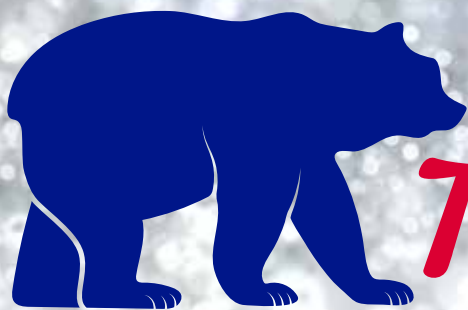


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# The Bear Facts

**Jessie Beck**  
pfa news

Dear Jessie Beck Families,

It is a constant barrage of yellow, blue & pink flyers coming home with your child backpack asking for your time & support. It feels like we are always asking to buy wrapping paper or cookie dough or count how many laps your child can run, but please read the following ways in which your constant support of our school is used and why we never give up:

Many of us don't know what is paid for by the district and how the PFA bridges the gap.

Your PFA funds three teaching positions in Intervention, Art and PE. Additionally, the PFA helps to upgrade student/teacher technology, purchasing necessary supplies and any unexpected expenses the school may be facing i.e., Covid19 protection and various materials needed for compliance and regulations.

Why am I telling you all this? Well, our next major event is Funds The Arts (please be on the lookout for details in the days ahead). Traditionally, it is our biggest event and funds the bulk of the PFA budget. We are hopeful that, although 2020 was a hard and challenging year for everyone, that Fund The Arts 2021 will an opportunity for everyone to come together as a community and create new, happy memories while donating to a most worthy and benevolent cause. Other ways to help are by donating your time as a volunteer to help in various tasks and capacities to organize this large event. We are especially in need of people with experience in grants, funding, or charity work please reach out to Bri Sullivan at [Brienne.sullivan@moneytreeinc.com](mailto:Brienne.sullivan@moneytreeinc.com)

Our website [www.jessiebeckpfa.com](http://www.jessiebeckpfa.com) is updated periodically and is a great resource for information about the budget, meetings & the events calendar. It also has all the info needed to join our PFA. It's never too late! For up-to-date information please also check us out on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/jessiebeckpfa](http://www.facebook.com/jessiebeckpfa).

As always, please contact us at [BeckPFA@gmail.com](mailto:BeckPFA@gmail.com) for various volunteering opportunities, inquiries, suggestions or feedbacks.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year!

May it be healthy and happy for all.

Edgard Hitti, President

## - Dates to Note -

### *Natalia's El Adobe Night*

First Tuesday of the month from 4:00 to 8:00 pm

### *Jessie Beck Night at Napa Sonoma*

Plumgate Shopping Center

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

### *Spirit Fridays*

Wear your Jessie Beck attire every Friday!

### *Early Release*

Every Wednesday at 2:15 PM

Jan 25th - Feb 7th *Online Scholastic Bookfair*

January 29th *Map testing for our*

*Distance Learners & Kindergarten*

March 24 *Odin Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough  
Fundraiser Begins*

## SOMEONE 2 KNOW -

Our very own Samuel Flores was featured by KTVN News 2.

Check out his heartwarming story by following the below.

<https://www.ktvn.com/clip/15176261/someone-2-know-samuel-flores>

We adore you Samuel and are so appreciative of ALL that you do for all of us!



## *the Principal's pen*

Happy 2021 Jessie Beck Students and Families!

We had a wonderful week welcoming back both our in-person and distance-learning students. I look forward to the New Year and to our spring semester! I am hopeful the pandemic will move in a positive direction and we will begin to see some normalcy in our lives again. I know that this is what we are all hopeful for!

I received some exciting news of the Winter Break. I had applied for a \$10,000.00 Grant to the Van Sickle Foundation. We found out the 2nd week of break that we did receive this grant, which was wonderful news for our students and staff. The grant was written to reinstate our Dreambox and Accelerated Reader licenses. Both license combined are well over \$10,000.00 and this was a VERY WELCOMED gift from this foundation since we have had to look towards alternative funding this year for some of the programs we use on campus. As soon as both of these programs are up and running, your child's teacher will let you know.

I have also written and submitted a \$10,000.00 grant to the E.L.Cord Foundation to support the funding of iPads and an iPad charging cart. Most of our classrooms have 4-6 iPads, however it would be so beneficial for Jessie Beck to have a cart that could move from classroom to classroom to support all of our students. Fingers crossed!

We just completed our Winter MAP testing for our in-person learning students. In the weeks to come, we will be MAP testing our Distance Learners and our Kinder students in Reading as well. We will also be ACCESS testing our ELL students. Both assessments are truly helping to support teachers in their instruction and interventions. We have seen many benefits with our smaller class sizes due to capacity guidelines and our Distance Learners too, are excelling in their home environment and learning platform.

We have our Annual Fund the Arts Fundraiser coming too! This year will be very different, but very exciting! Please plan to "Save the Date" on April 24th, 2021 for a Socially Distanced Dinner, Art Show and Auction. Our committee is working very hard to get creative in our planning efforts and there are exciting things in store for all of us. We will be having both a virtual and "drive-thru" option for the event. As soon as the details come together, I will be sure to pass those along. If you are interested in donating any monetary, service or business donations to the event, please contact Brianne Sullivan at 702-499-3154 for more information or you can donate at our event website [jbfundthearts.com](http://jbfundthearts.com).

Thank you,

Ms. Lane





## CORPORATE FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

Jessie Beck Elementary School seeks your support to help us achieve our mission to improve the quality of Education through Art and Technology.

Jessie Beck has a tiered fundraising approach to accept donations from supporting organizations and individuals, with Platinum, Gold, and Silver sponsor levels. Each sponsor level includes unique benefits that are available.

### SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

<u>Annual Donation</u>	<u>Donor Designation</u>
\$2000	Platinum
\$1000	Gold
\$500	Silver

#### PLATINUM SPONSOR –

- 24" x 60" Banner installed on the Plumb Lane fence line, proudly displaying business logo and support of Jessie Beck (banner displayed until Dec. 2021)
- Mention on the Jessie Beck Elementary School sponsorship webpage (including company logo) as a "Platinum Sponsor"
- ¼ Page, full-color advertisement in the **Fund The Arts** printed program
- Press release announcing the Platinum Sponsorship
- A "Platinum Sponsor" plaque

#### GOLD SPONSOR –

- Mention on the Jessie Beck Elementary School sponsorship webpage (including company logo) as a "Gold Sponsor"
- Full-color logo publication in the **Fund The Arts** printed program
- Press release announcing the Gold Sponsorship

#### SILVER SPONSOR –

- Mention on the Jessie Beck Elementary School sponsorship webpage (including company logo) as a "Silver Sponsor"
- Name listed in the **Fund The Arts** printed program

**Please assist Jessie Beck Elementary School in its goal of expanding, updating, and maintaining the Art and Technology departments by completing and returning the donation form on the following page.**



## 2021 DONATION FORM

Thank you for supporting Jessie Beck Elementary School!  
To make a donation, please mail or hand deliver this  
completed form to:

**JESSIE BECK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**1900 SHARON WAY**  
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**If you have any questions, please contact Anna  
Thornley (732) 670-3536  
anna.f.thornley@gmail.com**

**Payments can also be made at:  
<https://www.jessiebeckpfa.com/donate.html>**

## Library

Happy New Year Jessie Beck!

I am so excited to get to start fresh in a new year with you all!

I want to give everyone a recap of our first half of the school year in library;  
Mrs. Fischer has been coming classroom to classroom to conduct library time,

K-2nd grade have a cart of grade level books brought to them to choose from each week and we spend about 10-15 minutes hearing a read aloud by either myself, Ryan and Craig, or Awnie's House (see websites below), we do a coloring page and or activity that goes along with the story or theme for the week and the kids have been doing SO well!

With our 3rd-5th grade students, I have just finished (or will be finishing) *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate and most classes have chosen to continue on with her sequel *The One and Only Bob*!

6th graders and I have just finished an "edge of your seat" mystery called *Stranger Next Door* by Peg Kehret and will be continuing on with its sequel *Spy Cat*.

All 3rd-6th grade students have learned and should be fluent in Destiny Discover and putting books on hold and so far have had little issues!

We will be having another ONLINE SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR coming up January 25th-February 7th as well as a Read A Thon fundraiser in March for Read Across America Week; information for both will be sent home with your student.

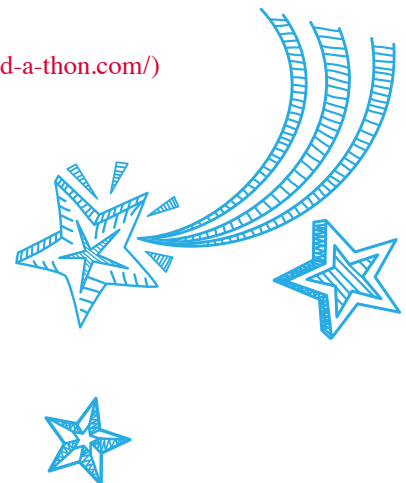
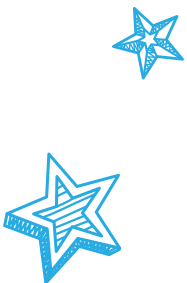
Wishing everyone a happy and healthy new year!

- Mrs. Fischer; Jessie Beck Librarian

**Ryan and Craig:** [www.ryanandcraig.com](http://www.ryanandcraig.com)

**Awnie's House:** [www.youtube.com/channel/UCbqmj1hzxuAXsjk08k-KP6w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbqmj1hzxuAXsjk08k-KP6w)

We are looking for a couple of volunteers to help with our Read A Thon (<https://www.read-a-thon.com/>)



# Art to Grow & Fund the Arts

## Greetings and Happy New Year!

With the changing of the calendar and a new year we are beginning to see light at the end of the tunnel. For so many of us, art has been a great escape and comfort to deal with the stress of our world battling the pandemic. Looking forward it can be a beacon of hope and reflection. Whether it's doodling to unwind, practicing to perfect, or the simple act of creating art for art's sake. The platform of art can serve many purposes.

As we are embarking on our collaborative art projects, we are challenged to create an engaging environment where all can participate safely. While this is not the same scene as years past. This is an opportunity to strengthen skills and highlight the resilience of our students and staff. A time to show art's impact on all of us.

Over the coming weeks, your students will be learning and practicing first for their own work of art and then for a classroom masterpiece. All of us are very excited to see the projects unfold. Please stay tuned for a glimpse of what your artists are creating.

Stay creative,  
Robin

- PLEASE SAVE THE DATE -

**APRIL 24TH 2021**

**FOR A SOCIALLY DISTANCED DINNER, ART SHOW & AUCTION**

## FUND THE ARTS

Fund The Arts is right around the corner and we are looking for donations of all sorts.

Do you own a business and have goods you want to donate?

Do you have a special skill and would like to donate your time to give a virtual "master class", or do you just want to do a monetary donation?

We are looking for all of these options in this unique year.

This year will look a bit different, but we still have some great fun planned and are looking forward to still supporting Jesse Beck!

We will be having both a virtual and "drive-thru" option for the event.

With additional details coming in the next couple of weeks.

Please contact Brianne Sullivan at 702-499-3154 for more information, or you can even donate at our event website [jbfundthearts.com](http://jbfundthearts.com).

Thank You,  
Brianne Sullivan



# Dual Language Program

It takes 5-7 years for full language acquisition to take place. If your child is in the Dual Language Program, that means he/she will be at the brink of fluency upon graduation from elementary school. This means that language study and practice need to be continued and supported in middle school and beyond for full fluency into adulthood. If your child is not in the Dual Language Program and you would like him/her to have second language exposure, the sooner it is started the better!

Did you know that as of right now, there is no Spanish or other World Language option available to Swope Middle schoolers? The Dual Language Advisory Council has been working with Swope Middle School to re-establish Spanish as a class at the middle school level for students of all language development stages. We need your help! Learn how you can join DLAC in advocating for Spanish instruction at Swope by attending our next meetings, January 21 and/or March 4 at 6:30pm via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85111316122?pwd=NkdqRGd4MINPcGx4QjRkckNuOFN6Zz09> **Passcode:** beck

We hope to see you there!

La adquisición completa de un idioma tarda entre 5 y 7 años. Si su hijo/a está en el Programa de Lenguaje Dual, eso significa que estará al borde de la fluidez al graduarse de la escuela primaria. El estudio y la práctica del lenguaje deben continuar y apoyarse en la escuela media y más allá para lograr una fluidez total en la edad adulta. Si su hijo/a no está en el Programa de Lenguaje Dual y le gustaría que tuviera exposición en un segundo idioma, que empiece lo antes posible.

¿Sabías que al día de hoy, no hay ninguna opción para aprender el Español (u otra opción de idioma) disponible para los estudiantes de secundaria de Swope? El Consejo Asesor de Lenguaje Dual (DLAC) está trabajando con Swope Middle School para restablecer el Español como una clase en la escuela secundaria para estudiantes cual sea su nivel de aprendizaje del idioma. ¡Necesitamos tu ayuda! Aprenda cómo puede unirse a DLAC en la defensa de la instrucción en español en Swope asistiendo a nuestras próximas reuniones, el 21 de enero y/o el 4 de marzo a las 6:30 pm a través de Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85111316122?pwd=NkdqRGd4MINPcGx4QjRkckNuOFN6Zz09> contraseña: beck

**The Clippable Box Tops For Education** program has started back up again at Beck. I am glad that we can start up the program again and continue to earn money for our school. Please send all unexpired Box Tops with your kiddos to school. Box Top bags have now been placed in the classrooms. Please also continue to scan your receipts to get credit for the digital Box Tops on the Box Tops For Education app. The participation on the app has been amazing!!! I applaud everyone who has been using the app to submit their Box Tops. Way to go Jessie Beck!!! Keep up the good work, and remember that every penny counts for our school!





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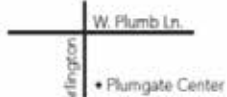
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