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The Bear Facts

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With October upon us there are some big PFA events to look forward to and it's a short month with fall break next week!!! Scarecrow Festival and our Annual Golf Tournament will be the last week of the month. Scarecrow is a family favorite and the Nevada Day Golf Tournament, a great success last year, will act as an early tailgater for the UNR/UNLV Football game that evening. Rain or shine come out and have some fun!

Dates to note

Natalia's El Adobe Night

First Tuesday of the Month 4:00 to 8:00pm

Jessie Beck Night at Napa Sonoma

Plumgate Shopping Center

Third Thursday of every month 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Spirit Fridays

Wear your Jessie Beck attire every Friday!

Early Release

Every Wednesday at 2:15 PM

October 4 *Spirit wear sales start at Bonfire.com*

October 4-8 *Fall Break*

October 12-26 *Charleston Wrap Sales*

October 27 *Scarecrow Festival*

October 29 *Golf Tournament*

October 29 *Nevada Day*



the Principal's pen

Happy October Jessie Beck Bears!

WOW! Our APEX Jog-A-Thon was such a GREAT success!! Thank you to all of our students for running so hard and for running so many laps!! Cumulatively as a school, we ran over 20,000 laps! It was so great to also see so many parents cheering on their children! We truly appreciate all of your support of this fundraiser. With your support we will be able to continue to fund and retain technology, on-line student resources, personnel, and many other instructional student needs. Our parent community is amazing and we cannot say thank you enough for your support and generosity!

Since we did exceed our goal, Ms. Lane, Ms. Lowden, Mrs. Kalleres, Ms. Fernandez, Dr. Brock and Mr. Hurley all got pie in their face. It was so much fun!! The students loved watching this happen to all of us and we ended this fun assembly with a school wide dance party! It was such a great way to end the week and this event.

We have conference week coming up the week of October 18th-22nd. School will release at 12:50 that week. Your child's teacher will be reaching out to you to schedule this. We are offering in person or Zoom conferences based on your comfort level and needs.

Our Sensational Scarecrow Contest is coming too! This event will be very similar to how we had it last year, due to continued positive Covid cases in our community. We will be asking our families to again create the scarecrows in their yards. If you are interested in participating go to www.jessiebeckpfa.com to enter. The deadline is Wednesday, October 20th. Categories include: Funniest, Traditional, Scariest, Most Creative, Home Means Nevada. Our classes will be able to take a walking fieldtrip to view the scarecrows.

We will also have our traditional pumpkin decorating contest for both our 5th and 6th grades this year. We will have our school wide coloring contest K-6th, a 50/50 Raffle like last year, and then new this year.....a tradition coming back....our World Renowned Pumpkin Cookies and Pies will be sold again! You will have the ability to pre-order and pay on line www.jessiebeckpfa.com and when you pick them up from school you will be able to see the decorated pumpkins displayed, the coloring contest, and the front of our school decorated for Fall! We look forward to another fun event!

Lastly, on Friday, October, 29th-Nevada Day, Jessie Beck will be hosting a best ball format golf tournament at Washoe Golf Course. More details to come!

Enjoy your Fall Break!

Ms. Lane



Counseling Update from "Mrs. C"

I wanted to start by congratulating all our students, families, and faculty here at Beck on a successful, and super engaging Jog-a-thon!! Apex did an amazing job partnering with our PFA and school to put on a fun event that our students truly loved – it was great seeing everyone out there, including all the wonderful family members who showed up to support! September was a very busy month for us – in addition to the Jog-a-thon, second and fifth grade classes took the GT test, and we also had some CAP representatives here giving lessons in second and fourth grade classes. I have also started to hand out self-manager badges to 6th grade students who have turned in their applications. Many of them volunteered to help with the Jog-a-thon or assist younger students to the bus each day so thank you all for being such great role models here at school! Fifth and then fourth grade students will be able to earn their self-manager badges in the next few weeks so stay tuned! Lastly, I will be putting up our “Kindness Challenge” on one of our bulletin boards in the cafeteria and the entire school will be participating – the class who completes the most kindness challenges per grade level will receive a surprise reward!

From the Library

“Just leave a mark and see where it takes you.” - We celebrated International Dot Day by reading *The Dot*, talking about growth mindset, and students leaving their mark at the library by decorating their own dots.

Students also learned about book care, discussed the difference between fiction and non-fiction, and started exploring folktales from around the world.

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

Mrs. Cantu

September read-alouds:

The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds

The Monster Book of Switzerland by Jeanne Darling

Clinic Corner

Happy Fall Y'all!

Now that the cooler weather is on its way, that means cold and flu season is starting. Covid and Influenza share many symptoms so, to ease some confusion, please consider getting a Flu Shot!

As always, continue to wash your hands and properly wear your masks. Please be considerate of our students, staff and community by staying home when sick.

About masks, please provide your students with clean, well fitting masks every day! Also, provide a back-up mask they can keep in their backpack. Do not rely on us to provide these, it is families and students responsibility to provide these daily.

Stay safe and healthy!

Ms Melissa and Nurse Janet

Jessie Beck PFA NEWS

Dear Jessie Beck Families,

Believe it or not we are already two months into this school year. We continue to navigate the challenges presented by COVID but the skies are a little clearer and classes are in person!

PFA Happenings:

- The Annual Budget was approved at our September 7th General Membership Meeting.
- We've got our membership up to 147, far exceeding last year's participation (thank you).
- Our 18 Committees are bursting with support.
- Jog-a-Thon, our first big fundraising effort, was super successful. With the help of APEX we successfully raised over \$40,000, for our school. This far exceeded our budget and we provided a more rewarding experience to the students.
- Our T-Shirt Design Contest is just wrapping up and you'll be able to purchase the winning design soon as well as other spirit wear on Jessie Beck Store. <https://www.bonfire.com/store/jessie-beck-store/>
- Tangible Support from PFA
 - o PE Teacher
 - o Intervention Teacher(s)
 - o Computer Teacher Hours
 - o Teacher Appreciation(s), e.g. Tacos El Carrito Food Truck / Woohoo Wagon

You'll find details here: <https://www.jessiebeckpfa.com/golf-tournament.html>

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Regards,

Chris Burke

PFA President



Get to know your Jessie Beck staff.



Mrs. Lane

I love being the Principal at Jessie Beck Elementary School! Everyday is a new adventure! This is my 5th year at Jessie Beck. This is my 20th year in WCSD! I'm proud of the work that we do everyday and how dedicated each and everyone of our staff members are to our students. We truly are a wonderful school community. I was raised in Danville, CA and went to Washington State University and Nevada. I have twin daughters who are seniors in HS this year; one at Reno High and one at Manogue. When you don't find me cheering on my girls at soccer games, golf tournaments, skiing or lacrosse you can find me enjoying time with my family on our cattle ranch in the Gold Country of CA. I love spending time outdoors, hiking, golfing, skiing, running with my girlfriends and spending time with my family!



Mrs. Rutledge

Hello there! Most of us here at Beck know me as "Mrs. C" and I am the school counselor! This is my second year at Jessie Beck, and I could not be happier about it! Prior to my time here, I spent almost a decade in the mental health field in various positions (BST/PSR work, case management, residential treatment centers) with a strong background in behavior and trauma. Not only has education always been a strong value of mine, but I also worked with my clients in the school setting consistently for years, before ultimately pursuing my master's in school counseling. Outside of school, my personal life is just as busy as my professional one at the moment! I am happily married to my college sweetheart and together we have a 3-year-old little boy and an 8-month-old little girl who keep us on our toes in the best way possible. In my spare time, I love to get outside, be active, watch/play sports, travel, and spend as much time with family and friends as I possibly can!! I am extremely passionate about the work I do and will continue to support all our students, families, and faculty here at Beck in the years to come!



Paola

I'm Paola Avila this is my first year at Jessie Beck as the administrative secretary and so far I am loving it!! I been so lucky to have found such welcoming and helpful staff here at Jessie Beck. If I'm not at the office you will find me with my family either at the multiple sport games, practices or relaxing at home watching movies. When I do get some time to myself I look forward to binge watching reality tv shows! :)

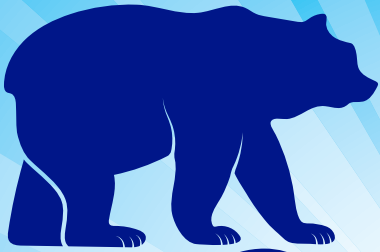
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**Washoe County
Golf Course**

9:00 am Shotgun Start



Friday October 29th

- \$500 Title Sponsors

Includes hole sign logo, logo on a banner, and a foursome

- \$400 for a Foursome

- \$110 each Individual Player

- Hole Sponsors \$100 with company logo

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at jessiebeckpfa.com

<https://cbo.io/bidapp/index.php?slug=jessiebeckpfa>

Questions - beckpfa@gmail.com

Art to Grow

What's so great about fall you ask? Besides everything, it's means volunteer art instructors (Arties) are back on campus after break! Oh, how we have all missed you and are very excited to see what your classrooms will be creating. If you signed up to volunteer, please make sure you have completed your volunteer form with the front desk.

Our local Lyons Club reached out to Jessie Beck to participate in their Annual International Peace Poster Contest. For over thirty years, the Lyon's Club has been hosting this international contest to encourage children, ages 11 -13, to creatively express what peace means to them. Students can share their unique images of peace with others, so that we may all have greater tolerance and international understanding. All eligible classes were given a presentation and flyers with details and ideas on how to start the creative process and dialog about what peace. This year's theme is "We Are All Connected" The deadline to submit artwork and release forms to the office is October 20th. A winner will be recognized by the Lyons club and advance to the next level of judging. The international grand prize winner will receive a trip (with parent or legal guardian) to an award ceremony where he/she will receive \$5,000 and an award. 23 Merit award winners will each receive \$500. This contest is completely voluntary. All entrees will be proudly displayed and shared with all our Jessie Beck Community. For more information or questions contact me at robinheywood@sbcglobal.net or Dahleen Kendler, Lyon Club President at rhmemembers1920@gmail.com or visit the Jessie Beck website.

Happy creating.

Robin Heywood

Art Coordinator



Dual Language program

Happy Hispanic Heritage Month!

September 15- October 15 celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month in the United States. Take pride in your Hispanic culture, or take time to learn about a culture different from your own! Throughout the month will be many celebrations of music, food, clothing, language, art, dance, and storytelling throughout our community. Visit ThisIsReno.com for ways to include your family in the fun!

The start of November brings a very special holiday in Mexico: Día de los Muertos. This celebration, taking place annually from November 1-2, is a time for families to remember their loved ones who have passed away. Legend has it that during the time of celebration, if a family member is remembered by placing photographs, favorite food and drinks of the deceased, marigold flowers, and sugar skulls upon an ofrenda (a decorated space to honor the deceased), the spirit of the deceased family member will visit once again! It is a time of love, memories, music, and joy. Will Día de los Muertos become a tradition for your family as well?

¡Feliz Mes de la Herencia Hispana!

Del 15 de Septiembre al 15 de Octubre se celebra el Mes de la Herencia Hispana en los Estados Unidos. ¡Enorgullecite de tu cultura hispana o tómate el tiempo para aprender sobre una cultura diferente a la tuya! A lo largo del mes habrá muchas celebraciones de música, comida, ropa, idioma, arte, bailes y narración de cuentos en toda nuestra comunidad. ¡Visite ThisIsReno.com para conocer formas de incluir a su familia en la diversión!

El inicio de Noviembre trae una fiesta muy especial en México: el Día de los Muertos. Esta celebración, que se lleva a cabo anualmente del 1 al 2 de Noviembre, es un momento para que las familias recuerden a sus seres queridos que han fallecido. La leyenda dice que durante el tiempo de celebración, si un miembro de la familia es recordado colocando fotografías, comida y bebidas favoritas del difunto, flores de caléndula y calaveras de azúcar sobre una ofrenda (un espacio decorado para honrar al difunto), ¡El espíritu del miembro de la familia fallecido lo visitará una vez más! Es un tiempo de amor, recuerdos, música y alegría. ¿El Día de los Muertos se convertirá en una tradición para su familia también?

Jog-A-Thon

I want to thank you all for embracing this new format for our Fun Run this year! Your enthusiasm and support helped our school have our most successful fun run to date! The kids did amazing running an average of 30 laps each on the Apex track! They loved the lessons taught by the Apex staff and running through the tunnel! After the event each kid was able to enjoy a water and a popsicle due to the very generous donations of some of our Beck parents as well! Thank you again for helping make this event a success! Bri Sullivan



Sensational Scarecrow Festival 2021

Slightly modified-Scarecrow Festival will take place the week of October 24-29 with a variety of events, including the return of the Scarecrow Bake Shop!

Jessie Beck's famous Pumpkin Cookies and pies will be ready for pickup Wednesday October 27th!

Pre-purchase yours on the Scarecrow webpage after Fall Break. And please, please, help us bake and decorate them! Decorating is a hoot. Come join in the fun!

The Strolling Scarecrow yard decorating contest is back by popular demand. We invite all of our Jessie Beck families to participate. Fire up your imaginations and make your yard a spooky, creepy, or hilarious visual feast! Teachers will be taking their classes on walking field trips around the neighborhood. This is a fun family activity, see if you can visit all of the entries and vote on your favorites. Entry forms and contest details are on the Scarecrow page of www.jessiebeckpfa.com. The entry map will be posted on our website.

The Pumpkin Decorating Contest is going to be big! Literally. Traditionally, in lieu of a class Scarecrow entry, each 6th grader receives a large pumpkin to decorate. This time around, the 5th graders will also participate since this is their last year at Beck. The pumpkins will be distributed at school on Wednesday October 20th and are due back at 9:00am Wednesday October 27th. We expect to have around 200 pumpkin creations on display!

The all-grades Coloring Contest Entry sheets will be given to students after Fall Break and are due back October 20th. Entries will be displayed outdoors after school on October 27th next to the Bake Shop.

Are you feeling lucky? We'll be selling tickets (\$10/5 tickets) for the **50/50 Scarecrow Raffle**.

Volunteers are needed! We have a ton of ways you can help, including decorating and planning; pie donations, cookie baking & sales; raffle ticket sales; photography; online map for Strolling Scarecrow and more. Please email Nancy Inouye (nancyinouye@mac.com)

Next year, hopefully we'll be able to have volunteers on campus again and things are closer to normal, we'll look forward to the restoration of the Scarecrow classroom displays and the carnival.



SCHEDULE of EVENTS

Monday October 11th

Bake Shop pre-sales online

Wednesday October 20th

Coloring Contest entries due

Strolling Scarecrow online registration deadline

5th & 6th graders bring home pumpkins

Sunday October 24th:

Strolling Scarecrow displays must be complete

Sunday October 24 – Friday October 29th:

Strolling Scarecrows on display.

See www.jessiebeckpfa.com for map

Monday October 25th:

Beck front lawn decorating 9:00am

Pumpkin cookies due at front office 9:00am

Pumpkin cookie decorating at Beck
9:00-11:00am & 6:30-8:30pm

Tuesday October 26th:

Pumpkin cookie decorating at Beck 9:00-11:00am

Pumpkin cookie decorating at Beck 6:30-8:30pm

Wednesday October 27th:

5th & 6th Grade pumpkins due at school 9:00am

Bake Shop open at Beck for pickup 2:30-5:00pm

Coloring Contest entries on display 2:30-5:00pm

Pumpkin entries on display 2:30-5:00pm

Raffle ticket sales 2:30-5:00pm

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A Message from our School Board Trustee Beth Smith

My name is Beth Smith, and I'm your new School Board Trustee representing our community in District D. As a mom to two boys in elementary school, my priority is to bring parent voices and perspectives to the Board's conversations while also supporting our amazing teachers and administrators like Principal Lane.

Hearing about your experiences, ideas, and needs helps me represent you in the best way possible. Your opinions and perspectives on the decisions being made matter to me. Please feel free to email me anytime at elizabeth.smith@washoeschools.net. Being your Trustee is an honor.

I am totally open to ideas on it so let me know if you would like to see any changes.

Thank you for this opportunity to get to know the families of Jessie Beck.

Beth Smith

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