

Jessie Beck Parent Faculty Association Newsletter

December 2017

**The PFA Board wishes everyone a very
happy and safe holiday season!**



FUND THE ARTS: ANNUAL AUCTION

SAVE THE DATE

March 10, 2017

5:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Nevada Museum of Art
160 West Liberty Street
Reno, Nevada 89501

The PFA Fund the Arts committee has been hard at work planning this year's event and is excited to announce that the 2017 event will take place at the Nevada Museum of Art! More details will be forthcoming in early 2017; in the meantime, please contact Michon Colovich at 762.8202 or Ali Ball at 250.6739 with any questions.

THE PFA BOARD HARD AT WORK FOR OUR KIDS

Laptop/iPad Project Update

One of PFA's biggest projects of the year is to buy new laptops and iPads for student use in the classrooms. Because of better-than-budgeted fundraisers so far this year, we were able to purchase three new devices for each classroom in grades 3 – 6; two new devices for each classroom in grades K – 2; and one new device for each of the special teachers! This was a \$31,000 project!

Teachers have been very excited to get their new devices and start using them. Any over-budget revenue on the upcoming fundraisers will go towards purchasing a third device for the K-2nd grade classrooms.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT PFA!! Your contributions go directly to the classrooms.

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

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CRAZY HAT DAY

December 9, 2016 is Crazy Hat Day! For a \$1 donation, your child can wear a crazy hat to school and support the sixth grade's fundraising efforts.

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Art To Grow

Art is alive and thriving at Jessie Beck! Over the last few months our teachers and Volunteer Art Instructors have been taking your students through a journey of art, exploring everything from watercolors to print making to clay. While learning about the basic elements of art, your students are also learning about art history, art methods and movements, developing fine motor skills and gaining self-confidence creating their own works of art.

Our hands-on workshops have covered clay, print making and most recently a wonderful charcoal drawing lesson taught by our very own Apryl Stott. These workshops are always a great opportunity to meet other Jessie Beck family members

while exchanging ideas and information, plus there's always an opportunity for a few laughs (*i.e.*, my first attempt at drawing a giraffe!).

Next we will be learning and preparing for our collaborative art projects for the big art auction in March. The process of collaborative art is a wonderful experience that teaches our students about working together on a common project. I believe the end result (a.k.a. the masterpiece) is a type of time capsule that represents the journey the entire class made together. Students and adults alike experience both ease and challenge with the process and in the end, are rewarded with the accomplishment and ownership as a collective group.

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact me for more information at robinheywood@sbcglobal.net. Special thanks to our amazing staff, volunteers and PFA for making all of this happen at Jessie Beck!

Best Wishes for a happy and safe holiday season.

Robin Heywood
Jessie Beck Art Coordinator

LITERACY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Please consider volunteering as a Literacy Intervention Partner!

Jessie Beck needs the help of volunteers to support reading groups in grades Kinder through third. Any parent, guardian or interested community member may participate. Plan for a quarterly commitment of 1-2 hours, 2-3 days per week, as well as one training hour per quarter. **The first training is scheduled for 10-11 a.m., Wednesday, January 4, 2017 in Room A8.** Additional trainings will be scheduled. All trainings will include a brief component related to FERPA and student confidentiality.

School volunteer approval is required. Please complete a volunteer form with Marianne Norwich in the front office if you have not already done so. You can also obtain a volunteer form on the PFA website, www.jessiebeckpfa.com.

Your care and concern for all of our Jessie Beck students is very appreciated. Please let Mrs. Hardt know if you are interested! For more information, please contact:

Dana Hardt

Kinder/1st TWI (English) & Learning Strategist; dhardt@washoeschools.net

Robin Davis

Counselor; redavis@washoeschools.net

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

“Oh, thank you!” – “How wonderful!” – “I didn’t expect this!”

These were some of the comments from families that received donated Thanksgiving baskets on November 22nd. Comments like that make it all worthwhile! We would like to thank everyone for donating food, paper products, cider and all the rest of the items. Special thanks to Lydia Meyer for donating the 25 tubs and Jane Mc Veigh, a former Beck parent, for shopping and donating extra food at the last minute. Last, but not least, thank you to everyone who donated a turkey. You were lifesavers. Everyone involved made Thanksgiving so memorable for some of our Jessie Beck families!

The New Opportunities Committee





PFA BUSINESS

PFA By-Laws

At the last general membership meeting on November 15, 2016, the PFA membership voted to amend the by-laws to reduce the required number of members to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the General Membership meetings from twelve to nine.

Next PFA General Membership Meeting

February 14, 2016 @ 8:15 a.m.

Jessie Beck Library