

The Bear Facts

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Dear Jessie Beck Families,

Our main fundraising event, Fund the Arts, was an excellent success. We once again hosted a Fund the Arts (FTA) preview event at Jessie Beck for families to enjoy the night before. The main event was held the following night at Bunndox Bocce. If you weren't there, it was like you stepped back in time and into a Speakeasy. The roaring 20's were back in style and so was the generosity of our Jessie Beck family, sponsors, donors and community. Thank you to Bri, Lauren & FTA Committee!

The week of May 2nd to 6th was teacher appreciation week. it was full of flowers, lunches, snacks, and duty coverage! Big thanks to our hard-working staff and teachers. You are the best!

Our Corporate Sponsorship is building momentum. The corporate sponsorship program is available to all and recently redesigned, so check it out! If you have questions, please contact Dulce Drakulich
ddrak12@gmail.com or check out the PFA website.

Our website www.jessiebeckpfa.com is updated periodically and is a great resource for information about the budget, meetings, elections and calendar. As always, please contact us at BeckPFA@gmail.com for various volunteering opportunities, inquiries, suggestions or feedback.

Chris Burke

PFA President - BeckPFA@gmail.com

Dates to Note

May 9-13: No bus transportation

May 12: Cookie Dough Delivery

May 12: Yogurt Beach Mention Jessie Beck and portion of the sale will go to the 5th Grade party.

May 13: Soccer at Home vs. Anderson

May 18: Strolling Art Show

May 30: No School

June 6: Field Day

June 7: Last day of school release at 12:50 PM

June 7th: Board Meeting at 4:00 PM

2022/2023 Board Members

May 10th Special General Membership Meeting the board listed was approved.

- President: Brianne Sullivan
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- At Large Member: Megan Weber
- Past President: Chris Burke
- Principal: Erin Lane
- Faculty: Ryan Brock, Christy Fernandez

the Principal's pen

Happy May Jessie Beck Families!

I cannot believe the end of the school year is upon us!

Thank you again to all of our wonderful families who supported our Fund the Arts fundraiser. We had a wonderful weekend celebrating our student's art and I'm so proud of all of their beautiful work and how hard the committee worked to create such a special night. We did a great job fundraising as well and all proceeds will go back to support our students....so THANK YOU!

Teacher Appreciation Week:

Thank you to the entire committee and to all of the families who donated throughout the week and volunteered for our duties! All the flowers, lunches, snacks, yummy goodies and duty coverage was so appreciated! We all truly felt showered with appreciation all week....so THANK YOU!

ART STROLL-is back! It will be Wednesday, May 18th-come see all of your child's(rens) art from throughout the year displayed outside of their rooms and bring a picnic lunch. A flier went home last week-please contact the front office if you need any details.

5th Graders are fundraising for their end of the year celebration! Bring your family out to see the Aces play baseball and hang out with fellow Jessie Beck families. May 22nd 1:05 PM first pitch. Cost: \$14/ticket. 50% of proceeds go to support the Jessie Beck 5th and 6th Graders end of year celebration. Click on link below to purchase tickets, e-ticket and instructions provided at checkout. Thanks for supporting our students!

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We have wrapped up our SBAC testing and am very proud of how hard all of our students worked! We were able to raffle off some great gift cards and we will continue to raffle off prizes during our upcoming MAP testing for K-3: May 16th - May 27th.

There will be no School on Monday, May 30th to observe Memorial Day, Field Day will be on Monday, June 6th and our last day of school is on Tuesday, June 7th. We will release at 12:50. We wish our amazing 5th and 6th graders the best of luck as they transition onto Middle School. Enjoy your upcoming year-end parties! So much to look forward to!

Since this is the last newsletter of the year....have a wonderful and restful summer!!!

We'll see you back in August!

2022 YEARBOOK

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order online at

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

OR an order form will be coming home from school.

CLINIC CORNER

Happy May, spring is in the air! Along with blooming foliage and allergies. Please be aware that COVID protocols are still in place! Please refer to the Screening Tool available on the WCSD website or contact the Health Office with any questions or clarifications regarding attending school with symptoms/illnesses.

Stubbed and injured toes hurt! Please have your students wear proper, secure footwear as we can't provide a change of shoes. On that note, the playground/fields are getting watered making for some muddy conditions. Again, we do not have the clothes to have muddy-buddies change into. It would be a good idea to pack your student with a change of pants in their backpack.

As the school year come to an end, we would like to thank you for your patience and cooperation during this hectic year! Between the uncertainty that COVID caused and policy changes, we all worked together and got through it!

Parents of 6th graders, please get your students compliant on their immunizations before the next school year. If they aren't compliant, they can't attend school until they are.

If your student has medication at school, please pick it up on or before the last day of school, any leftover meds will be destroyed.

Thank you and stay safe the rest of the 21-22 school year!

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

From the Library

April was National Poetry Month! We read, discussed, and created a variety of poems. Students learned about concrete, acrostic, and 5-senses poems as well as haiku. Upper grades were also introduced to verse novels. Our big project was recycling an old library book page into black-out poetry, a creative outlet during SBAC testing.

Muchas gracias to the Dual Language Advisory Council and the PFA! Thanks to their generous contribution, I was able to order almost 70 new books for our Spanish collection.

The end of the school year is fast approaching. The library will close 5/27 for inventory. All books will be due then! Please make sure to return all books and/or settle outstanding fines.

If you have any questions or comments, you can reach me at becklibrary@washoeschools.net.

Warm greetings from the library,

Mrs. Cantu

April Read-Alouds:

Where the Sidewalk ends by Shel Silverstein

Counseling Update from "Mrs. C"

I want to start by wishing all students, families, and staff here at Beck a very HAPPY MAY!! We are almost to the end of this school year, and I plan to end it on a high note! I completed teaching the SHARE lessons to all 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students – all students were engaged, asked great questions, and participated in a respectful manner. I have begun running some small groups on making/maintaining friendships, social skills, and problem solving – I will continue to do this until the end of the school year! The next and final guidance lesson topic that I will deliver to all classrooms will be on CAREERS. This is often a topic that does not receive the attention it deserves at the elementary level so this will be a priority for our students! I am also scheduling a "Career Dress Up Week" so stay tuned for more details on that! We also wrapped up "Teacher Appreciation" and "Nurses Day" this past week – I cannot thank our PFA, families, and staff members enough for their efforts – it truly makes a huge impact schoolwide, and I know our teachers felt the love!



A huge thank you to our sponsors, donors, bidders, event attendees, arties, teachers, and volunteers!

We raised \$46K for our school and we couldn't have done it without your support.

Funds will assist the PFA's mission to enrich the student and staff experience, and provide technology, interventionists and class aids, literacy programs, PE teacher and equipment, library books, paper, ink, copiers, storage units, the art program, science supplies, classroom supplies, staff appreciation, and much much more.

A huge thank you to our friends who have generously donated their products, services, money, time, and talents to help raise funds for our school.

A special thank you to our committee who helped to make the night a success!

Lauren Murray, Nancy Inouye, Angie Ginanoli, Megan Weber, Casey Dake, and Tina Ho.

Along with our day of volunteers THANK YOU!



Get to know your Jessie Beck staff.



Kaley Gunter Intervention Teacher Grades 4, 5 & 6

I am 23 years old and I graduated from UNR in 2020 with a Bachelor's Degree of Science in Integrated Elementary Teaching and a Minor in Human Development and Family Studies. This summer I will be continuing my education and getting my master's degree! I am hoping in the next year to start my first year of teaching. I am currently an Interventionist for the amazing 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classes here at JB. I am a Jessie Beck alumni and it feels surreal being back here so many years later! During my free time, I love going to music festivals, going to Lake Tahoe, and doing hot yoga.



Quinn Sims

ELD Facilitator-English Learner Teacher and Staff Facilitator and trainer-supports EL students
Hello I help support Beck's English language learners. While this is just my second year at Beck, it's my 13th year as a teacher. With a background in and passion for Dual Language education, I love being part of the Beck community that honors and celebrates cultural and linguistic diversity.



Cecilia Ocon Dual Language Bilingual Aide-EL Support Staff

The students call me Ms. Cecilia. I am the EL Assistant and I've been at Jessie Beck for 2 school years now. I've been working with the Dual Language. Most recently I've been lucky enough to work with a few of the 3rd, 4th, and 6th grade classes along with the DL program. This is my last year at Beck, but I'm happy I've been able to work with such a wonderful group of kids and teachers.



Julie Schmidt

LF-Learning Facilitator-supports staff and students through the PLC and formative assessment process-provide professional development for staff and supports academics for students. I have been teaching at Jessie Beck for almost 20 years and have taught just about every grade. Each and every one has been my favorite, but I love my new role as the learning facilitator/instructional coach for Jessie Beck. I am originally from Michigan, where I graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.A. in communications and marketing. I moved to La Jolla, CA after college and met my husband, Trent, who is originally from Reno. We moved here after our wedding in 1995 and I got my M. Ed. from UNR. We have two kids, a daughter who just graduated from The University of Utah Honors College, and a son who plays D1 baseball at SMC in Moraga, CA. I enjoy traveling, hiking, skiing, cycling, tennis, gardening, watching baseball, and summers on Torch Lake, MI.



Michael Carreon

But most of you know me as Mr. C. This is my second year at Jessie Beck Elementary which I consider to be my dream school as the students, staff, and parents here are wonderful. I have been in education for 30 years with most of those years as an elementary teacher in Texas. I am originally from Ohio, but I love living in Nevada with its mountains and streaming rivers.



Rachel Stepina Dual Language Bilingual Aide

I am our school's bilingual interventionist and aide in the Dual Language program. Two of my three children, Griffin and Aria, are currently Beck Bears. During the school day I often stop to say hello to all students, staff, or families that cross my path. Each of your smiles brightens my days! I have a strong academic and social background in teaching Spanish and in early childhood education. I love to speak and teach Spanish and I love to work with kids, so being here at Beck is just the right fit! When I'm not at work you can find me at the bookstore, in the garden, organizing something, visiting with family, or most of all spending time with my wonderful children and husband.

Fundraising

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Garden Club

As we wrap up our school year, our garden is just gearing up! What a complete JOY it has been to feel the excitement of the kids as we learn about the life cycles that occur in a garden. Tulips and garlic, peas and pumpkins have all been a part of our curriculum this year! We have held worms and fed birds! We have chopped up garbage and learned the process of decomposition. It has been nothing short of an adventure!

Keep an eye on us in person as well as following us on Instagram! #jessiebeckschoolgarden



Dual Language program

Great news! Swope Middle School has been granted 1.5 allocations for Spanish instruction next school year! The classes have yet to be determined, but we hope this means more language learning opportunities for ALL our middle school students. If your child is heading to Swope next year, be on the lookout for Spanish classes!

Spanish Summer Camp Reminder:

Enroll your child in a week-long summer camp where students will have fun while learning Spanish! The camp will be held the week of July 18-22, 2022. Beginner classes and advanced/immersion classes are available. Enrollment is open to all incoming 1st through 5th graders of Jessie Beck.

Registration is first come, first served. Register online today at the link below to save your spot!

<https://forms.gle/JFGKMHMQWfFfCgJR7> (English)

<https://forms.gle/VRn2U9rFgx9kmeYC8> (Español)

¡Buenas noticias! ¡Swope Middle School ha recibido 1.5 asignaciones para la instrucción en español el próximo año escolar! Las clases aún no se han determinado, pero esperamos que esto signifique más oportunidades de aprendizaje de idiomas para TODOS nuestros estudiantes de secundaria.

Campamento de verano de español:

¡Inscriba a su hijo en un campamento de verano de una semana donde los estudiantes se divertirán mientras aprenden español! El campamento se llevará a cabo la semana del 18 al 22 de julio de 2022. Hay clases para principiantes y clases avanzadas/de inmersión disponibles. La inscripción está abierta para todos los alumnos de 1.º a 5.º grado de Jessie Beck.

El registro es por orden de llegada. ¡Regístrese en línea hoy en el siguiente enlace para guardar su lugar!

<https://forms.gle/JFGKMHMQWfFfCgJR7> (inglés)

<https://forms.gle/VRn2U9rFgx9kmeYC8> (English)

Art to Grow

What a fantastic turnout for this year's Fund the Arts! I can't help but smile watching students at Friday's event share the excitement about their classroom art piece (s) with their families! Bravo to all students, volunteers, and teachers for their creative efforts and exploration through art. You blew it out of the water! Saturday night things kicked up a bit with fashionable attire, fun festivities, and bidding wars on the lovely masterpieces. After the last two years, it's obvious we miss being together in person and sharing experiences. Can't wait for next year! Special thanks to all the Arties, a.k.a. art volunteers, who helped to safely display and transport the art over the two days, Diana York and Apryl Stott for lending their artistic skills to fill in the gaps for classes without volunteers, and Tholl Fence for the privacy screening to beautify our temporary gallery space.

It's back! Yes, after a two-year hiatus, the annual strolling art show has returned. A Jessie Beck favorite for so many, this tradition requires no special training, equipment, or pocketbook, just being in the moment to enjoy the arts at our school. You are invited to bring a blanket and sack lunch and join your student(s) for lunch and a stroll around the school to view the art from every classroom. Flyers are coming home with more details and the scheduled lunch time for all grades. Please allow extra time to sign in at the front desk the day of the event.

I would like to express my utmost appreciation for your support and involvement of our Art to Grow program. Designed to encourage & engage all ages and stages through the wonderful platform of art while attending Jessie Beck, it wouldn't be the program it is today without our amazing Jessie Beck village.

Here's to living art every day. - Robin Heywood - Art Educator



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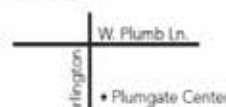
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