-thon** was a big success – thank you to **Francine Norton** for chairing this event. The 22 ELMOs for the teachers and the 8 laptops we ordered in October have finally arrived and are being put to use in the classrooms!

Welcome to the new board members elected in last month's election – **Francine Norton** will be the new Vice President, and **Alissa Turner** will be the new Assistant Treasurer. **Derek** will be the President starting June 7th, **Julie** will be the Treasurer, and **Andrea** will remain as the Secretary.

Please plan to attend our last PFA Meeting of the year, May 10th where we will seek to vote on important budget decisions taking place over the summer and the first of next year. I hope to see all of you at our biggest and "bestest" event of the year, the FunD the Arts Auction and dinner coming up May 18th. As always, please don't hesitate to provide feedback, ideas, and questions to me or another board member anytime. See you at school.

*~ Faith Osgard, PFA President  
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## From the **Principal**

So much to do and so little time! We are in the final stretch of the school year and have much to do before we end. We are right in the middle of CRT testing and I couldn't be prouder of our students. I have seen great focus and intensity as the students have worked to prepare for this assessment. I am expecting great results.

Thank you to those of you who responded to the full day kindergarten interest survey. We did not however have enough people express interest to warrant an additional class. We will have a two way immersion class in addition to two half day classes.

There are a lot of changes you should expect to see next year when students return. The interior of the classrooms including furniture will be brand new. We will have new windows, a new cafeteria floor, the library is being relocated and much, much more. Marianne and I will be relocated to another school during the months of June and August. Please call us at **689-2520** or email us at [jaanderson@washoeschools.net](mailto:jaanderson@washoeschools.net) or [mnorwich@washoeschools.net](mailto:mnorwich@washoeschools.net) if you need anything.

Our final student day for the school year is Wednesday, June 6th. School will be dismissed at 1:15.

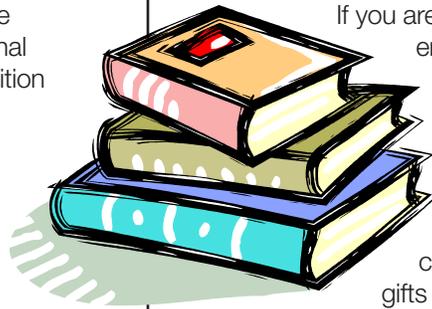
I want to express my great appreciation for the amazing staff, students, families and volunteers at Jessie Beck. This has been an incredibly memorable year. I have had such a nice opportunity to build relationships with so many wonderful people that have touched my life. As I look toward the 2012-13 school year, I stand firm in my vision that Jessie Beck will maintain a full and enriched curriculum where all students are learning and achieving at high levels. I expect nothing less than a building filled with respectful, responsible, and safe learners.

Thank you for the commitment you have to the students at Jessie Beck as well as the Jessie Beck community as a whole. I hope that you enjoy a long summer of family, friends and fun! On behalf of the staff and myself, we will look forward to seeing you on August 27, 2012.

*~ Jenni Anderson, Principal*

## Library News

As we near the end of the school year, please encourage your students to return their library books on time. I will be closing the library one week earlier than normal so that I can have everything packed up by June 8. That means all library books are due MAY 18. If your child can't find a missing book, please have them come and talk to me. I'll double check to make sure it is not on the library shelf.



If you are looking for some interesting, engaging books for your child to read, check out **www.readkiddoread.com**. This website has book lists arranged by age appropriateness and genre.

Thank you for encouraging your children to read. It is one of the best gifts you can give them.

*~ Mrs. Cox, Librarian*

## PFA Elections

### **Congratulations to the newly elected PFA Board for 2012-2013.**

President - Derek Vogel

Vice President - Francine Norton

Julie Callahan - Treasurer

Alissa Turner - Assistant Treasurer

Andrea Baccigaluppi - Secretary



### **Join Beck PFA and Save!**

It's never too late to join, and if you join now, you'll

**save \$5 on admission to the annual FUNd the ARTs event.**

The \$15 Family or \$7 Staff membership gets you a school directory, listing all students at Jessie Beck, a vote on important issues concerning the school, and discounts on events and activities.

Membership forms are available in the office.

# May is YOUR Month for Art!

## Art Show & BBQ

Annual Art Show & Family BBQ Lunch

**Lunch 11:45 for Grades 4-6**  
**12:15 for Grades K-3**



Please join your child for a lunch & Art Show at Jessie Beck Elementary School!

BBQ lunch available for students **\$2.50** or a hot lunch ticket, and for adults **\$3.25**.

During lunch, each classroom will have an Art Show display outside the classroom to tour at your leisure.

Artwork from all the students will be on display. All artwork will be sent home with the students after the Art Show.

**Thank you for your continued support of the arts at Jessie Beck!**

*~ Robin Heywood, Jessie Beck Art Coordinator*

## Special Thanks

Please remember to patronize our gracious donors and partners.

**El Adobe**  
**Whole Foods**  
**Silver Peak Restaurant & Brewery**  
**Total Wine and More**  
**Sierra Meat**  
**La Cucina**

## Get Your Tickets!

# JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF



**May 18, 2012**  
**5:30 - 9:30 pm**

An Evening of Art, Auctions & Gourmet Pizza  
California Building - Idlewild Park



Jessie Beck's biggest event of the year is just 2 weeks away! Don't miss it!

Buy your tickets before May 11, and save. 689-2520.

**Make it a Date Night.**

Get a sitter, and enjoy an evening of art, food, music and fun!

## Dates to Remember

May 5..... Cinco de Mayo  
May 7..... El Adobe Night  
May 8..... National Teacher Day  
May 10..... PFA Meeting (6:30)  
May 11..... Art on the Green BBQ  
May 13..... Mother's Day  
May 15..... Skate Night (5:30-7:30)  
May 18..... FUNd the ARTs Auction & Dinner  
(5:30-9:30)  
May 28..... Memorial Day - No School  
June 4..... El Adobe Night  
June 5..... Field Day  
June 6..... Last Day of School - 1:15 Release  
Early Release - Every Wednesday at 2:15, except as  
noted above

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~ Jessie Beck PFA

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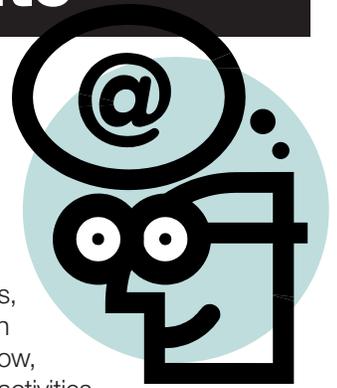
## PFA Web Site

### It's Alive!!!

The new PFA web site is live. While not completely finished, the site streamlines the PFA's communications and makes it easier for parents to access information about events, meetings, newsletters, and contacts. You can pay your PFA membership dues now, and eventually pay for events and activities.

A big thanks goes to **Mike Morris** for building the site and **Julie Callahan** for spearheading this effort. You can visit the new site at [www.jessiebeckpfa.com](http://www.jessiebeckpfa.com)

~ The Beck PFA Website Committee



## Box Tops & Labels



Even though the school year is almost over, remember to continue to clip your box tops and labels over the summer.

Help raise money for Jessie Beck while you do your normal shopping.

### 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. Cut it out, collect them and bring them to the collection bag in your classroom. Ask family and friends for their box tops. Don't forget to bring in as many Box Tops as you can to help earn Mr. Top Box for your classroom for the month.

### 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; collect them and put into the collection bag in your classroom. Each label earns points that can be used towards Arts, Athletic, or Academic supplies for the school. Ask family and friends for their Labels. Don't forget to bring in as many as you can to help earn Leo Label for your classroom for the month.