

# The Bear Facts

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2021

## Jessie Beck



Welcome your new PFA Board.

We are looking forward to an outstanding year as things get back to normal. We encourage parents to get involved. In the coming months, prior to next school year, we'll be discussing budgets, school needs and committee sign-ups!

- **President: Chris Burke**
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- **At Large Member: Megan Weber**
- **Past President: Edgard Hitti**

If you are not a current PFA member, you can still join by visiting our membership website on the following link which will enable you to participate in this year's election.

<https://www.jessiebeckpfa.com/membership.html>

## - 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

### *Canes Fundraiser* May 19 3-9pm

### *Memorial Day* May 31st - No School

### *6th Grade Party* June 4th

### *All School Field Day* June 8th

### *Last Day of School* June 9th - 12:50 Dismissal

## 2021 YEARBOOK

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## *the Principal's pen*

Happy May and June Jessie Beck Students and Families:

I cannot believe we are winding down the 2020-2021 School Year! What a memorable year it has been. But, WE did it! We ALL did it! We came together as an amazing team and we proved that through patience, resilience, perseverance and trust.....we could come together as a school community and give our students the love, support, education and strength to get through this unprecedented year together. I am proud of everything we accomplished this year!

As I shared in one of my recent Connect Eds, I cannot say thank you enough to our wonderful Fund the Arts Committee and the support of our families. What an AMAZING event our Fund the Arts Night was! This night could not have been made possible without the amazing and creative planning talents of our Event Chairs, Bri Sullivan and Lauren Murray, our fabulous Art Coordinator, Robin Heywood, our very own Mr. Hurley, Ms. Fernandez, Ms. York and Dr. Brock, our PFA Board Members, our event volunteers, as well as all of our amazing auction donors. And of course, a HUGE, HUGE thank you to all of our students and staff members who brought the art to life! Each and every class worked so hard all year to produce their unique, collaborative art pieces.

We THANK all of our families who so generously bid on all of the fabulous pieces and silent auction items. We are so appreciative of everyone's generosity! These funds will help support so many things next year....so thank you!!

We have many changes in store next year. A huge CONGRATULATIONS to Ms. Diana York, Ms. Nina Keller and Mrs. Marianne Norwich on their retirements. They have been such a huge part of our Jessie Beck family for so many years. They will be greatly missed! I know they have lots of wonderful things planned in their retirement. So deserving of all!

Senorita Yossen, Mrs. Dana Hardt will both be pursuing other ventures next year; Senoria Yossen in a leadership role in WCSD and Mrs. Hardt as a consultant for the Center for Biliteracy based out of Chicago. I wish them both the best! They too have been such a wonderful addition to our staff for so many years. Mrs. Julie Schmidt will also be pursuing a leadership role at Jessie Beck as our Building Learning Facilitator. She will be supporting all of our students and staff in curriculum and instructional supports, professional development and intervention design and instruction. Please welcome, Mrs. Tahlier who will be joining Mrs. Lemons as a team partner, Mrs. Maples who will be returning to Jessie Beck in 1st Grade and Ms. Magee to 4th Grade. Mrs. Elliott will be returning from Distance Learning to 2nd Grade and Mrs. Franklin will be moving to 6th Grade. I will continue to hire for vacancies right up until the end of the school year.

Our 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th grade students have done an amazing job with their SBAC.

We will be celebrating completing the assessment on Friday, May 14th with an ice cream party!

Spring MAP Testing for grades K-6th will be May 10th-May 28th.

Enjoy these last few weeks and have a wonderful summer everyone!

Thank you,

Ms. Lane



# Jessie Beck

pfa news

Dear Jessie Beck Families,

Our main fundraising event, Fund the Arts, was phenomenal. The outcome speaks for itself and this show the creativity of our organizers & students and the generosity of Jessie Beck family, sponsors, donors & community.

We also finished our cookie dough fundraiser successfully and many of us will be enjoying those delicious treats as of May 16th & 17th .

Raising Cane's Night, which is on May 19th between 3-9 pm at 6199 S Virginia Street, Reno. Fundraiser sales are included with takeout, drive-thru or dine-in orders only . please don't forget to mention Jessie Beck Elementary so we can receive the donation portion from their sales

The week of May 3rd to 7th was teacher appreciation week. It was full of great daily events including a taco truck on Cinco de Mayo. Big thanks to our hard working staff and teachers. You are the best !

Our website [www.jessiebeckpfa.com](http://www.jessiebeckpfa.com) is updated periodically and is a great resource for information about the budget, meetings, elections and calendar. **Also don't forget to order the Yearbook !!!**

It's never too late to join the PFA!

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 feedback.

Edgard Hitti  
PFA President



## Counseling Update from "Mrs. C"

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Happy May to all our students and families at Jessie Beck!! April was a busy month!! I want to say congratulations to all our wonderful students (in person and virtual) who completed their SBAC testing – you all worked so hard, and I am very proud of each one of you! We are starting this week off on a high note as it is Teacher Appreciation Week – special treats/events will be provided all week long to all our hard-working Jessie Beck teachers who are so deserving of this! I also wanted to give Ms. Lane a big shoutout for continuing to be an exemplary leader here at Jessie Beck. Principal's day was held over this past weekend and I look forward to doing something special for Ms. Lane as well as she truly deserves this!!

I also met with our Self-Managers committee several times this past month to schedule updated reward days for all the self-managers here at Beck – you have all done a great job earning your badges and continue to be great role models here at school! I look forward to continuing this program next year with more creative incentives to come!!

**SATURDAY** *May 22nd* **1:00-2:30pm**

**at JESSIE BECK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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### Box Top

Final reminder for clipped Box Tops For Education labels. We will be making a final Box Top round up during the last week of May. If you have any clip-able unexpired Box Tops, please give them to your child to give to their teacher so they can be put into the Box Top bags in their classroom. Job well done on the digital portion of the Box Tops for Education program! Keep on redeeming those receipts Jessie Becker's. Remember every penny counts toward our school! Thank you - Box Tops For Education Coordinator :)





# Art to Grow

Big shout out to Fund the Arts!

What an amazing day and fantastic turnout. It was such a wonderful sight to see families come view the art and share in the fun! Our teachers & students overcame all obstacles to create thoughtful, engaging, and beautiful works of art.

Here's to Jessie Beck and all we can achieve together. Special thanks go to the wonderful Apryl Stott for her help to finish the masterpieces with professional matting & framing and the ever-talented Diana York for helping with so many class projects.

Sadly, we are unable to host our Annual Strolling Art Show and instead are launching Healing Arts. In lieu of this valued family tradition, we've decided to shift our energy to our community and reach out to share our love of language, gratitude, kindness, and art. This past year has made an imprint on us all, and many are struggling to shake the residue. Whether it be stress, anxiety, being overworked, understaffed, or isolated, managing everyday challenges due to Covid and the loss of friends and family; we are all in this together, and we can all help grow and heal from this experience.

A list of companies was selected for each class to choose from and create a group on individual letters/posters to express gratitude for their service this last year. These companies and their employees nurtured us, kept us connected, informed, healthy, and really kept us going with a masked smile. We believe this gesture of hope will be a reflection of their positive impact on our community. This is what makes our neighborhood such a wonderful place to live, grow and raise our children. This is why we love this place. Special thanks go to Suzi Champagne for teaming up with me to make this all happen.

As the year comes to an end, I would like to wish all of you a very safe and happy summer break and thank you for your continued support of the arts at Jessie Beck.

Robin Heywood  
Jessie Beck Art Coordinator

## JESSIE BECK ELEMENTARY FUND THE ARTS



JB Families,

I want to take a moment to thank you for your support of Fund the Arts 2021! We were able to raise over \$55,000 for our students needs in the 2021-2022 school year!

I hope that the families enjoyed coming out to see the art, the online entertainment, and the entirely different platform we had to take this year. We appreciate everyone's flexibility and helping to make this year a success!

If you have any recommendations for next years event, we would love to hear them!

Bri Sullivan

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# Dual Language Program

Congratulations! Jessie Beck is celebrating twelve sixth graders who are graduating from our Dual Language Program and are on their way to becoming bilingual, biliterate citizens! We are so proud of their commitment, their growth, and their perseverance on their path to being global citizens. All twelve students achieved one or more areas of proficiency in Spanish speaking, listening, reading, and/or writing on the AAPPL test, which is the assessment used to grant the Seal of Biliteracy once they are in high school. Outstanding work! Best of luck to all of you in your future adventures!

Angelo Aramini

Jaxon Hardt

Nicole Arevalo Martinez

Samantha Henry

Allison Boyce

Sharitza Reyes Rodriguez

Violeta Castillo Zepeda

Quinn Rogers

Cassidy Garman

Aaron Segoviano

Benjamin Gianopulos

Sofia Valunta

Thank you to all the parents who registered their students for the Spanish Language Summer Camp! We have over 60 students registered and are looking forward to seeing them at Jessie Beck the week of July 12-16 (immersion) or July 19-23 (beginners)!

El show de talentos está programado para una exhibición virtual el 22 de mayo. Todos los detalles están en este enlace: <https://forms.gle/rXt54ndMg9iZUaLt6> Busque un papel que se enviará a casa con su hijo para ver los detalles del espectáculo. Necesitamos patrocinadores, así como presentaciones de videos de los estudiantes y el personal de la escuela. Habrá premios para el 1º, 2º y 3º lugar, una categoría de personal de la escuela y una categoría multicultural. ¡Esperamos divertirnos tanto!

# Just a little love from the PFA

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Thank you to all our generous sponsors. Check out their banners proudly displayed on Plumb Ln.  
Also, thank you to Michael Gardner, Grind Creative for donating your time to design the banner templates.

## School Garden



Thank you Whitney Weed for all your hard work.

## Taco Truck Teacher Appreciation



We love our teachers!

On behalf of the PFA, I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize, Christine Maxwell our esteemed Newsletter Publisher. Christine has worked tirelessly to create our exceptional newsletter, she does this through holidays, vacations and weekends to meet last minute deadlines. I can assure you that each newsletter begins with just ideas at first, e-mail text, a few pictures, word documents or pdf. None of it organized and it's often sent at random times during the week/weekend. In the end we have a great product each time, thanks to Christine's hard work. In addition, her husband's company Maxwell Mechanical, is a proud sponsors of the newsletter.

We can't thank you enough Christine! - Chris Burke - PFA Vice President





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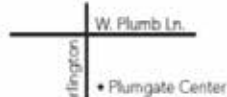
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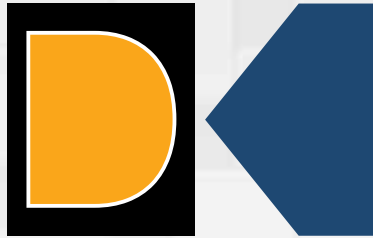
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