

Jessie Beck Parent Faculty Association Newsletter

February 2017

FUND THE ARTS 2017

March 10, 2017
5:00 – 9:30 p.m.

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

Preparations are well underway for this year's Dinner & Auction, to be held at the Nevada Museum of Art's beautifully renovated Sky Room Friday, March 10th.

There are several ways you can help ensure the success of this year's event.

- GET INVOLVED in the collaborative process. Reach out to your child's teacher and see if they need any help completing this year's piece for the auction.
- DONATE to our silent auction! Are you a small business owner? Or do you know people in town that would like to help a charitable event by donating? Please visit jessiebeckpfa.com and download the form. The success of our auction relies heavily on families donating items for auction! Donate by February 10, 2017 to get it listed in the program.
- BUY TICKETS to the event! This is not an evening you want to miss! The price of your ticket includes delicious food and drinks, entertainment and an unforgettable evening mingling with friends, teachers and staff. Tickets will be available for sale through Paypal on jessiebeckpfa.com or can be purchased through Lanny Hershenow. you may contact her at 327-0793, or by emailing her at lhershenow@washoeschools.net

If you have question please email Michon Colovich at mcolovich@gmail.com

DESSERT NIGHT

Dessert night has been changed from February 28 to **Wednesday March 1, 2017** **from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Please mark your calendars for this fun night!

PFA BUSINESS

PFA Board for 2017 – 2018

The PFA is looking for board members for the 2017 – 2018 school year. There are several open positions, including Vice President and assistant Treasurer. The Board meets once a month during the school year and twice over the summer. **The slate of officers must be finalized by March 14, 2017.** If you are interested in getting more involved in your child's school and want a very rewarding experience with some great people(!), please contact any of the following:

Michelle McCormack, mleighneff@gmail.com

Sam Hardt, samhardt@gmail.com

Liz High, lizannehigh@gmail.com

Lanny Hershenow, lhershenow@washoeschools.net

PFA General Membership Meetings

February 14, 2017 @ 8:15 a.m. (Valentines treats for attendees)

April 4, 2017 @ 8:15 a.m. (**please note date change**)

May 24, 2017 @ 8:15 a.m.

Jessie Beck Library

LIBRARY NEWS

Reading Week is coming March 13-17, with "CAMP READ-Nevada, USA" as the theme. Details of all the planned activities will be sent home in March.

Order forms for Reading Week T-shirts will be sent home next week.

The excitement and buzz around the library this week is about the new area rug in the K-2nd grade reading area. It was purchased with Scholastic Dollars earned at the Book Fair. Thank you so much for your support of the Fair (way last October!) The proceeds amounted to \$9,210.23! Of that amount; \$1005.12 was awarded to the Library in the form of Scholastic Dollars which was also used to purchase new books. The cash profit earned was \$1,800 which will be used to purchase more books, computers, and reading incentives.

Thanks again for your amazing support of the Library! P.S. Come check out the new rug and arrangement of the Library.

Mrs. Cox,
Librarian

CRAZY HAT DAY

February 3, 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.

SPELL-A-THON

Get Ready, Get Set, it's the 2017 SPELL-A-THON PFA Fundraiser!

What is it for? The Parent Faculty Association (PFA) raises money to supplement the Jessie Beck Elementary School budget provided by the Washoe County School District which is critical as schools receive less and less from the district each year. This money is essential for the PFA to provide tools necessary to teach our children, such as computers, library books, art supplies and physical education supplies. Our teachers need and deserve our support so that they can more effectively teach our children.

What Can You Do: Using this Spell-A-Thon pledge package, find sponsors to pledge money for participation. Enclosed is a practice Spelling word list created by the teachers for each grade level. It will be used for the Spell-A-Thon test scheduled for Friday, February 17th.

Beginning Now: Each child should practice their spelling words and find sponsors. Sponsors should be family, friends, neighbors, and other people they/you know. Don't solicit strangers or go door-to-door. Contact friends and family from out of the area that can just drop a check in the mail! Parents can help find corporate sponsors, too! Sponsors can make a flat donation or pledge an amount for each correctly spelled word. It is easier to collect flat donations up front. You will be notified as to the number of correctly spelled words your child does for pledges based for spelled words on the day of the Spell-A-Thon test.

Important Dates to Remember:

Friday, February 17th Spell-A-Thon Test Day: Every student will get a cool testing pencil to use and take home on Friday, February 17th at 9:00! When tests are completed, they will be collected and graded. Students will know the results by the end of the day!

From February 9th through February 24th: Students have 2 weeks to collect their pledge money. Make checks payable to *Jessie Beck PFA*.

February 24th: Return pledge money to teachers by Friday, February 24th and receive a super cool Dog Tag to wear as a necklace or hang on a backpack. **To earn prizes, students need to return their pledge envelopes and money by February 24th!**

Learning ExPress Toy Store Lottery: Students who raise at least \$100 will have their name entered in a drawing to win one of ten \$25 gift certificates to the Learning Express Toy Store!

Level Up Curbside Gaming Truck: The 2 top money earning students from each class will get to have a great time on **Thursday, March 9th** in the Video Game truck playing all types of fun games.

Corporate Sponsors: Count toward class tally and individual student.

Questions: Contact Shannon Lotito at 232-6421 or shannon.lotito@washoeschools.net.

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NEVADA JUNIOR COTILLION

Nevada Junior Cotillion is offering a 6-week class for students in Grades 5 – 8 starting February 3. Nevada Junior Cotillion inspires “a lifetime of confidence and success in children through dancing, dining and social etiquette.” The six classes cost \$150 and take place Friday nights at the California Building in Idlewild Park.

NevadaJuniorCotillion.com
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