

The Bear Facts

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Happy New Year!

For those that stuck around Reno, you know the snow came right on cue for a white Christmas! With a new year brings new resolutions, Winter Olympics, and all sorts of exiting events for Jessie Beck!

Our Ice Skating Event on January 30 is Now Sold Out! We have a waiting list in the event of cancellations. Get all the details at <https://www.jessiebeckpfa.com/ice-skating-event.html>. We can't wait to see you on the Ice! If you are no longer able to attend, or your headcount shrinks, please let us know by emailing Lauren Murray at minikat5@aol.com. The event is sold out and we have a skaters on a wait list. We are not processing refunds, but your registration fee will be converted to a donation to our PFA.

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

January 30th - Ice Skating Fundraiser at Reno Ice * This event is Sold Out!

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

Many of our members have contributed so much already. Our generous sponsors have made it easy to produce a quality newsletter and greatly supported our events, large and small. Thank you for your generosity. The PFA continues to use these earnings to support the needs of the entire school!

We still need support for our marque event in April, Fund the Arts. If you'd like to help, please contact our event chair Bri Sullivan at brianne.gottiersullivan@gmail.com.

Chris Burke

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Jessie Beck
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the Principal's pen

Jessie Beck Students and Families,

Happy 2022 to all of you! We hope you all had a wonderful and restful Winter Break. I am hopeful for a great semester ahead! As things continue to evolve with Covid and exclusionary timelines, we will keep you posted with developing information.

We have exciting things happening this month and next!

Announcing *Jessie Beck's First Ice-Skating Event*:

When: January 30th from 1-2:00 (show up 30 minutes early to get your skates on)

Where: Reno Ice (15500 Wedge Parkway)

Cost: Only \$7 per skater (parents, older siblings, and friends are surely welcome)

To Register: Visit the Jessie Beck PFA Website at <https://www.jessiebeckpfa.com/ice-skating-event.html>

This event has been generously sponsored by The Bin Trash Spa! A new business owned by Beck parents. Find out more at <https://thebintrashspa.com/>.

Reading Week will be February 28th-March 4th. We hope you were able to order your reading week shirt. Shirt orders are available through January 6th, 2022.

Report Cards go home on 1/11.

MAP Make-Ups are the week of January 3rd and Kinder Reading MAP is January 10th-January 14th

No School 1/17/22-Martin Luther King Holiday.

Our 2nd Annual Jessie Beck Talent Show will be February 26th! More information to come.

Thank you,

Ms. Lane



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ICE SKATE

January 30th
from 1-2:00

Jessie Beck's first ice
skating event!

SOLD OUT

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Reno Ice
15500 Wedge Pkwy
Reno, NV 89511

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Counseling Update from "Mrs. C"

I want to welcome all our students and staff back to Jessie Beck – I hope everyone had a restful and relaxing winter break!! For the remainder of the month, I will be finishing up my Better Safe Than Sorry guidance lessons that began in December before break. Our 4th Grade students will also have the opportunity to begin earning their self-manager badges! I will be going over the details with them this week!

I also wanted to thank all the families, students, faculty, and members of the New Opportunities Committee/PFA who helped organize and sponsor families in need for Christmas this year! We received an outpouring of support and monetary donations that helped make Christmas a little brighter for those in need here at Jessie Beck, and we are beyond thankful for this!



From the Library

In December we celebrated the season with various holiday books as well as a small art project and a Christmas STEAM game competition. The Chess and Backgammon club is meeting twice a week at the library and 4th - 6th graders are having fun playing a game or two during their recess.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at becklibrary@washoeschools.net. Wishing you a Happy New Year from the library,

Mrs. Cantu

TOP TITLES OF 2021

Dog Man series by Dav Pilkey

Who Would Win series by Jerry Pallotta

Sisters by Raina Telgemeier



Miss Magee

I'm a 3rd generation Nevadan with deep roots here in Reno.

I love spending time in our beautiful outdoors alpine skiing, backcountry skiing, mountain biking, road cycling, and hiking.

I also love to travel and cook, sharing dinners with family and friends. I received a BS in Elementary and Special Education from the University of Nevada Reno, and then a Master of

Education with a major in Literacy Studies from UNR as well.

Teaching is my passion, and I'm so happy to be part of the Jessie Beck family!

Get to know your Jessie Beck staff.



Mrs. Kalleres

My name is Katrena Kalleres and I have been teaching for 21 years and have been a 4th grade teacher at Jessie Beck for 16 years. I grew up in Reno, NV and am a Wooster graduate. I attended the University of Nevada and have a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. I earned my Teaching Endorsement through Sierra Nevada Collage. I also have a Master's Degree in Literacy Studies from the University of Nevada. I have been married for 21 years and have two amazing children who attended Jessie Beck with me. My daughter Abigail was in the TWI program and is currently a junior at Demonte Ranch High school speaking Spanish fluently. My son is in 8th grade at Depoali Middle School and loves it. He is applying to the STEM program at Galena High school. We enjoy vacationing in Mexico. We are definitely a warm weather family. I enjoy golfing, running and watching my kids play soccer and of course laying out by a pool or beach.



Dr. Brock

This is my 20th year teaching at Jessie Beck, where I she taught 4th, 5th, 6th grades and one year of a whole-school science teacher. I have attended UNLV and UNR, where I earned my degrees, including a Ph.D in curriculum, teaching, and learning. I am passionate about the outdoors and the sciences, developing these loves early in my life growing up in Colorado. One interesting fact about me is that I have climbed 26 of the state's highest points, and may get a few more in at some point. Both of my kids have attended Jessie Beck and my wife owns a vet practice in Sparks.



Mrs. Espinosa

I was born in Reno and attended Reno High School and University of Nevada, Reno. I received my teacher credential from Sierra Nevada College in Incline. My husband is Shawn Espinosa and we have 2 boys that I'm extremely proud of. You can usually find me on the golf course, ski hill, or on the lacrosse field watching my boys plays. Joseph is 17 and attends Galena High School and Noah is 14 and is an 8th grader at Marce Herz. I've been teaching now for 22 years, 16 of those at Beck, and can say that on most days I still love what I do!



Cristy Fernandez

¡Hola! My name is Cristy Fernandez, and I teach 4th-5th combo for the Dual Language Program at Jessie Beck. I was born in Santiago, Chile. I graduated from Reno High School and continued at the University of Nevada, Reno. I received a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a M. Ed in Educational Leadership. This is my 4th year teaching at Jessie Beck and my 16 years as a teacher for WCSD. Outside of school, I enjoy reading, traveling around the world, shopping and spending time with my bullmastiff, family, and friends. If there was one thing I could instill in my students, it would be a love for learning. It is my personal philosophy that every child can learn, therefore it is my goal to facilitate a positive learning environment where students feel safe to push themselves and take chances on more challenging tasks. I am dedicated to help students find their strengths and build upon those strengths to reach their highest potential.

Garden Club

We are well on our way to understanding the key components of a healthy garden. The month of January we will be inviting birds to our garden with our creative bird feeder workshop January 11 & 13 at school from 12:00 - 2:30 sign ups are available per class.

Parents if you can please donate a bag of 8 lb Song Bird Seed and Cookie Cutters we will supply the rest.

Please let us know if you are able to contribute to our Spring planting we are asking for vegetable seeds, seedlings, portable greenhouses, and soil.

Keep Growing!

The Jessie Beck Garden Team

whitneyweed@gmail.com



Art to Grow

Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful holiday break and are ready to take art to new heights in 2022!.

Classes are beginning their journey through the collaborative art process in preparation for this year's Fund the Arts to be held in April. Each class will create a one-of-a-kind piece of art with all students participating together. Past masterpieces have included everything from printmaking, photography, multi-media, watercolor, ceramics, mosaic, woodwork, and more. The process of collaborative art provides a wealth of learning and opportunities for students and adults alike. From concept to problem-solving to triumph, each art piece is a reflection of that process. Students not only learn new skills, they learn community, empathy, built confidence, and a sense of ownership with the group project. Stay tuned to hear all about the various projects and classroom journeys as they take shape.

Shout out to all the wonderful Arties who are back assisting and teaching in the classrooms. We love seeing you on campus and the amazing art lesson plans and projects the students are learning and creating. Keep up the great work.

If you are looking for a way to get involved to make a difference at our school, become an art volunteer. We always have room and welcome new volunteers with or without art experience. Training and resources provided. Please contact me if you are interested in being a part of our Art to Grow Program.

Happy creating!

Robin Heywood - Jessie Beck Art Coordinator
robinheywood@sbcglobal.net

Dual Language program

Trying to decide where to send your student to middle school?

If you missed our meeting about middle school options with Spanish offered, see our notes below:

Está tratando de decidir a dónde enviar a su estudiante a la escuela intermedia?

Si se perdió nuestra reunión sobre las opciones de escuela intermedia con español ofrecido, consulte nuestras notas a continuación:

Swope Middle School

- Zoned school for Beck students
- No application or variance needed
- Currently offer Spanish 1 (world language)
- Allocation volatile
- Encouraging to start a Spanish literacy course
- Access to all regular electives and middle school sports
- Teacher: native Spanish speaker
- ?s: Akopal@washoeschools.net 775-333-5330

Mt. Rose K-8 Academy of Languages

- Honors Program – application due by January 14, 2022
- Variance needed
- Two strands of middle schoolers – one TWI and one non-TWI
- Spanish Language Arts, daily, 50 min
- Science in Spanish, daily, 50 min
- Electives: leadership, robotics, art/PE, sports via zoned school (parents must transport)
- Teacher: native Spanish speaker
- ?s: kbrown@washoeschools.net 775-333-5030

Vaughn Middle School

- International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program (feeds to Wooster)
- Variance needed
- Current Spanish literacy level A and adding each year
- Four Spanish-speaking teachers
- Access to all regular electives and middle school sports
- Cultural benefits of Spanish in the hallways, admin speaks Spanish, bilingual signage
- ?s: rgsmith@washoeschools.net 775-333-5160

Swope Middle School

- Escuela zonificada para estudiantes de Beck
- No se necesita aplicación ni varianza
- Actualmente ofrece español 1 (idioma mundial)
- Asignación volátil
- Animar a iniciar un curso de alfabetización en español
- Acceso a todas las asignaturas optativas regulares y deportes de la escuela intermedia
- Profesor: hablante nativo de español
- ?s: Akopal@washoeschools.net 775-333-5330

Mt. Rose K-8 Academy of Languages

- Programa de Honores: la solicitud debe presentarse antes del 14 de enero de 2022
- Varianza necesaria
- Dos ramas de estudiantes de secundaria: una TWI y una no TWI
- Artes del Lenguaje Español, todos los días, 50 min
- Ciencia en español, todos los días, 50 min
- Optativas: liderazgo, robótica, arte / educación física, deportes a través de la escuela zonificada (los padres deben transportar)
- Profesor: hablante nativo de español
- ?s: kbrown@washoeschools.net 775-333-5030

Vaughn Middle School

- Programa de los Años Intermedios del Bachillerato Internacional (antes de Wooster)
- Varianza necesaria
- Nivel actual de alfabetización en español A y adición cada año
- Cuatro profesores de habla hispana
- Acceso a todas las asignaturas optativas regulares y deportes de la escuela intermedia
- Beneficios culturales del español en los pasillos, el administrador habla español, señalización bilingüe
- § ?s: rgsmith@washoeschools.net 775-333-5160

CLINIC CORNER

Welcome 2022! New year, same procedures, here's a refresher.

Masks: Until further notice, we are still mandated to wear these while indoors.

Please provide your student with a few masks in their backpacks. The health office alone has been handing out about 20 washable masks A DAY! Please provide your students with clean, well-fitting masks everyday!

Exclusions: As of now, the WCHD and WCSD hasn't amended the exclusion policy, which is currently a 10-day period. If and when changes are made, you will be informed.

Notifications: If your family has been affected by a COVID situation, please inform the school health office so we can take the necessary steps to make notify with the appropriate parties involved. Due to privacy policies, we can not make class-wide notifications and can only take care of contacts made at school.

Testing: WCSD has partnered with Northshore Clinical Labs to offer free COVID-19 PCR and antigen testing at 11 district high schools 2 days each week. BEFORE TEST, register at <https://northshoreclinical.jotform.com/213065749498974>. For more information WashoeSchools.net/COVID19testing. And a reminder that home tests are not accepted.

Vaccines: In partnership with the Washoe County Health District (WCHD) and the Community Health Alliance (CHA), the Washoe County School District (WCSD) is hosting COVID-19 Vaccination Points of Distribution (PODs) to provide free COVID-19 vaccines to children 5 to 11 years old.

These vaccination clinics will take place at various school sites after school hours and offer the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for 5 to 11 years old only. Two doses are required, three weeks apart. Once those dates/times are determined, that information will be posted here. There will be no adult or booster shots available at these clinics. A parent or legal guardian must accompany all children to receive the vaccine.

If your student(s) are vaccinated, please inform or bring in a copy of the immunization card to the health office so we can record those dates. This greatly helps when determining exclusion statuses.

Thank you all for your patience during these ever-changing times.

Wishing you all a safe and healthy new year!



January Fun Page



Across

2. January starts the New ____.
3. The weather is ____ in January.
5. The month before January is ____.
6. first month of the year
7. Sometimes it _____ in January.

Down

1. We use a new ____ in January.
4. We celebrate the birthday of Dr. ____ in January.
5. January has thirty-one ____.




COAT
COLD
FROST
ICE

IGLOO
SCARF
SNOW
WINTER




Play in the Snow-A Rebus Story

I want to play in the .

I put on my  and .

I put on my .

I put on my  and .


I run out the .


Playing in the  is fun !

I like the .


Word Key


snow 


snow pants 

boots 

coat 

mittens 

hat 

door 



adventure calls

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