

# The Bear Facts

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Giving to our JB families this season.

For Thanksgiving, we were able to sponsor 25 families and both of our custodians! 27 meal baskets total - we had an abundance of food and support which was absolutely amazing and SO SO generous. Thank you!

We also had over \$500 donated in person and online - with this we were also able to purchase specific items for the families in need.

This Christmas we are planning on sponsoring about 15 families. If you would like to help out please do so by dropping off a check to our office, making it out to "Jessie Beck PFA" or donate online to [www.jessiebeckpfa.com](http://www.jessiebeckpfa.com).

Thank you so much for all your generosity!

## Dates to note

### *Natalia's El Adobe Night*

First Tuesday of the Month 4:00 to 8:00 pm

### *Jessie Beck Night at Napa Sonoma*

Plumgate Shopping Center

Third Thursday of every month 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm

### *Spirit Fridays*

Wear your Jessie Beck attire every Friday!

### *Early Release*

Every Wednesday at 2:15 pm

December 1st - 3rd & 6th - 13th - Winter MAP Reading

Dec 9 - 2nd Grade Zoom Musical @ 2:15.

Dec 10 - 3rd Grade Zoom Musical @ 2:15.

Dec 15 No Early Release due to HS Finals

Dec 16 End of the Grading Period

Dec 17 - Jan 2 Winter Break- School will be closed.



## Jessie Beck

## *the Principal's pen*

Happy December Jessie Beck Bears!

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Thanksgiving Break with your family and friends!

The holidays will soon be upon us! I am looking forward to our upcoming winter concerts.

As a reminder the 2nd grade winter concert will be on 12/9 @ 2:15 via ZOOM and our 3rd grade winter concert will be on 12/10 @ 2:15 via ZOOM.

I have enjoyed listening to all of the holiday music in preparation for their concerts!

We will begin our WINTER MAP for 1st-3rd Reading the week of December 6th- December 15th.

These winter benchmark assessments are very important to see how our students are growing with their grade level standards. These winter scores will also be indicator scores for how they will perform on their Spring SBAC assessment for grade 3. This data will also be used for our indicator scores for NVKR (formally Read by Grade 3) for grades K-3rd. The grading period will also end on December 16th, so please remind your child to get all their work turned in prior to going out on Winter Break!

Our 5th and 6th grade students will also be participating in the District Student Climate Survey the week of December 6th-December 10th. The information in this survey helps our staff support our students and families and also helps to create our goals in our School Performance Plan (SPP). I will be presenting our SPP to our PFA Board on 12/7. Based on data from last year, our three priority goals this school year are: improving our SBAC test scores across all learners; specifically our EL population, guided, data driven PLCs with our grade level teams to drive instructional practices and to improve student learning and bringing back as many in person, pre-Covid Jessie Beck traditional events as we can to continue to build a positive and safe school community with our amazing and supportive Jessie Beck families.

Have a wonderful Winter Break! 12/17-1/2-Winter Break- School will be closed.

We'll see you all back in 2022!

Cheers to all of you!

Ms. Lane



## *from the PFA*

Dear Jessie Beck Families,

Happy Holiday's! For some, this is the best time of year. Holidays generally bring families together. I hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving. There are so many things to be thankful for especially those staff/teachers we continue to recognize in our monthly newsletter. This month our 6th grade teachers were recognized for their contributions and sadly it will be the last year we see 6th grade teachers at Jessie Beck as the future 6th graders will be starting their middle school years at Swope.

There are just a few short weeks before Christmas and a much-deserved Winter Break. We are bringing your PFA Board together one last time on December 7th for our final Board Meeting of the calendar year 2021. As you can tell from the newsletter there is a lot going on and here are some key dates.

### PFA Happenings:

- December 7th – Board Meeting
- December 11th – Holiday Ornament Archery Shoot
- January 4th, 2022 – Board Meeting / General Member Meeting
- January 30th, 2022 – Ice Skating Fundraiser at Reno Ice (Already have 70 of 150 spots reserved)

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Tis' the season and have a safe and joyful holiday!

Chris Burke

PFA President

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## Counseling Update from "Mrs. C"

Happy Holidays to all our students and families at Jessie Beck!! It continues to be a very busy time of year for us all, and I am looking forward to the upcoming holiday season as we have a lot of fun activities ahead! I completed my bullying lessons during the months of October/November, and this went great! During the month of December/January, I will be pushing into all Kinder, 1st, 3rd, and 5th grade classes to deliver lessons on "Better Safe Than Sorry". This is a mandated counseling topic, and the lessons will be focused on teaching students how to be safe and make safe choices at school and home! Permission slips will be going home to each student so please be on the lookout for those!

I also wanted to thank all the families, students, faculty, and members of the New Opportunities Committee who donated and helped organize/deliver Thanksgiving Baskets to families in need this past month! We received an abundance of food and monetary donations, and we were overwhelmed with the outpouring of love and thoughtfulness!! I will now be working closely again with the New Opportunities Committee here at Jessie Beck to organize and deliver Christmas gifts to families in need. If you or anyone you know are interested in sponsoring/shopping for a family, please do not hesitate to reach out to me so I can facilitate this! Lastly, I wanted to remind all students and families that I have created a virtual counseling corner for anyone to access (in person or distant learners) that contains different resources, calming techniques, and counseling activities for all in case anyone needs them during the upcoming break! You can find the links by clicking on the different labeled icons on the page and this can be accessed on our Jessie Beck Website.

### From the Library

November was all about Thanksgiving here at the library! We learned how a woman fought for Thanksgiving to become a national holiday and how the moose family and their friends found a turkey for their celebration.

Upper grade students are learning how non-fiction books are organized by Dewey Decimal classification and I am working on new signs to make the library even more accessible and student friendly.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at [becklibrary@washoeschools.net](mailto:becklibrary@washoeschools.net).

Happy holiday season from the library,

Mrs. Cantu



### Giving Made Easy



You can help Jessie Beck with the purchases you are already making at Amazon, Office Depot, and iGive. This is a powerful source of funding (we raised over \$7000!) that can come from the money you are already spending on shopping.

Please visit <https://www.jessiebeckpfa.com/free-money-programs.html> for more details.





# Get to know your Jessie Beck staff.



## Mr. Newman

This is my 7th year teaching, all at Jessie Beck! I have taught 4th-6th grade. I am also the commissioner of the world famous Jessie Beck Flag Football League and Basketball League, while also coaching the glorious Beck Bears soccer squad, which makes its return this spring! During the winter months, after my day at Beck, I go on to my other duties as the head wrestling coach at Wooster High School. I grew up in Gardnerville, NV before moving to Reno to get my Master's in K-8 Education at the University of Nevada, where I was a student equipment manager for the football team, where Coach Ault told me to never refer to the university as UNR, haha! When I am not busy with teaching and coaching, I am rooting on the 49ers and San Francisco Giants, going to WWE events or booting up the Playstation 5 and playing some video games, with a little bit of sleep here and there.



## Mrs. Chavez

¡Hola! I have the honor of being the 6th grade Dual Language teacher at Jessie Beck. I love coming to work and seeing all my students learn and grow. I was born and raised in Reno. I graduated from the University of Nevada Reno, go wolf pack! I am married to my high school sweetheart and have a son who is also a Beck student. I love to teach, travel, and play with my dogs. I love being part of the Beck family!



## Mrs. Franklin

After many years in K/1 I made the jump to 6th grade and couldn't be happier. Over the span of my career, I have taught every grade, but 2nd. Every age provides exciting opportunities for a teacher to see growth and try to instill a love of learning, but I am especially enjoying the discussions and curriculum I get to share with these older students. When I am not teaching, I am busy running my 3 children around to their sporting events and activities. This year I have one at all 3 schools in our zone: RHS, Swope, and Beck. It makes for a lot of driving! When I am not driving around, I just like to relax – watch TV, go for a hike with my dog, bake, meet up with friends, the usual stuff - nothing too exciting.



## Mrs. McAndrews

I am the resource teacher at Jessie Beck and I love it here! I have been teaching for the past 17 years. I started my career as a dietitian in the hospital then was asked to teach nutrition in schools which I loved! I found my new path teaching, so I pursued my teaching credential with elementary students and have enjoyed it ever since. I grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area. I attended Santa Barbara City College, UC Santa Barbara, San Diego State and University of Nevada. I have two grown children, my son is 25 is a geological engineer and works for Barrick Gold. My daughter is 19 and is a sophomore at UNR studying public health. In my spare time, I love swimming, skiing, ice skating, kayaking, camping, backpacking, traveling, going to the beach and spending time with my family.



## Garden Club

We had SO MUCH ENTHUSIASM in the garden for the month of November! Who knew that food waste could be so thrilling?!! Surely it helped that worms were involved! We walked through the process of compost with the help of our book “Pumpkin Jack”. We showed the kids what a great option it is to save food waste and use it in a positive way instead of tossing it out with the garbage and sending it to landfills!! The kids loved helping the process along by breaking up the food with shovels. We were able to show how worms do this work for us, known as “vermicompost” which produces BLACK GOLD. We have 2 classrooms now with a working Worm Factory (Dr Brock and Mrs. Lowden)!!

The teachers that brought their classes to the garden in NOVEMBER were:

Brock	Lowden	Elliot
Kalleres	Woodhead	Newman
Jefferey	Condon	Jones
Maples	Lemons	

THANK YOU TEACHERS FOR YOUR SUPPORT! That means we had about 330 students who were able to spend time learning and actively understanding the benefits of the garden and specifically garden compost!! WOW! What a beautiful thing!

Our Garden Club Parents have been working on amazing things! Julie Webb planted Wild flowers along our schools back fence and placed an adorable sign! What a fun addition to our school yard! THANK YOU JULIE!

Looking forward, we would like to start up a “Bird Feeder Workshop” scheduled for January! Keep your eyes open for a sign up sheet for your child’s class and a chance to donate bird seed, peanut butter, and peanut butter substitute for allergies.

Keep Growing!

Jessie Beck Garden Club



# Art to Grow

What a wonderful time of year it is! Art is alive and thriving at Jessie Beck with our teacher and volunteers Arties busy teaching students about the wonderful world of art. Special thanks to all of you helping to make this all come together.

This year we were contacted by the local Reno Lion's Club to participate in their annual Peace Poster Contest. For over thirty years, the Lion's International Club has been hosting this contest to encourage children, ages 11-13, to creatively express what peace means to them. This allows students to share their unique images of peace with others, so that we may all have greater tolerance and international understanding.

Being our first year participating in this thoughtful contest, we were excited to have five students contribute their own artistic signature to this year's theme "We Are All Connected". Classroom visits we made to eligible grades with the discussion about Peace, what it means to them and how to start the creative process of building a visual image without using words or numbers. Posters entries were on display at the Reno Town Mall where our community could view and vote on a "Viewers Choice" award.

We would like to acknowledge the following students: Matthew Gust, Myah Mendez, Zoe Nightingale, Chloe Picetti, and Natasha Taylor for their incredibly kind and creative contributions. An award ceremony was held Wednesday, November 10th where Natasha Taylor's poster won overall and Cholo Picetti was awarded the People's Choice award for her poster. Natasha's poster advanced to the next round of judging in Las Vegas.

Next week will have all posters on display in the multipurpose room for all to see. In addition to those mentioned we will have posters from student in Dr. Brock's class. While these students didn't meet the age requirement, they wanted to express what "We Are All Connected" meant to them. A wonderful event that we can't wait to see it evolve at our school.

I would like to wish all of you a very happy, safe, and creative holiday season.

Robin - Jessie Beck Art Coordinator

# Dual Language program

The Dual Language crew wishes everyone a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year.

A few reminders... the Dual language Advisory Council will host an informational night for Spanish language options in middle school on December 9th at 6pm. We encourage ALL to hone your skills over winter break for the TALENT SHOW in February! We'd love to hear from you, BeckDLAC@gmail.com for any questions.

To ring in the tree trimming season a poem from Nobel Prize winning Mexican poet Octavio Paz. We hope you take time to celebrate your own tree within.

## A Tree Within

A tree grew inside my head.  
A tree grew in.  
Its roots are veins,  
its branches nerves,  
thoughts its tangled foliage  
Your glance sets it on fire,  
and its fruits of shade  
are blood oranges  
and flaming pomegranates.  
Day breaks  
in the body's night.  
There, within, inside my head,  
the tree speaks.  
Come closer, can you hear it?

-Octavio Paz

El equipo de Lenguaje Dual les desea a todos una maravillosa temporada navideña y un feliz año nuevo.

Algunos recordatorios ... el Consejo Asesor de Lenguaje Dual organizará una noche informativa sobre las opciones del idioma español para la escuela secundaria el 9 de diciembre a las 6:00 pm. ¡Invitamos a TODOS a perfeccionar sus habilidades durante las vacaciones de invierno para nuestro show de TALENTO en febrero! Nos encantaría saber de usted, BeckDLAC@gmail.com para cualquier pregunta o información adicional.

Para celebrar la temporada de corte de árboles lo invitamos a leer un poema del poeta mexicano ganador del Premio Nobel Octavio Paz. Esperamos que se tome el tiempo de celebrar su propio árbol en casa.



Thanks to the generous support of the Wild Sheep Foundation, the Learn to Shoot Archery clinics for Jessie Beck are off to a great start this year. We held a basic clinic in September at High Desert Archery and followed up with two themed-based shoots in October. One took place at Wasting Arrows as a zombie shoot and the other Halloween Weekend at High Desert Archery. Students in 5th grade even used 3D printers to print trophies for a final “competitive” round before the clinic ended.

The goal of these clinics is to not only introduce youth to one of the oldest Olympic sports, but to also continue to develop a sense of community within the Jessie Beck families. As you have witnessed, the pandemic has certainly restricted many of the school programs and events that had always made Beck so unique. These events allow the youth to learn archery in a fun and safe environment, while also allowing parents to socialize. Youth from different grades and classes intermingle simply have a fun time.

The goal is to try to create an archery event once a month. The Wild Sheep Foundation, which has a goal of exciting and inspiring the next generation of outdoor enthusiasts, pays for all range fees and equipment is provided. These events are ideal for both the beginner shooter or those who have had experience and simply wish to improve their archery skills.

The first of these events began in September of 2016. At that time, most of the students had never shot a bow before. Now, with yearly clinics, around 80% of every clinic has seen our students having prior experience with archery. Many have even joined local Junior Olympic Archery Division (JOAD) teams at the two archery ranges in town.

So, if interested in trying something new with your family, or improving the archery skills your child already possess, keep your eye out for upcoming clinics.

Beck Archery Events - Dr. Brock





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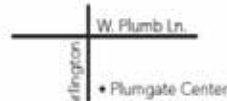


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