

# The Bear Facts

FEBRUARY  
2022



Ice Skating Event



Garden Club Bird Feeders

## PFA Happenings

Natalia's El Adobe Night - First Tuesday of the Month 4:00 to 8:00 pm

Jessie Beck Night at Napa Sonoma at Plumgate - Third Thursday of every month 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm

February 26th - Talent Show

April 22 & 23rd - Fund the Arts - Kids Walking Art Preview Show at School on Friday 22nd & the Bundox Bocce Parents Night Out on Saturday 23rd

## PFA President Report

Please take our PFA Survey. We are running a survey to get your very important feedback about events and fundraisers at our school. This information will assist the PFA Board in putting together the calendar for the 2022-2023 school year. The survey will take just a few minutes. One entry per person.

The survey has been sent out via email but you can also click the link below if you are viewing electronically.

<https://jessiebeckpfa.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/jessiebeckpfa/survey.jsp?surveyId=2&>

Fund the Arts is just around the corner! Please mark your calendars on April 22nd & 23rd, for this amazing event. Stay tuned for more announcements. <https://www.jbfundthearts.com/>

## PFA Helping Out at School

- Just approved funds for a New Copier, Printer, and Laminator
- Approval of funds to support school events, e.g. Talent Show/Field Trips/Year-End Celebration
- Continue to fund teacher appreciation opportunities
- Continue to fund Teacher Aid needs

Chris Burke

PFA President - BeckPFA@gmail.com

**Jessie Beck**  
Elementary School

## *the Principal's pen*

Happy February!

We had a wonderful staff development day on Monday, February 7th. Our K-3 teachers engaged in GLAD strategies tied to the Benchmark Curriculum which included strengthening their repertoire of practices and instructional strategies focusing on language supports, peer interaction, writing elements, graphic organizers and pictorial supports. Our upper grades focused on SBAC prep and essential standards work. All of our training is tied to our School Performance Plan. Our next PD is Monday, April 18th.

Students in **3rd-6th will be SBAC testing** April 13th-May 12th. Your child's teachers will have the detailed schedule of when their class is testing.

The 2022 Jessie Beck **Virtual Talent Show** is back! February 26th with tickets to the link will be made available closer to after February 11th. Video submissions are due 2/11. We MAY have a watch-party at the school on Saturday, February 26th-but more details to come!

Catch the Reading Wave **Reading Week** is February 28th-March 4th. We will have dress up days that week! More details to come as that week gets closer. Please look at our upcoming Connect Eds.

**Summer School** will be offered again this summer. The dates are June 21st-July 14th Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Jessie Beck will be a host site with two other elementary schools attending at Beck. More details to come. This is a great opportunity for your child to strengthen their academic skills.

**Register for the 2022-2023 School Year!** Parents can complete the online registration form under the Infinite Campus parent portal for returning students. New students also complete the online registration using this link. School staff is always available to help with the registration process. Visit [www.washoeschools.net/enroll](http://www.washoeschools.net/enroll). Incoming Kinder Students: There are new age guidelines per changes approved by the Nevada Legislature for the incoming kindergarten students. For the 2022-2023 school year, children must be five years of age on or before Monday, August 15, 2022.

**Dress Code** We continue to see bright blue skies, but cold temperatures! As a reminder, even though our weather does seem nice we must follow the dress code outlined by both Jessie Beck and the WCSD. Tops must cover the upper and middle torso, no exposed undergarments, shorts must be the appropriate length; no mini shorts.

**AM Drop-Off** We continue to see safety issues as parents stop in the middle of the crosswalk and/or street to drop their child(ren) off. We have alerted School Police and they plan to support us in our safety measures.

Thank you,

Ms. Lane



## CLINIC CORNER

Happy Valentine's Day & Heart Health Awareness month!

Our hearts are healthier with self-care.

Devoting a little time everyday to care for yourself can go a long way toward protecting the health of your heart.

Try these simple self-care ideas, such as:

- Taking a moment to destress and assess.
- Giving yourself time to move more.
- Preparing healthier meals. - Getting quality sleep.

Even small changes can make a big difference.

Thank you all for continued efforts to keeping our students and community safe and healthy by wearing a well-fitting mask while indoors and monitoring your health daily using the Screening Tool as guidance. Please continue to keep your sick student home and call in any absences to the office and/or clinic.

With winter weather upon us, please take a few moments to mark your child's jackets and belongings with their name! Our lost and found boxes have been full of gear that is unclaimed and eventually gets donated.

Thanks for your continued support and patience,

Ms. Melissa, Clinic Aide & Nurse Cassie, RN, sub-Nurse

## From the Library

Even though January turned out to be very dry, at the library we talked a lot about snow. We learned how snow crystals form, read different stories about winter and penguins, and made paper snow stars. Upper grades also learned about call numbers and how they are used in a library. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at [becklibrary@washoeschools.net](mailto:becklibrary@washoeschools.net).

Mrs. Cantu

### January Read-alouds:

Penguin Problems by Jory John

The Story of Snow. The Science of Winter's Wonder by Jon Nelson

### A look ahead:

Reading Week and the Scholastic Bookfair are 2/28-3/4!

I'm looking forward to "Catch the Reading Wave" with our Jessie Beck Bears!

## Counseling Update from "Mrs. C"

Happy February! This past month, I finished all my "Better Safe Than Sorry" guidance lessons! The students were very engaged in these lessons and had such great feedback and insight into safety strategies they use and follow daily! I also assisted in testing students in Kinder-3rd as part of our dyslexia screener and this went great as well! I also collaborated with the school counselors from Swope Middle School who will be coming to speak with all current 5th & 6th graders about the transition to middle school on 2/23/22 – we are excited for this opportunity so students are able to gain a better understanding of what their transition will look like and any questions they have will also be answered by their future school counselors! Next week, Ms. Lane and I will also be administering a GT assessment to students who have never been tested or are new to our district, so this is great news as well! Lastly, all fourth-grade students have had the opportunity to earn their self-manager badges and many of them already have! The PBIS committee popped into classes over the past few days to reward our self-managers for their hard work and dedication – this will continue this next month as well!

# Get to know your Jessie Beck staff.



## Nayma Boyce

Hola, I am the second and third grade Spanish teacher in the Dual Language program. This is my 9th year working in the Dual Language program at Jessie Beck. I graduated from UNR with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. I was a first grade teacher at Mariposa Language and Learning Academy. I moved to Austin, TX for 6 years, where I was a first grade Dual Language teacher. When I first returned to Reno, I worked as an ESL teacher at Bernice Mathews elementary school. I am very grateful and happy to be part of the Jessie Beck community.



## Mrs. Champagne

Hi! This is my 27th year teaching, and my 9th year at Jessie Beck. My 2 children and I are all Jessie Beck alumni, and I loved being a student here so much that I came back to teach as soon as I could. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from Willamette University and a Master's Degree from the University of Nevada. I have been married for 27 years to my husband, Justin, who is an attorney. My daughter graduated from Boise State University and now lives in Idaho working in public relations, and my son attends the University of Nevada and plans on attending law school after he graduates. When I'm not teaching, I love to travel, ski, and spend time with my family and friends.



## Mrs. Elliott

I'm a native Nevadan, attended Reed High class of 92, UNR and Sierra NV College with bachelor's and master's degree in Education. Taught 2-6th grade in Title I for 14 years and was lucky to land at Jessie Beck for the last 8 years. My amazing husband of 15 years and I are blessed with two great kids 14 and 10. I love the summers in Nevada for camping, boating, hiking, and a new love for snowshoeing. My other interests are cooking, fashion, and interior decorating.



## Mrs. Fermoile

Hello! My name is Laura Fermoile and this is my 22nd year of teaching. I absolutely love teaching at Jessie Beck with the fantastic staff and students. I graduated from UNR with a Bachelor of Science in Education. My husband, Doug and I have three adult children. Shawn works for a non-profit in Reno, Ashley works for the National Health Service in Dunbar, Scotland, and Nick is a gaming manager here in town. We have two granddaughters, and a grandson on the way! Can't wait to visit him in Scotland this summer. I love exploring our area, especially Lake Tahoe. At home, I enjoy gardening, cooking, reading, rooting for the Buffalo Bills, SF Giants, and spending time with family and friends.



## Mrs. Hurley

2 Truths & A Lie: I lived and taught on an island in the middle of Atlantic, I was born and raised in Reno, NV, I lived and taught on an island in the Pacific. You guys know me!! Lie: I wasn't born in NV.! I'm a SoCal Kid!

I love the warm weather, but also love Powder Days. I received my Bachelor's degree in Psychology and a M.Ed. in El Education. For the last 14 years, I've taught at several schools in many positions, K-6 SpEd, 4th grade, 3rd, and 2nd. Every year I think this is the "Best Grade, and the Best School" but I think I just truly like them all, and love what I do. Besides teaching, I have an amazing family, John, Kendall (6) old pup, Bella (15) and new pup Skunk (10 weeks, guess who named her). We love the outdoors and we love traveling. We also enjoy camping, biking, skiing, swimming, and just recently, boogie-boarding.



## Mr. Hurley

I'm Mr. Hurley (not the husband of Mrs. Hurley). I'm older than dirt and have 3 monsters I call children. They are 14, 13, and 9. I love teaching and small humans. I've been at Beck for 8 years and hope that my Wal-Mart greeter job application gets accepted soon so I can retire from education. :)



## Mrs. Welch

I began my teaching career after graduating from UNR. I started teaching 1st grade in Wells, NV and stayed there until I was married and moved to Reno. While in Reno, I have taught at a few schools, but always in first or second grade. (I love teaching the primary students, because they are excited to learn, are amazed about different things and love sharing.)

I have two boys, who are now grown and both have good jobs. On my summers and breaks, I love to go camping, exploring and fishing with my husband and dog. I also enjoy playing golf, reading good books, crafting and visiting with my family.



## Mrs. Woodhead

With a Masters in education, this is my 24th year of teaching. My favorite grade is 3rd but have taught 2-4th. Not much time for hobbies with two teenage boys (15 & 17), two crazy puppies, and I am also a spin instructor! I do love watching my sons' sports and taking naps when I can!

## *- Staff Development Day -*



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## *- Holiday Staff Party -*



# in the garden



We had huge success with our Bird Feeder Workshop the month of January! We had over 500 students learn and create their own bird feeders in the garden! As a kid, I remember appreciating a fun activity outside the daily routine of the classroom. So many thanks to Betsy who prepped and made the activity come to life!

We are also so grateful for the parents that gave us the extra adult hands that we TOTALLY needed to make the workshop efficient. Many classes have 30 plus students so things get hectic very quickly LOL!!

**FEBRUARY** - We will be a prep/brainstorming month. We have so many things to think about and plan as we look forward to our growing season. Our goal is to make the Jessie Beck Garden absolutely BURST with green, growing, fabulous, vegetables this spring and summer!!! We really want to knock it out of the park!!

**GENERAL CLEAN UP** - On Saturday, February 26 we will meet in the garden to do a quick garden clean up! All parents and kids are invited. The garden area has been busy with many little hands and feet! It could use some tidying. Just general house keeping stuff that could be taken care of easily with several hands. When we are together for this, I'd like to have a meeting to come up with our plan moving forward for planting in March. I'd love to hear everyone's ideas and suggestions on how to make the spring a really exciting and hopeful time for our students.

**SEEDS** - Now is a great time to start gathering seeds! Keep your eye out for seeds for our garden. At the DOLLAR TREE right now you can buy seed packets 4/\$1!! Grab them up! We are accepting all seed and mini greenhouse donations!

**GREENHOUSE** - We do have a goal to buy a greenhouse for our school. It would be so ideal if we could start our growing season earlier with the use of a greenhouse. We need to start researching and looking at prices for what it might cost for us to buy a decent greenhouse for our school.

**WORMS** - We have 2 Worm Factories at Jessie Beck! One is in Mrs Lowdens classroom and the other is in Dr. Brocks! And they are doing fantastic! It has been so cool to see how amazing the worms work through their food and produce

**BLACK GOLD!** The kids love it! If you are interested in the Vermicompost project and want to help or are just curious about it, you can reach out to me or the teachers that have the worms! It is AWESOME!

Keep Growing! The Jessie Beck Garden Club

\*If you would like to be a member of the Jessie Beck Garden Club please simply email [whitneyweed@gmail.com](mailto:whitneyweed@gmail.com)

# Fund the Arts

We are getting really excited to bring you the 2022 Fund The Arts event.

This year we will have two days. On Friday April 22nd we will have a Family Friendly, outdoor art walk, food, music, auction art preview at Jessie Beck, and on April 23rd we will have our traditional Adults Only speakeasy event appetizers, drinks, and auction at Bundox Bocce!

While details are still being finalized, tickets are not yet for sale, but stay tuned! We will update the website with more details, the auction preview is live and updated with sponsor info as they roll in, and sponsors can submit donations via the website as well. We're also on Facebook and Instagram!

If you want to volunteer please reach out to Bri Sullivan at [Brianne.sullivan@moneytreeinc.com](mailto:Brianne.sullivan@moneytreeinc.com)

We look forward to another great year of fundraising and hope to see you there! [Jbfundthearts.com](http://Jbfundthearts.com)

# Backgammon Cub

We are now offering kids a unique opportunity to learn classic backgammon. Sessions take place during Chess Club: Tuesdays during last recess, and Thursdays at 11:30 to 11:45. Kids may choose to participate in a chess or backgammon game during each session. For questions please email me at [georgehitti@outlook.com](mailto:georgehitti@outlook.com).



# Talent Show

Beck's virtual talent show is coming up on February 26, @ 2PM

Participation is open to any student or staff member of Jessie Beck. No enhanced features or special effects such as features on Snap Chat and Tik Tok. Videos must be a minimum of 60 seconds but no more than 2 minutes. Group videos should be no more than 4 people and will be one submission per group. Participants are responsible for providing their own costumes, props, lights and music. All videos must meet the code of conduct of WCSD, no profanity or insensitive subjects. Talent Show committee will review all videos to ensure videos are appropriate for viewing. There will be a panel of judges for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, and best multi-cultural video and best staff video. All judge decisions are final. Prizes will be awarded. All submissions must be submitted by February 11th. Videos must include first and last name.

All participants must register via the <https://www.jessiebeckpfa.com/talent-show.html>, and email videos to [Beckdlac@gmail.com](mailto:Beckdlac@gmail.com)

Best Practices for Videos. Ensure you have sufficient lighting at all times. Avoid shaky footage. Ensure audio is clean and crisp. If using a phone or tablet ensure video is horizontal. Have a clean background. Plan your video in advance.

### MOST IMPORTANTLY HAVE FUN!

Sponsorship Opportunities - \$500 Featured Sponsor of Talent Show – Includes 30 second video if available, 4 tickets to show, and featured sponsor during talent show

\$100 For Logo of company on talent show

Raffle item donations - email [BeckDLAC@gmail.com](mailto:BeckDLAC@gmail.com) to sponsor

Virtual viewing tickets are now on sale for \$5 per household

The show will air on February 26, at 2 PM. Winners will be announced at the end of the show. Buy viewing tickets @ <https://www.jessiebeckpfa.com/talent-show.html>

## Dual Language Program

We are very excited to see our many talented students, teachers and even parents in the talent show this year! Look for the video link release on Saturday February 26th. Viewing details to follow.

Spanish Summer Camp is back! It was a great success last year. We need to confirm dates but it will be after Summer school is complete, the later half of July, so mark your calendars!

Are you interested in advocating for Dual language education here at Jessie Beck and in our district? The DLAC is compiling thoughts and ideas regarding dual language education. We would love to hear from you.

Please email us [BeckDLAC@gmail.com](mailto:BeckDLAC@gmail.com). In the meantime here is some food for thought.

<https://www.npr.org/sections/ed/2016/11/29/497943749/6-potential-brain-benefits-of-bilingual-education>

¡Estamos muy emocionados de ver a nuestros estudiantes, maestros e incluso padres que son muy talentosos en el espectáculo de talentos de este año! Busque el lanzamiento del enlace del video el sábado 26 de febrero. Ve los siguientes detalles:

¡Vuelve el campamento de verano en español! Fue un gran éxito el año pasado. Necesitamos confirmar las fechas, pero será después de que termine la escuela de verano, la segunda quincena de julio, ¡así que marque sus calendarios!

¿Está interesado por la educación bilingüe aquí en Jessie Beck y en nuestro distrito? El DLAC está recopilando ideas sobre la educación bilingüe. Nos encantaría saber de usted. Envíenos un correo electrónico a [BeckDLAC@gmail.com](mailto:BeckDLAC@gmail.com). Mientras tanto, aquí hay algo para reflexionar. <https://www.npr.org/sections/ed/2016/11/29/497943749/6-potential-brain-benefits-of-bilingual-education>

## Ice Skating a Success!

By all measures, it appears the first ever ice-skating event Jessie Beck Elementary School has ever done was a great success. A few weeks before the event, which took place at Reno Ice, all 150 spots sold out. A waiting list was created with over twenty interested skaters. We reached back out to Reno Ice to see if they felt they had enough skates based upon the ages of those who signed up, and they said we shouldn't have a problem with skate sizes....so let in those on the waiting list.

Check-in appeared to go smoothly and everyone was excited to get out on the ice. When our time for the ice began kids, and many adults, couldn't wait to get out there fast enough. One fourth grader described the event as fun because she "knew all the people who were there...and it was something different" that our school did. There were certainly many wipe outs, yet all seemed to get up and continue in a fun way. It is amazing how kids seemed to just pop right up after a crash. Not sure the adults rebounded in the same way.

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported this fun experience. Keeping the Jessie Beck community strong is not only important, but can be so much darn fun at the same time.



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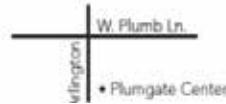


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