

MARCH & APRIL
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Beck Happenings

Book Swap Thursday, March 16th before and after school! Please bring a book or two to swap so then you can have new books to read over Spring Break!

3rd Annual Jessie Beck Talent Show

Jessie Beck has so many talented students and we will be holding another fun and exciting talent show in April. However, we **NEED** a new volunteer organizer to promote and work with the videographer to make the show happen. If you are interested please contact us at BeckDLAC@gmail.com

Bingo Night Join us for a family-friendly bingo night on April 7! As of this newsletter going to print, we are still in the event planning stages and would appreciate your help. Email Lauren at minikat5@aol.com if you would like to assist. Stay tuned for event details!

Dates to Note

Book Swap

March 16th

End of grading period

March 17th

Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

March 20-31

Family Bingo Night

April 7th

Report Cards

April 12th

1st Grade Music Concert @ 2:15

April 20th

Talent Show

April 28th

El Adobe Night

3rd Wednesday of every month, to support the Natalia Berumen Scholarship.

Jessie Beck

PFA NEWS

I can't believe we are already coming into spring it's going so fast! I want to thank everyone who helped with our biggest fundraiser of the year Fund the Arts! From donations, to attending the event, to helping with art and so much more. I want to send a special thank you to the committee who helped me with the event for the months leading up. This night out is so fun, but without these ladies it would have never happened. Lauren Murray, Christine Maxwell, Tina Ho, Melissa Bramlett, Ali Ball, Erin Wilday, Megan Weber and Angie Gianoli, thank you all for going above and beyond for our kids and helping to put this fundraiser together. The hard work of this group along with our teachers, Whitney Stodtmeister and our amazing students helped us raise almost \$65,000 for our school!

I am often asked what the funds we raise are used for and I wanted to take a moment to highlight our biggest expense. Did you know that the funds we raise help to pay for a number of staff members at Jessie Beck? Our PE teacher, computer teacher, and the number of interventionists we have on site are funded by the money we raise. We are very fortunate to have the means to be able to add this additional support and programs for our students. Each of the interventionists on staff assist with students who are struggling with math, ELA, social/emotional issues, and so much more. Without their support these students wouldn't receive the extra support they need to be successful.

In addition to the staff needs we also support technology upgrades when needed, school supplies that fall outside the norm, our art program and so much more. We recently purchased new chairs for the multipurpose room as well as some technology to assist with assemblies in the multipurpose room.

In April we have our next PFA event which is a great night out for families playing Bingo! This event is for our community and isn't a fundraiser so we hope to see you all there!

Sincerely,

Bri Sullivan

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For information about all things PFA and the community events we are offering check out jessiebeckpfa.com



the Principal's pen

Happy March and April Jessie Beck Students and Families!

As I write this, we just celebrated our Fund the Arts Night! What a great event this was! Everyone looked fabulous in their 80's attire and through the generosity of all our parents and donors, we were able to meet our fundraising goal that will help our entire school! The art was beautiful, and we had so many wonderful and generous silent auction items as well. A HUGE SHOUT OUT to Bri Sullivan, our committee chair and her ENTIRE Fund the Arts Committee! We could not have done it without all their volunteer hours and support. A huge shout out too, to our Art Coordinator, Whitney Stodtmeister. She organized and supported all our art volunteers in the classrooms and supported our students and staff as their art came to life!

As we move closer to Spring Break (March 18th-April 2nd), we continue to see spikes in behavior across all grade levels; both in and out of the classroom. As you all know, we have been very fortunate to have a Dean of Students this school year, Mrs. Nia Waters and this position will continue into the 2023-2024 SY. She has worked closely with many of our students this year to support them with restorative practices, re-teaching behavior expectations, taking required breaks throughout their school day, calming strategies, social and emotional learning and positive behavioral supports. She too has been working in conjunction with our Counselor, Mrs. Candice Rutledge who is also supporting our students in the classrooms by providing guidance lessons covering such topics as: Conflict Resolution, Bullying, Self-Awareness, Social Skills, Zones of Regulation, Mindfulness and Health just to name a few. Please take note of both of their submissions in this newsletter-they offer valuable information and resources to all of our families.

We also plan to have all students participate in a school wide assembly and campus walk-about to re-teach behavior expectations across the campus after we return from Spring Break. We will be focusing on:

SELF-REGULATION- Being able to understand and manage your emotions and your behavior reactions to things happening around you.

INTEGRITY- Keep doing the right thing and making good choices when no one is looking.

EMPATHY- Being able to understand how someone else is feeling or "putting yourself in someone else's shoes".

PERSEVERANCE- Keep trying your best even when things get challenging-most students are giving up way too easily-both in social and academic settings.

These are four-character traits that are truly lacking in so many of our students. Many students at Jessie Beck are coming to us with severe trauma backgrounds, transiency from school to school or district to district and some not been in school for the past 2 years. We are still seeing so many impacts of Covid and it is truly impacting so many areas of our school. Please take time at home, as parents to discuss these 4 core values with your child and explain to them why they are so important to have. Many of you are so supportive as parents and partners in your child's education and we recognize that as well! THANK YOU!

We will have end of the year summative assessments coming up in April. Our 3rd-5th grade students will be taking SBAC April 12 - May 12. Individual teachers will be sending home specific dates for their classes and then K-5th ELA and Math Spring MAP testing, April 17th-April 28th. Those specific dates will be released by your child's classroom teachers as well.

I know there is a lot going on this time of school year and then of course our end of the year celebrations and field trips, however we continue to REMIND students, academics, attendance and behavior are our number ONE priority and many of these extra privileges will be taken away if they cannot follow the school-based rules. Thank you for your help, support and continued partnerships as parents!

Ms. Lane

Counseling update from Mrs. C

Happy almost Spring Jessie Beck families! As we approach Spring Break, I will be completing my classroom guidance lessons on social skills and social awareness (self-esteem and self-regulation). I am continuing to run three different small groups from now until the end of the school year on different topics (social skills, friendship making, emotional and self-regulation). I will also begin teaching SHARE (Sexuality, Health, and Responsibility Education) to students in the 4th and 5th grades - permission slips will be sent home the week of 2/28 so please watch for those! They need to be filled out and signed by a parent/guardian. Parents/guardians may also preview all SHARE content before I begin teaching the lessons you can check them out at www.washoeschools.net. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me!

I also wanted to echo what Ms. Lane and Mrs. Waters have stated regarding the increase in behaviors over the past few months. We have consistently implemented behavior interventions at every tier of our MTSS system of support, reinforce positive behaviors, and do plan to have an assembly about behavior and school expectations/rules when we return from Spring Break. This assembly is meant to be a refresher for new and returning Beck students in which expectations will be re-taught. Our goal is to see an increase in positive behaviors at Beck and end the school year on a high note!

Lastly, I will be working with our PBIS committee here at Beck to re-vamp our BEAR PAW store! Our goal is to provide students with more motivating incentives and rewards on a consistent basis. I have also sent out two separate menus that students may choose from in their own individual classrooms as another option - bear paws may be spent on these rewards as well! I wanted to give a SHOUT OUT to all the self-managers as well - they have continued to work hard to represent Jessie Beck in the most positive ways week in and week out and I appreciate their hard work so much!

Thanks, Mrs. C

Dean's Corner

Happy almost SPRING JB Families! We are looking forward to some warm weather soon! Unfortunately, this winter has led us with a spike in behaviors on the playground and in the classrooms. We have been diligently trying to reinforce positive behaviors and have some plans coming up to remind students of the expectations here at school. After spring break, we plan on having students participate in a few activities which will reteach behavior expectations in various areas of the school. We will hold a whole school assembly to discuss new BEAR PAW store procedures and our push for self-regulation, integrity, empathy, and perseverance. Ultimately, our hope is to present this in an engaging and memorable way and continue in a consistent manner to promote more positive behavior at Jessie Beck. We strive to make school a safe and positive learning environment for all students and hope this will help us finish out the year strong and positive. Please take some time at home to discuss our 4 core values with your child at home, as they will be hearing a lot about these at school in next coming months. Integrity-keep doing the right and making good choices even when no one is looking. Self-regulation-being able to understand and manage your behavior and reactions to things happening around you. Perseverance-keep trying your best even when things get challenging. Empathy-being able to understand how someone else is feeling or "putting yourself in someone else's shoes."

Nia Waters
Dean of Students
Jessie Beck Elementary
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Clinic Corner

This is just a friendly reminder that students need to come to school properly dressed for the weather. As the weather gets colder and wet, students may need to have the following items: winter hat, mittens/gloves, scarf/neck warmer, winter boots, snow pants and a proper winter jacket.

Please remember to LABEL EVERYTHING.

Please make sure that if you haven't already brought extra clothes that you please send some which we can be kept at school. Hopefully it won't be very cold and wet much longer!

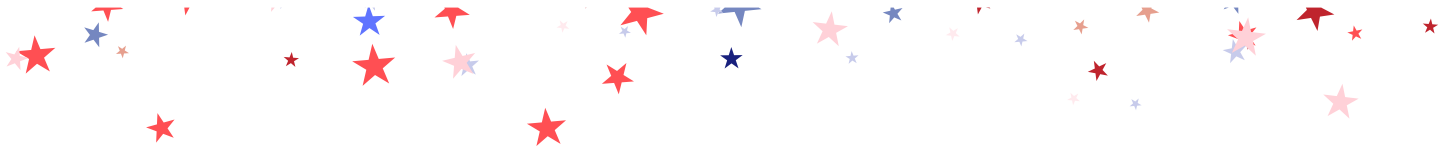
2023-2024 School Year Registration

Open now and accepted through April 30th.

For families with incoming Kindergarten students, please complete online registration first and then bring your documents to school starting April 1st. We will not accept any documents before this date. Thank you in advance for your help with this matter. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the office.



Jessie Beck's new robotics program **FIRST[®] LEGO[®] League Robotics League & Festiva** headed by Alise Portowas a huge success. With 8 teams and a lot of volunteers it went off without a hitch! Thank you to Principal Lane for all of her support innovation and being open to new ideas.



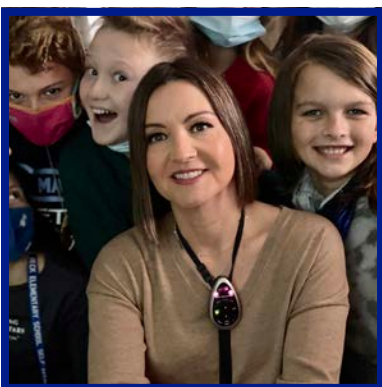
Get to know your Jessie Beck Staff



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.

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.



Mr. Newman

This is my 8th 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. 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 play. 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!



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.



SCIENCE NIGHT RESCHEDULED

Weather canceled Jessie Beck’s Science Night a few months ago, but it has been rescheduled. Please mark your calendars for May 30th from 5:30pm to 7pm for a fun night of doing science. This will take place in the Multi-Purpose room and will involve two parts. It will begin with a variety of hands-on learning stations associated with different science concepts. The second half involves a science and engineering challenge. This is being supported by Sierra Nevada Journeys. We hope to see you there.

Ryan Brock, Ph.D



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Dual Language

Quarterly Book Exchange

Refresh your child’s reading choices by participating in Beck book exchanges. Donate the books that your child has outgrown and take home some new books that others have donated. No donations are necessary to take home books. Exchanges will be held on Thursdays, before and after school, the week prior to school breaks.

Beck’s Got Talent The next Jessie Beck annual talent show is April 28th!

Registration and video submission will be early April.

Phrases of the month

How cool! = ¡Qué guay! (Spain) or ¡Qué padre! (Mexico)

What’s up? = ¿Qué pasa? or ¿Qué tal? or ¿Qué onda?

Let’s do it! = ¡Vamos!

Intercambio trimestral de libros

Refresque las opciones de lectura de su hijo participando en los intercambios de libros de Beck.

Done los libros que su hijo ya no lee y lleve a casa algunos libros que otros hayan donado. No tiene que donar para llevar libros a casa.

Los intercambios se llevarán a cabo los jueves, antes y después de la escuela, la semana anterior a las vacaciones escolares.

Próximo intercambio 16/03/23

Concurso de talentos de Beck

¡El próximo concurso anual de talentos de Jessie Beck es el 28 de abril!

La inscripción y el envío de videos serán a principios de abril.

Más información por venir.

Frases del mes

¡Qué guay! or ¡Qué padre! = How Cool!

¿Qué pasa? or ¿Qué tal? or ¿Qué onda? = What’s up?

¡Vamos! = Let’s do it!

Jessie Beck Garden Club



We welcomed the students back to the garden with our bird feeder workshop. They learned that wild birds represent a healthy ecosystem in the garden. The birds help eliminate unwanted pests and weeds, reducing the need to use chemicals in the garden. The students also learned that birds can help pollinate and spread wild flower seeds. We made two types of bird feeders for the students to take home and help support the birds during winter. We have a lot of fun workshops planned for the spring as well as some big changes coming soon! Be sure to follow us on Instagram @jessiebeckschoolgarden

What a fun night!



FUND ARTS

The FEBRUARY 24th 2023

Fund the Arts was an amazing event this year, and the art was the icing on the cake. Each piece was unique and well-thought-out. I loved seeing what each class came up with and watching different classes learn new skills and brainstorm different techniques to make the vision come alive. Each piece in the end was fantastic, and I loved watching the entire process. Please ask your kids about their piece and what their favorite part of creating it was. Thank you to the dedicated art volunteers. They have worked so hard with the teachers and kids to create art works that are one of a kind and special. Thank you to the teachers for taking the time out of their busy school days to work on these art projects and help these kids come together to make something to be proud of. A big shout out to all the students at Jessie Beck for their creativity. Without Fund the Arts we would not be able to fund the Art the Grow program here at Jessie Beck Elementary. So thank you to all of those who attended, donated, and volunteered. We could not do this without you. We look forward to the Strolling Art Show in May when we can see more of a sampling of the art the kids have created this year.

Thanks,
Whitney Stodtmeister - Art Coordinator





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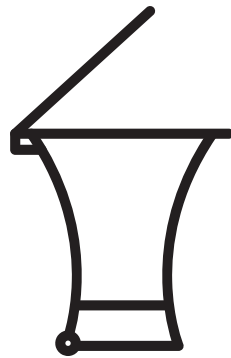
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