



# The Bear Facts

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## PFA NEWS



Can you believe it? We're already a month into 2019, the kids are well into the second half of the school year, and our Annual Fund the Arts Auction is just weeks away! The Fund the Arts committee has been hard at work planning and organizing what promises to be a very fun event at the Atlantis, complete with a post-auction dance party. Event ticket sales – individual and tables – and registration are now available through the PFA website, along with info on how to become a corporate donor or give to the Silent Auction. Please note, Silent Auction items should be received by Feb. 15.

The PFA is pleased to welcome Beck parent and fitness guru, Camie Cragg Lyman, who has stepped up to teach P.E. We also want to say a big "Thank you!" to Principal Lane, who, in addition to all of her regular duties, was out on the school fields herself the last few months filling in while we were between P.E. teachers. Talk about going above and beyond!

And thank you to everyone who made a donation to the Camp Fire book and pajama drive in December. We were able to deliver over 1,000 new and used books, along with \$1,000 raised by the 3rd Grade coin drive, to an elementary school that lost a building in the fire, and Reno-based Project Sweet Dreams ensured that the 125 sets of PJs we collected went to kids in need there too.

Nancy and Jill

## Dates to Note

### *Jessie Beck Night at Napa Sonoma Plungate*

3rd Thursday of each month.

### *Natalia's El Adobe Night*

4:00-8:00 pm 1st Tuesday of each month.

Meet friends for dinner, bring the kids!  
Both restaurants generously contribute a portion of the evening's revenue to our school.

### *Upcoming Music Concerts mark your Calendar*

- 1st Grade Concert - Thursday - 3/21 @ 2:15
- 4th Grade Spring Concert - Friday - 5/24 @ 2:15
- 5th Grade Spring Concert - Thursday - 5/23 @ 2:15
- 6th Grade Concert - Wednesday - 5/29 10:30 - 11:30

### *Jessie Beck PFA General Meeting Schedule*

(All meetings start at 8:15 am in the Library)

- Tuesday - February 12th
- Tuesday - April 16th

### *Fund the Arts at the Atlantis Hotel & Casino*

Friday, March 15th @ 6:00 pm

### *Spirit Fridays*

Wear your Jessie Beck attire!

## *the Principal's pen*

Happy 2019 to all of our Jessie Beck Students and Families!

I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful Winter Break!

We are back in full swing with our academics and learning! Our Kindergarten students just took their first ever Reading MAP assessment. These assessments are very important to determine how our students are progressing towards their reading benchmarks. This assessment will also be used to determine students who may need further reading support under the NVKR (Nevada Kids Read) Law.

ACCESS testing begins in February as well. This is the state assessment used to measure annual language proficiency for our Multi-Language Learners (formally ELLs). This assessment also drives our instruction so that our Multi-Language Learners can progress to English Proficiency. This is yet another reason why our Dual Language program at Jessie Beck is such an important program and so integral to the learning of our dual language students. We are truly very lucky to be one of only three schools in the District to have this program.

Planning forward, we will begin our annual 3rd-6th SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) Testing the week of April 15th. I know our students and teachers are working very hard to prepare for these annual assessments.

Just a reminder as we start the second half of the year regarding attendance. First and foremost, you must call in your child's absence. If you are unable to call on the day of the absence you do have 3 days to do so. When your child returns to school, they must get together with their teacher to receive any work that was missed during the absence. Once the make-up work has been completed and turned in the absence WILL NOT count against them. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call the office (689-2520) and speak with Shannon Lotito our Attendance Clerk.

Another reminder too, please, please, please pick up after you dogs. We know that we are a joint use facility and many people (non Jessie Beck families too), use our fields after hours and on the weekends too, but if you can help by remembering to clean up any waste from your dogs, that would be greatly appreciated! We have had increasing incidents with our students experiencing some "not so fun falls".

Thank you everyone! Happy, almost Spring!

Ms. Lane



# Counselor's Comments



Hello Beck families!

I am looking forward to two BIG events in January and February!

January 28 - February 15: Pennies for Patients

This fundraising campaign supports the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in its mission is to cure blood cancers and help improve the lives of patients and families. Look for information going home on Thursday, January 24, including an individual fundraising box for each student. Go to <https://events.lls.org/pages/sac/Jessie-Beck-Elementary-School-2019> to view our online giving page.

Please create an individual online giving page for your student to share with family and friends! Students can earn prizes for collecting \$5 or more in their individual fundraising box, as well as various prizes for online amounts of \$10, \$25, \$50, or \$100 or more. Online giving is the BEST way to support this fundraiser!

February 4 – 8: National School Counseling Week, “School Counselors: Providing Lessons for Life”

This week, sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), highlights “the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems and the tremendous impact they can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.” At Jessie Beck, we will be celebrating with guidance lessons highlighting kindness and giving, daily announcements, and more. To learn more about National School Counseling Week, visit [www.schoolcounselor.org/nscw](http://www.schoolcounselor.org/nscw).

February 4-8 will also feature our Bring the Change coin drive/spirit week! Monday is Pajama Penny Day; Tuesday is Neon Nickels Day; Wednesday is Dazzling Dimes Day; Thursday is Crazy Quarters Day; and Friday is Team Up for Leukemia Day (wear Jessie Beck or team attire). Thank you in advance for your support!

My best,

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## Happenings

### *Jessie Beck PFA is on Facebook!*

Follow our group@JessieBeckPFA for post updates, join discussions and make friends. Thank you Anna Thornley for making this happen!

### *What's happening in the library?*

In celebration of what would have been Dr. Seuss' 115th Birthday on March 2nd; **Read Across America Week will be March 4th-8th.** Dress up days, guest readers and more fun and exciting events will be announced closer to that time.



## Get Involved

### *Do you have photos for the yearbook?*

Submit them at beckpfa@gmail.com with the subject "yearbook photos" and include the name of the event where the photos were taken. All photos will be considered but due to space limitations, not all will be included in the yearbook.

### *Bring the planetarium to Jessie Beck!*

The PFA is looking for a business or individual willing to sponsor a "portable planetarium" which will come to Jessie Beck and give every class a presentation about the solar system in the Star Lab. If you're interested in helping fund this amazing opportunity or for more information please contact Dr. Brock - rbrock@washoeschools.net

### *Corporate sponsors for Fund the Arts*

Contact Kami Hitti kamihitti@gmail.com for information or to make a donation. Corporate sponsorship donation forms are also on the PFA website.

## Technology Tips

This month in the Computer Lab we are focusing on our typing skills!

As students practice these skills they are able to have a higher WPM (Words Per Minute) and much better accuracy. Here are some free resources to help your child become a more proficient typist:

### *Kindergarten - Second Grade*

[www.abcya.com](http://www.abcya.com) - Free online educational games to help children become more comfortable and familiar with the computer keyboard. Grade-level lessons incorporate areas such as math and language arts while introducing basic computer skills.

[www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr](http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr) - Dance Mat Typing is a free online typing program run by the BBC which includes 12 levels and is designed to be fun for kids. Typing lessons feature an animated character with an off-beat accent.

### *Third Grade - Sixth Grade*

[www.typing.com](http://www.typing.com) - This website is a great resource that tracks your progress and records each improvement. It also has engaging games that students enjoy.

[www.nitrotype.com/race](http://www.nitrotype.com/race) - This website allows you to compete with friends to see who the fastest typist is.

<https://sense-lang.org/> - A great website that offers both free and paid subscriptions. There are a variety of typing tutorials and practice tests.





## Box Tops

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Ms. Harper's Class for winning the first Box Top Contest of the year!

We collected over 2,500 Box Tops for our first quarter contest. That is \$250 for our school!

Congratulations to the following classrooms for collecting more than 100 Box Tops.

Mrs. Maples Kindergarten

Ms. Yossen's Kindergarten

Ms. Lowdon's First Grade

Mrs. Condon/Franklin's First Grade

Mrs. Welch's First Grade

Mrs. Haygood's Second Grade

Mrs. Boyce's Second Grade

Ms. Harper's Third Grade

Mrs. Champagne's Third Grade

Ms. Fernandez's Fourth Grade

Mrs. Espinosa's Fifth Grade

Mr. Newman's Sixth Grade

Mrs. Schmidt's Sixth Grade

Keep bringing in those Box Tops! Next collection day will be February 22nd, so keep saving up! There will be 3 contests this year, and everyone can participate!

Remember each class that brings in at least 100 unexpired Box Tops each contest will receive 5 bear paws. (25 class bear paws equals a prize of their choice at the end of the school year). Plus the class that brings in the most unexpired Box Tops will WIN Boxer Box Top for their classroom each contest!

Also a special treat will be awarded at the end of the school year to the classes who brings in at least 100 unexpired Box Tops for all three contests, As well as an EXTRA special prize for the class that brings in the most Box Tops for the entire school year! Winners will be posted in the lunch room the week after collection.

## Introducing the Dual Language Advisory Council

We would like to introduce the Dual Language Advisory Council (DLAC) to the Jessie Beck Community. The first interest meeting was held on December 6th. It was a big success! Attendees included prospective parents, current program parents, and teachers. We began discussion a mission statement, vision, potential structure, and brainstormed pressing issues. The Council plans to meet quarterly during the school year. We would like to invite any and all interested parties to join future meetings. Our future meetings are scheduled for February 21st and May 9th.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**WHEN:** February 21st

**WHERE:** Nevada Museum of Art

**WHO:** Anyone interested in joining the Dual Language Advisory Council

¡Presentamos el Consejo Consultivo de Lenguaje Dual!

Nos gustaría presentar el Consultivo de Lenguaje Dual. La primera reunión fue el 6 de diciembre. Fue un gran éxito. Los asistentes incluyeron posibles padres, padres del programa actual y maestros. Comenzamos la discusión sobre de una declaración de la misión, visión, potencial de la estructura y una lista de asuntos importantes. El consejo planea reunirse trimestralmente durante el año escolar y le gustaría invitar a los padres interesados para que se unan a futuras reuniones.

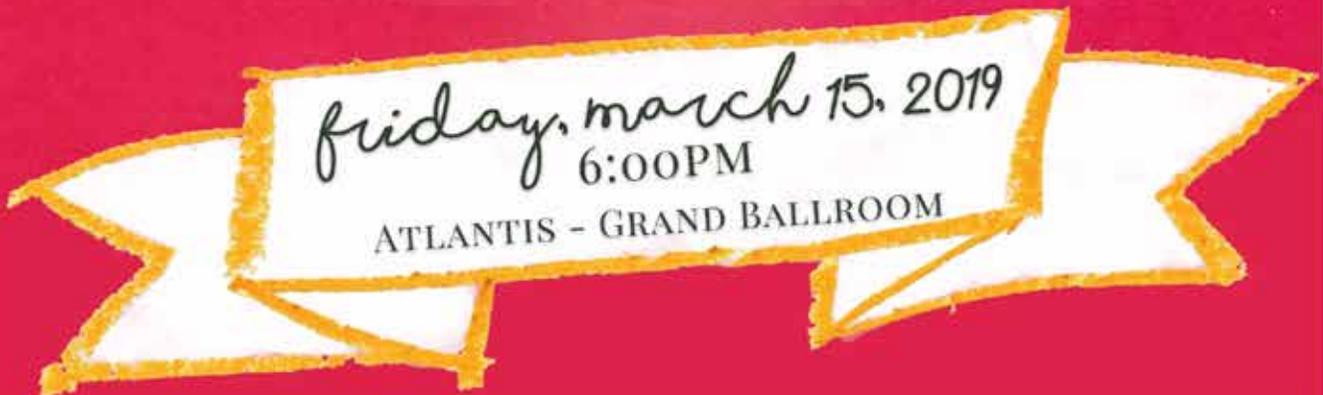
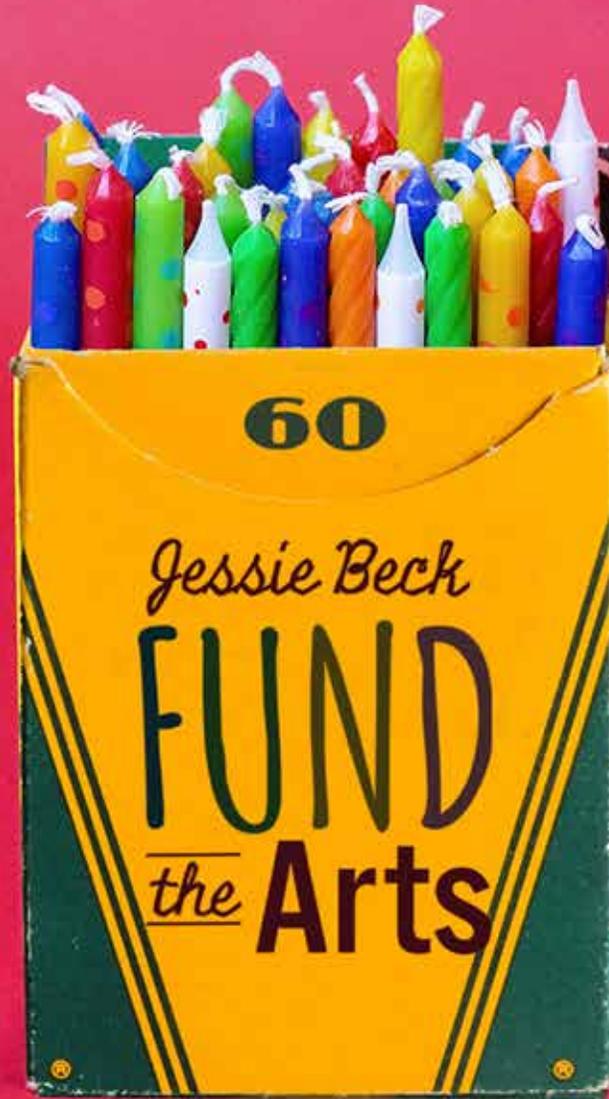
Nuestras próximas reuniones serán el 21 de febrero y el 9 de mayo.

Apúntenlos en su calendario.

**Cuando:** 21 de febrero

**Donde:** El museo de arte

**Quién:** Cualquiera persona interesada en unirse al Consejo Consultivo de Lenguaje Dual



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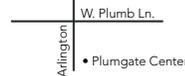
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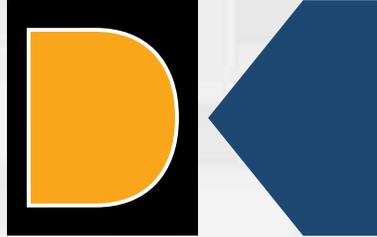
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