

# The Bear Facts

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Dear Jessie Beck Families,

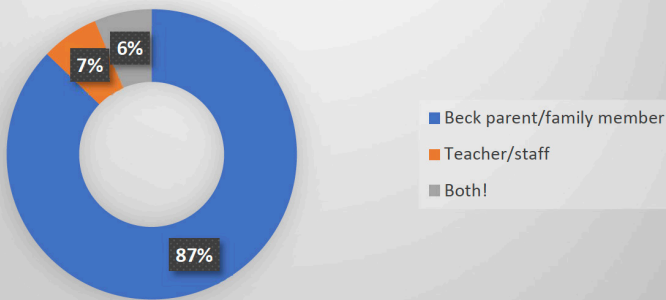
**Fund the Arts is just around the corner!** Mark your calendars on April 22nd & 23rd, for this amazing event. Stay tuned for more announcements. <https://www.jbfundthearts.com/>

**Your Survey Results are in!** Thank you for your participation, we received 78 responses to our PFA Survey, regarding PFA Fundraising. (see graphs on pg 6)

Chris Burke

PFA President - BeckPFA@gmail.com

Beck parent/family member accounts for the majority of 'I am a...!'



## 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

**March 14 - March 25** - Spring Break

**March 28 - April 11** - Cookie Dough Sales

**March 29** - Grimes Point

**April 5th** - Board/General Member Meeting at 4:00 PM/5:00 PM, Respectively

**April 8 - 14** - Spring Candy Grams for Sale

**Jessie Beck**  
Elementary School



## *the Principal's pen*

Happy March Jessie Beck Students and Families:

Thank you to all of our students and families who supported our Book Fair!

It was a GREAT success and our students read over 85,882 minutes! That is over 1,431 hours!

Way to go Beck Bears!

**Fund the Arts** is just over a month away and this is the last week to get your donations in for both corporate donations and silent auction donations and be featured in our event program. Tickets will go on sale March 10 and invites will be out soon with some extra details!

### **Transportation:**

The weeks Beck is impacted by no transportation are listed below, so please plan accordingly.

4/11-4/15, 5/9-5/13, 6/6-6/7

**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. Teachers will be reaching out to families of students who would benefit from in-person summer school. Once this contact has been made and parents would like their child to be signed up, our secretary will enroll he/she. This will be a great opportunity for some of our students to continue to improve their academic skills. There will also be an enrichment Summer School option where students can continue working on Dreambox and Reading A-Z.

**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, for balanced calendar schools.

**SBAC**-Grades 3rd-6th will be April 13th-May 12th. Teachers will let you know class specific dates as it gets closer.

**April 18th-State Professional Day for staff-No school, No nutrition services, No before or afterschool programs.**

Thank you,

Ms. Lane



## CLINIC CORNER

Although the exclusion period has been shortened to 5 days, the contagious time can still last the 10 days. Which is why when your student completes their 5-day exclusion we ask that they wear a well-fitting mask upon return, day 6 through day 10. If student is not able or willing to wear a fitted mask, exclusion is 10 days. You may return day 11, if symptomatic conditions are met.

People wear masks for many reasons, not just illness or exposure. Please be kind and understanding.

Parents of 6th graders, please look for a flyer regarding the vaccination requirements for incoming 7th graders. TDaP and MCV(meningitis) are both required PRIOR to the first day of school and will be turned away if not compliant.

Avoid the rush and bring in vaccine documentation to the health office and it will be entered into IC. Please contact the school nurse at J. Beck or at Swope with any questions or concerns regarding this requirement.

Stay safe and healthy during SPRING BREAK!

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

## From the Library

Our Book Fair was an outstanding success!

Thanks to your contribution, we raised over \$3500 for our school and were able to put a lot of books in our student's hands. Thank you to students, parents, staff, and volunteers for your support of the library!

Last month, we read books about Valentine's and President's Day. Upper grade students learned how to use our library catalog. They searched for books, looked through our collection online, and were able to put books on hold (that were delivered to their classroom later).

We all learned about wishing traditions around the world before working on a school-wide collaborative art project for the FUNd the Arts auction.

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

Have a great Spring Break,

Mrs. Cantu

## Counseling Update from "Mrs. C"

I have a few updates regarding the guidance lessons I have been completing and what I plan to do next! I wrapped up our district mandated guidance on "Better Safe Than Sorry" and I will now start prepping for our next mandated topic "SHARE". The SHARE guidance lessons will be given to all 4-6th grade students here at Jessie Beck and parents/guardians MUST sign a permission slip for their child to participate/receive the lesson. Parents should be receiving notice and permission slips this week – I will begin these lessons when we return from Spring Break! Parents also can preview all the lessons/information about SHARE by visiting our Jessie Beck website where you will find a SHARE link to click on! Please reach out directly to me if you have any questions! In addition to this, I have also been collaborating with a few teachers at Jessie Beck and pushing into classrooms to provide further SEL (social-emotional learning) lessons in the classroom that are tailored to a need/trend we may be seeing! Furthermore, I am happy to announce that I have started a "LUNCH BUNCH" small group which gives groups of students another opportunity to connect with their peers and discuss issues/topics that each may be dealing with currently!



# Get to know your Jessie Beck staff.



## Mrs. Lemons

Hello, I have lived in Reno most of my life, I attended elementary, middle, and high school here in Reno. I went away to the University of Southern California, I graduated with a BS in business communication. After graduation I lived in San Francisco for a short time and then returned to Reno and started working on a master's degree in elementary education at UNR. I have been teaching for 22 years, I have taught Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades. I have been married to my husband Craig for 27 years, he just retired from the WCSD/Reno High in June. We have 3 boys; Austin is the oldest and a senior at UNR and the twins Cole and Graham are in 10th grade at Reno High. I love teaching at JB!



## Mrs. Krebs

Hola! I graduated from the University of Nevada with an honors degree in elementary education with an emphasis in English Language Learning and minors in Spanish and Spanish translation. This is my fourth-year teaching and my first at Jessie Beck as the Dual Language kindergarten teacher. I grew up in small-town Illinois, moved to Reno for college, and decided to stay for the mountains, culture, community, and eventually my husband and our two dogs. When I'm not teaching I enjoy hiking, trips to Disney, snuggling up with our dogs and a good book. Becoming a Jessie Beck Bear has been a dream and I'm so thankful to work with all the wonderful families and staff at this school.



## Mrs. Jones

Hi! My name is Kati Jones. This is my 2nd year teaching at Beck, and I love it here. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from William Jessup University and a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Grand Canyon University. I was born and raised in Truckee, California and moved to Reno 7 years ago. I love being outdoors. In my free time I enjoy watching football, camping, and fishing with my husband.



## Mrs. Jeffrey

Hello! My name is Polly Jeffery and I absolutely love teaching Kindergarten at Jessie Beck! I grew up in Washington state and am a graduate of the University of Washington. I moved to Reno in 2000 and attended Sierra Nevada College where I earned my teaching credential. I'm a mother, stepmother, wife and sister. When I'm not working I enjoy spending my time with my wonderful family and exploring the outdoors.

*Kindergarten*  
the bear facts





## Mrs. Maples

I am excited to be teaching first grade this year, I love beginning readers and writers. They are so joyful, and every day is filled with discoveries. I grew up in Oregon and I do not miss the rain at all! Here's a fun fact about one of my first-grade partners: I first met Mrs. Condon teaching summer camp together in Hong Kong. When I am not at school, I spend my spare time relaxing with my family. My son is a Junior at Reno High School, and my daughter is a Sophomore at the University of Nevada. I miss the days I could see them running around on our playground. Both have amazing memories of their time at Jessie Beck. I am so thankful to work here!



## Mrs. Condon

Hi there! I was born and raised here in SW Reno. I graduated from Reno High and the University of Oregon, along with my fellow Duck, Mrs. Maples. I later came back to Reno to get my teaching degree at UNR and a masters from Lesley College. I have been married for 27 years and have three amazing children, all of whom are Jessie Beck alumni. Two have graduated from UNR and one is a freshman there this year. Time really does fly! I have 23 years teaching in our district and love what I do, but I do love my vacations. I spend most of my summers up at my cabin, fishing, hiking, cooking, and spending time with my family. My favorite teams are the San Francisco Forty-Niners and the S.F. Giants.



## Mrs. Lowden

I am from the United States, but not from a state. Can you guess? I have been at Beck long enough to remember when Dr. Brock sold pickles at recess. I've visited many parts of the world and love teaching about different states and countries. In my classroom, "A person's a person no matter how small!" I love reading and some of my favorite books are: The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse, Harry the Dirty Dog and A Bad Case of Stripes. Both of my daughters are grown and live on the east coast, which I visit often. When I am not at school, you'll find me walking my dog Watson with friends or in my garden.



## Mrs. Cruz

I am the 1st grade Dual Language teacher. I was born and raised in Reno, Nevada and graduated from UNR in 2021. I am the oldest of 3 and have 2 wonderful parents. During my free time, I like to travel with my boyfriend, go on hikes, and bake. I am very happy that I got the opportunity to start my teaching career at such a wonderful school like Jessie Beck!

Your responses will help guide decisions we will make to enhance our fundraising efforts moving forward.

### Votes in Favor of Corporate Sponsorships:

The Board is putting together tiered corporate sponsorship packages, wherein you pay once for a group of events  
Fund the Arts program ad, fence banner, golf tournament hole sign, newsletter ad, etc.

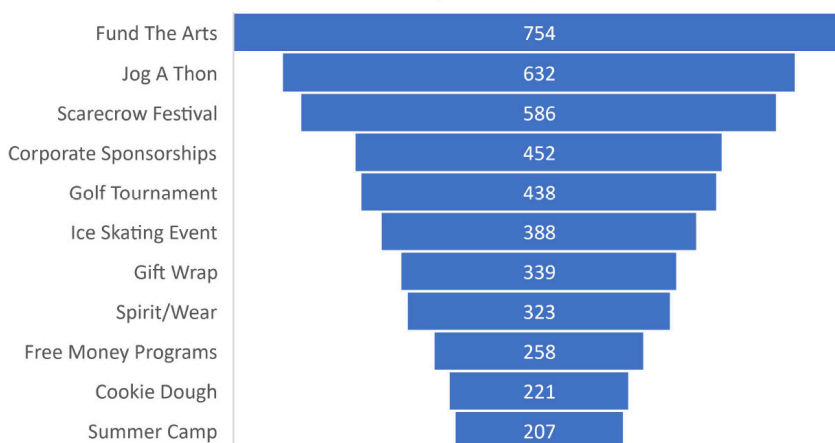
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2	55	74%
3	5	7%
4	13	18%
	1	1%

### Votes in Favor of Moving Fundraising Events to Balance out the Year:

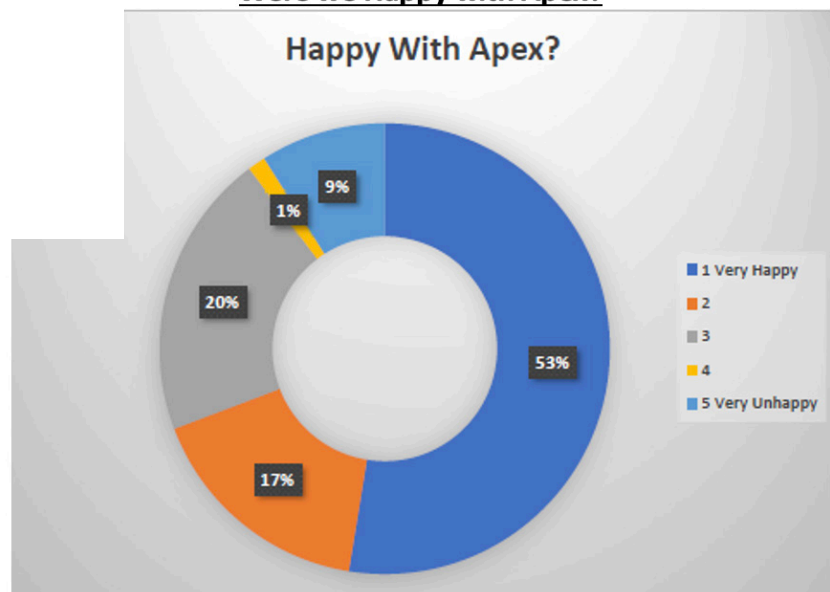
The Board is considering moving some of the fund-raising events from the fall to the spring to balance out the year.

1 Like	77	
2	48	62%
3	12	16%
	17	22%

### Event Popularity



### Feedback on Jog-A-Thon Were we Happy with Apex?



Thank you for participating!

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Given the choice of going back to the old format or keeping Apex for another year, which would you choose

Apex  
Old format

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62  
16



# jb soccer

Jessie Beck Soccer Season is underway!

We will have our cheerleaders cheering on our team too! Go BEARS!

Parents of student athletes are welcome to come out and watch their child.



## SCHEDULE

3/11 @ Lemelson STEM Academy

4/1 @ Mt. Rose

4/15 @ Robert Mitchell

4/22 Home vs Smithridge

4/29 Home vs Alice Smith

5/13 Home vs Anderson • Playoffs-TBD





# Fund the Arts

Fund the Arts is in the final planning stages and we can't wait to see you there!

Join us Friday April 22nd after school to view the art, get some tacos from the El Cerrito taco truck, coffee from the Java Ship and enjoy some music by our very own DJ Funn Mr. Hurley! This family friendly, non-ticketed event will be from 330-530 at Jessie Beck and we hope to see all our families out there!

Then on Saturday April 23rd from 6-10PM join us at Bundox Bocce for a night of games, music, small bites and of course our live and silent auctions! Tickets are \$80 for an individual and \$150 per couple in advance. As of April 10 they are \$100 each so get your tickets early!

Visit our website at <https://www.jbfundthearts.com/> to find event details, a couple unique sponsorship opportunities, and also a preview of our silent auction that will be turned on for bidding prior to the vent.

Tickets are on sale now so head to the website to get them while they're hot!

## JB Tallent Show

What a great event! We sold close to 100 tickets.

Kids had a blast and the video came out great.

Thank you to all of our participants.

**1st Place** - Connor Kiewicz,

**2nd Place** - Rilee Brock

**3rd Place Tie** - Emery Gamble & Addison Kincaid

**Best Teacher** - Dr. Brock

check out the video here - <https://youtu.be/zgmbSebyIvE>



# Art to Grow

*Classrooms are a buzzing with creative discovery with Fund the Arts less than two months away!*

Each class is creating a one-of-a-kind masterpiece to be auctioned off at the big event. This year's projects have been inspired by ideas such as nature, science, technology, and peace just to name a few. The process of collaborative art is an amazing journey for both the student and adult involved. From concept to problem solving to triumph, each art piece reflects that process. Your students are learning so much and having a blast in the process. Special thanks to our amazing staff and volunteers for their vision, dedication, artistry, and care. Watch for sneak previews on Jessie Beck's social media. We can't wait for you to see the art in person and bid to take them home.

But wait there's more . . . mark your calendars for the return of the **Jessie Beck Strolling art show Wednesday, May 18th.**

This is always a crowd pleaser for family and friends to enjoy lunch on the green while taking in the arts at Jessie Beck.

This annual tradition welcomes family members enjoy a one-day art show throughout the school. Watch for fliers to come home as we approach the date.

It's never too late to get involved. Please contact me if you are interested in being a part of our Art to Grow program.

Robin Heywood - Art Coordinator



## Dual Language program

Please mark your calendar for April 5th from 5:00-6:00 pm. Ms. Lane will be hosting a Dual Language Information Meeting via Zoom for all current families. The purpose is to get an update on the program plans for 2022-2023 School Year (as best as can be answered), share ideas, and ask and answer any other questions that families may have.

We encourage you to submit any questions, comments, or ideas you may have regarding the program to BeckDLAC@gmail.com by March 18th. This will allow us to compile and organize your questions and ideas and give Ms. Lane time to find answers on as much as she can before the meeting. Our area superintendent, Mike Paul, also plans to attend the meeting.

Dual Language Families, look for an email from your child's teacher the week before the event for the Zoom link.

Por favor, marque su calendario para el 5 de abril de 5:00-6:00 pm. La Sra. Lane organizará una reunión de información del Programa de Lenguaje Dual a través de Zoom para todas las familias actuales. El propósito es obtener una actualización sobre los planes del programa para el año escolar 2022-2023 (lo mejor que se pueda responder), compartir ideas y hacer y responder cualquier otra pregunta que las familias puedan tener.

Le recomendamos que envíe cualquier pregunta, comentario o idea que pueda tener con respecto al programa para BeckDLAC@gmail.com antes del 18 de marzo. Esto nos permitirá compilar y organizar sus preguntas e ideas y darle a la Sra. Lane tiempo para encontrar respuestas sobre todo lo que pueda antes de la reunión. Nuestro superintendente de área, Mike Paul, también planea asistir a la reunión.

Familias bilingües, busque un correo electrónico del maestro de su hijo la semana anterior al evento para el enlace de Zoom.

## Celebrating the Completion of Elementary School

Jessie Beck tradition has included a final celebration for students leaving our school and moving on in their next educational journey to middle school. This year is a little different as the 6th grade class is moving on, as well as our 5th graders, and this is the final year for 6th grade at Jessie Beck.

So this year we will offer both the 5th & 6th graders separate celebrations to conclude their elementary years. Although the actual celebration is still in the planning phase, we know funding is always important in creating a memorable experience.

We kicked off fundraising with Candy Grams over Valentine's Day and thank you to everyone for the amazing support! Next up are **Spring Grams** they will be sold in front of the school **April 8 - 14**. These grams will be plastic eggs with treats inside. Delivered to students April 15. The cost will be \$1.00.

Who doesn't like frozen yogurt? We have teamed up with **Yogurt Beach** in Mayberry Landing so that when you visit and purchase a yummy treat **May 12th** and mention "Jessie Beck Elementary" a portion of the sale will go back to Jessie Beck.

We have also been given the opportunity to sell baseball tickets to a **Reno Aces baseball game**. This school-wide family and friends **Jessie Beck Family Day** will provide an opportunity to watch the game and hang out with friends. The game will occur on Sunday, June 5th. Tickets will go on sale soon and sales will continue up to the beginning of May. We will greatly benefit, receiving 50% of the sales!

More fundraising opportunities are in the works. Keep your eyes out for other fun ways to help send our students off with something to remember!





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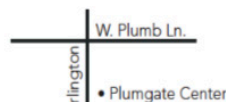
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