

a publication of the jessie beck parent faculty association

# The Bear Facts

september  
2021



## Jessie Beck 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

*the bear facts*

September 7 *PFA General Meeting*

September 14-23 *Jog A Thon*

September 22 *Picture Day*

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*



Welcome Back to the 2021-2022 school year Jessie Beck Families! I wish I could say it has been a smooth opening, but with all of the smoke, the smoke days and still navigating everyday through the pandemic, we are truly taking it one day at a time. My heart goes out to all of those affected by both the Caldor and Dixie Fires. This has truly been such a sad and devastating time for these regions and I know for some of us, our families and properties have been impacted by these wildfires as well.

Some of the greatest lessons of last year was the ability to be flexible and to recognize that there is so much out of our control and to appreciate everyday; the moments that our students can be outside running around at recess, when they can be in person in our classrooms learning and to truly appreciate just being together and one another! We are all truly doing the best we can and I know our students and families are as well.

Thank you for attending our Virtual Back to School Night. We hope you enjoyed hearing all of the wonderful things your students will be doing this school year. I know many of you are anxious to start helping in our classrooms and on campus, however we still have to hold off on volunteers on campus due to continued Covid guidelines. I hope soon we can welcome parents back into our schools to work with our students and staff. I know how important this is for all of us!

We completed our Fall MAP testing for grades 1st-3rd. Our Kindergarten students will begin MAP testing in Reading during the Winter MAP session. We conduct these assessments as a measurement of students' academic progress. We will only be assessing ELA this school year. This data will guide instruction and interventions for our students. We also use this as data during our weekly MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) meetings to support student learning. This test is also the indicator that the State of Nevada uses for Nevada Kids Read (Assembly Bill 289). Any student who is below the 40% in Reading on the MAP assessment, receives a reading intervention plan. In Grades 4-6 students will be assessed using end of unit assessments in both Math and ELA and this will be documented using the School City platform.

We will begin to focus again on our PBIS (Positive Behavioral Supports Systems) and SEL (Social and Emotional Learning) school wide, as we will continue to recognize our students for being Respectful, Responsible and Kind. Students will earn Bear Paws and Class Bear Paws, which we had to put a hold on last year. Our student store will open again and students can turn in their Bear Paws for prizes. We will also be focusing on the SEL Competencies: 1) Self-Awareness, 2) Self Management, 3) Social Awareness, 4) Relationship Skills and 5) Responsible Decision Making.

We look forward to another great year here at Jessie Beck!

Go Bears!

Ms. Lane

Principal



## Counseling Update from “Mrs. C”

I wanted to start by welcoming all our students, families, and faculty back to Jessie Beck!! I hope everyone had a restful summer and took some time to enjoy their time away! With that said, I could not be more excited to start a fresh school year – it has been so wonderful to see many new and familiar faces these past few weeks at school! We are kicking this school year off on a positive note and I have a few topics I will be covering school wide in the upcoming months! I have been in an out of classrooms already delivering my first guidance lesson on KINDNESS as this is such an important topic to cover during these trying times and we would like to spread as much positivity as we can here at Beck! I will also be starting a “Kindness Challenge” that aligns with the guidance lesson students have received. Students have been working hard to help me create this and will begin completing their kindness challenges in the next few weeks! I have also updated the Jessie Beck Student Store and students will be able to spend their “Bear Paws” on an assortment of goodies starting this Friday 9/3/21. Lastly, I will be assisting our GT Coordinator in GATE Testing that is scheduled to begin on 9/1 and go through 9/30 for all 2nd and 5th graders.



### From the Library

I am so excited to be the new librarian here at Jessie Beck! Thank you very much to staff, students, and parents for the warm welcome. This school year, we are back in the library (after having a “traveling library” last year). In the first weeks, we are focusing on library skills and routines. I am getting to know each individual students’ reading habits better by having them complete a short reading survey. This helps me curate a collection that sparks interest and supports learning among all our grade levels. Happy reading!

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at [becklibrary@washoeschools.net](mailto:becklibrary@washoeschools.net)

August read-alouds:

School’s first Day of School by Adam Rex

A Library Book for Bear by Bonnie Becker

### Clinic Corner

Welcome back! As the new year starts, we have new and old policies that we need to be reminded of pertaining to student health. First, masks are still mandated, all students and staff are to wear proper fitting masks while indoors. Please provide your students with clean, well fitting masks and provide a back-up one to be kept in their backpack. The school has a limited amount of resources for these items. Staying hydrated is a huge part of staying healthy! Please have your child bring their water bottles to school. Water fountains are still closed but we do have a water bottle refilling station available. If your student needs to take medication or have medication kept at school, please contact the Health Office for proper forms and information. These forms must be filled out every year. Lastly, please **DO NOT SEND YOUR SICK STUDENT TO SCHOOL!** The Health Office cannot diagnose illness, administer tests or dispense medication without proper documentation. Please refer to the current screening tool (available on WCSD website) and/or call us to let us know what’s going on. We all must work together to get through these unprecedented times. Stay Healthy and Safe.

# Art to Grow

Hello & welcome back Jessie Beck families!

What's Art to Grow all about? Art to Grow encompasses all that ART is and does for our children while attending elementary school. Art to Grow grows along with leaps and bounds your child will take over the coming years, growing right along with them. The goal of our art program is to provide a positive learning experience for student of all skill levels to participate in the amazing world of art. Art can develop and provide develop creativity, knowledge of artist, principal elements of art, confidence & patience, dexterity skills, empathy & social awareness, communication skill, conceptional & problem-solving skill, and it's FUN.

Our program is designed to assist both the art volunteer and teacher with a variety of curriculum and material for ideas, training, and lesson plans. The amazing art room funded by our PFA provides all the essentials and then some for every classroom, event, and function throughout the year.

I know many of you are excited and ready to be in the classroom teaching art. Unfortunately, at this time volunteers are not permitted on campus due to Covid-19 restrictions. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact your student's teacher, or email me at [robinheywood@sbcglobal.net](mailto:robinheywood@sbcglobal.net). To be ready when we received the green light from WCSD, please have your volunteer form completed and returned to the front office.

I know were not quite back to normal, but it is so exciting to see students back in full classrooms. If there is one thing we have taken away in the past year, it's that when we work together, we can definitely make it better for our children. If you are looking for something that is not high stress and fun for all, the Nevada museum of art currently has a land art installation that is surely worth seeing.

Looking for a smile of the day? Check out this video I recently shared with our staff. Your children are sure to enjoy and learn something new about diatom artist Klaus Kemp.

<https://youtu.be/zrK3ncEIKm0>

Art truly is everywhere. - Robin Heywood, Art Coordinator

# Jog-A-Thon

This year we are partnering with a great company called Apex Leadership for our jog-a-thon! Apex has been in a number of schools around the district and has put on 100s of jog-a-thons. In addition to the jog-a-thon day, they also teach leadership lessons to our students about leadership, being a good citizen, and believing in themselves!

Apex not only teaches our kids some great life lessons, they come in and energize the students each day about their event, they provide shirts for each student to keep track of their laps, and they provide the prizes for the students. Most of the fundraising is done virtually and so we are able to include those family members who live out of the area who still want to support our kids.

If you have any questions about the event, please feel free to reach out to event chair

Bri Sullivan @ [Brianne.gottiersullivan@gmail.com](mailto:Brianne.gottiersullivan@gmail.com).



# Sensational Scarecrow Festival

This year's Sensational Scarecrow Festival will take place Wednesday October 27th 2021. Hopefully we'll be back to our usual format of those delightful classroom displays, bake shop, and carnival for the 40th anniversary of this fun neighborhood event. 5th and 6th graders will compete in the Pumpkin Decorating Contest (pumpkins provided).

In any case, we will reprise the popular Strolling Scarecrow yard decorating contest, so start planning your spooky, funny, traditional, or Nevada-themed scarecrow yard displays! Any family in our community may enter. Details next month and on [www.jessiebeckpfa.com](http://www.jessiebeckpfa.com)

Volunteers are needed! We have a ton of ways you can help – in the lead up and on carnival day. We can use you for planning, cookie baking & sales, online map for Strolling Scarecrow, setting up/running games and more!

Please email Nancy Inouye ([nancyinouye@mac.com](mailto:nancyinouye@mac.com))



# Dual Language Program

Welcome back students! We are excited for a new school year. The Dual language Advisory Council (DLAC) is back at it and we are looking forward to some fun new events this year starting with the Scarecrow Festival. Come by and see us at our new booth this year for the Scarecrow Festival on October 27th. We will be decorating sugar skulls in preparation for Día de Los Muertos! A day to honor and celebrate the lives of our loved ones who have passed.

We welcome you to join us going forward in support and advocacy for Dual Language education. Here is our email and membership link. [BECKDLAC@gmail.com](mailto:BECKDLAC@gmail.com) <https://bit.ly/BeckDLACmembership21-22>

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¡Bienvenidos estudiantes! Estamos emocionados por un nuevo año escolar. El Consejo Asesor de Lenguaje Dual (DLAC) está de vuelta y estamos esperando algunos eventos nuevos y divertidos este año comenzando con el Festival del Espantapájaros. Ven a vernos en nuestro nuevo stand este año para el Festival del Espantapájaros el 27 de octubre. ¡Estaremos decorando calaveras de azúcar en preparación para el Día de Los Muertos! Un día para honrar y celebrar la vida de nuestros seres queridos que fallecieron.

Le damos la bienvenida a unirse a nosotros en el futuro en apoyo y defensa de la educación en dos idiomas. Aquí está nuestro enlace de correo electrónico y membresía.

[BECKDLAC@gmail.com](mailto:BECKDLAC@gmail.com) <https://bit.ly/BeckDLACmembership21-22>

# PFA NEWS



Dear Jessie Beck Families,

On behalf of the Jessie Beck Parent Faculty Association (JB PFA), welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! It's a new school year with much excitement, however our students, faculty and parents face many of the same challenges as last year. Unfortunately, Covid-19 is not behind us and most of the same protocols exist. Much the same, smoke is a major factor from the nearby wildfires, already causing school cancellations. We will not be deterred. The PFA is here to support the faculty and students of Jessie Beck and is looking forward to a successful school year.

Our "Coffee on the Lawn" meeting, on August 16th, was hugely successful. Our membership is growing and our committees are filling up. Our budget will be finalized during our upcoming Board/General Meetings on September 7th. If you haven't joined yet, please do so at [www.jessiebeckpfa.com](http://www.jessiebeckpfa.com). PFA yearly Membership is \$10/Family, and \$7/Staff. We can also be found on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/jessiebeckpfa](http://www.facebook.com/jessiebeckpfa).

Since 1989 our mission has been to "enhance and enrich the educational experience of our students," which is accomplished through the generous help and support of our parents, faculty, sponsors, donors, and our community. JB PFA, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, funds teacher positions in addition to helping with upgrading student / faculty technology and purchasing various necessary supplies. The PFA organizes numerous social, educational, and fun events the next of which will be the Jog-a-Thon, scheduled for September 24th. The Jog-a-Thon has always been a special event and our leadership has elected to enhance this year's experience by having APEX Leadership Co., run things. APEX successfully operates Jog-a-Thon's at more than 20 other schools in Washoe County. In addition to the main event, APEX facilitates a 10 day in classroom educational experience. Two big events that will follow are the Scarecrow Festival on October 27th and the 2nd Annual Golf Tournament in late October.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the continued support from all of those in our Jessie Beck Community who volunteer their time, energy, enthusiasm, ideas, and donations to the PFA. Special recognition needs to be given to those on the Board, who work on nights and weekends to ensure we accomplish our PFA mission!

Regards,

Chris Burke

PFA President

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# HELP SUPPORT

## Jessie Beck Elementary



**OUR APEX EVENT & FUNDRAISER STARTS ON SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>**

**WE'RE RAISING FUNDS FOR:**



- **SUPPORT STAFF**
- **TECHNOLOGY**



### IMPORTANT DATES:

**PLEDGING OPENS: September 14<sup>TH</sup>**

**APEX EVENT: September 23<sup>RD</sup>**

### ABOUT OUR FUNDRAISER

Our goal is to provide all of our students with the best education and school experience possible and ensure they have the tools they need to learn and grow. All students are included in the leadership program and fitness event regardless of financial participation in the fundraiser. If you can help, please know that no donation is too small.



### GETTING STARTED:

When pledging opens, go to [www.MyApexEvent.com](http://www.MyApexEvent.com) and log in using your child's unique ACCESS CODE.

### ABOUT APEX LEADERSHIP CO

Apex is a 2-week interactive leadership & character building program combined with a fitness focused event fundraiser to help schools raise much needed funds.



### MAKE A DONATION:

Make a flat donation **OR** pledge a \$ amount for each "fitness move" your child will complete at the event. Recorded "[fitness moves are capped at 36 max.

### LEADERSHIP THEME: AS ONE

The leadership program focuses on developing student self-control, decision making and interpersonal skills vital for school and life success. The quick, engaging lessons tie in with our school's vision and mission, encourages students to create a positive environment, and inspires them to lead by example.

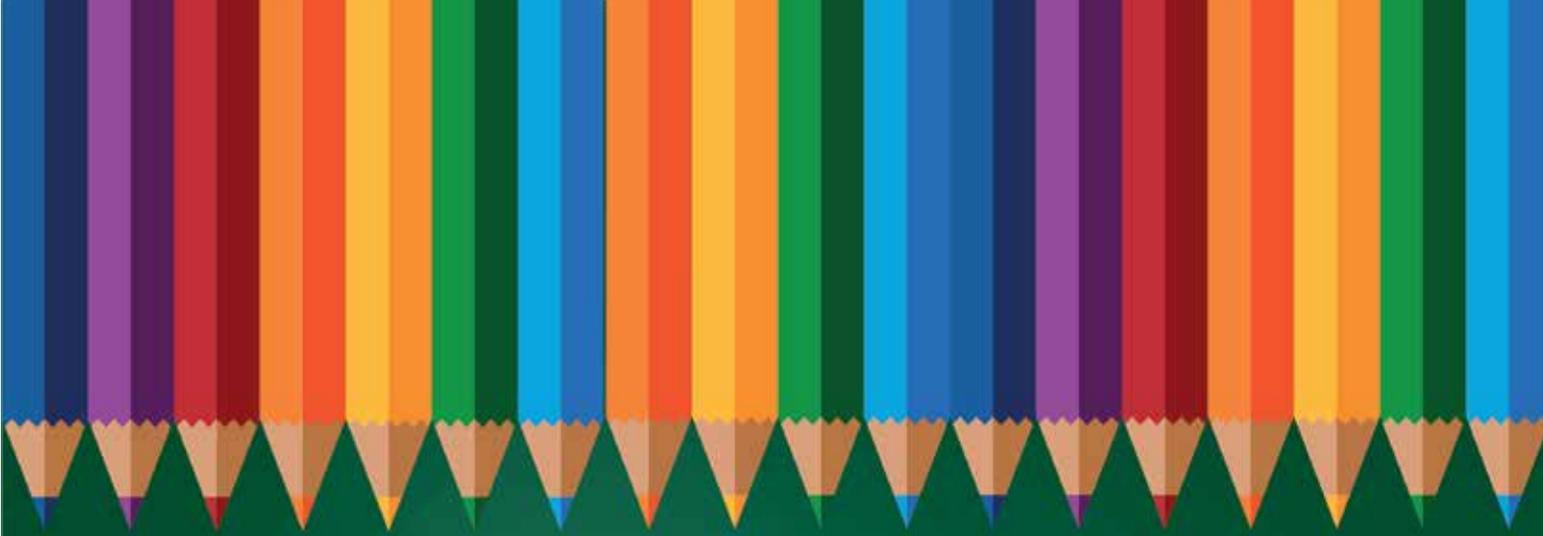


### SHARE:

Use the "Share Wizard" tool to send a donation link via email, text, and social media to 10 family members and friends. They can donate online to help our school.

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- **S SELF STARTER**
- **O OWN IT**
- **N NEW DAY**
- **E ENERGIZE**





## *Newsletter Advertising Opportunity*



Hello Jessie Beck Business Owners. We have an exciting offer for you.

The PFA is selling advertising space in the 2021/2022 Newsletter.

The JB Newsletter is going back to print this year, but will also be offered digitally. Plus, your advertisement will be hosted year-round on the Jessie Beck PFA Website.

Send your advertisement submission size request, and a PDF or JPG of your advertisement to [BeckPFA@gmail.com](mailto:BeckPFA@gmail.com).

Let us know what ad size you prefer and if we can secure your space for the entire 21/22 school year! Discount of 10% for school year commitment. Please make checks payable to Jessie Beck PFA 1900 Sharon Way Reno, NV 89509.

**FULL PAGE - \$200**  
**HALF PAGE - \$100**

**1/4 PAGE - \$ 50**  
**BUSINESS CARD - \$25**

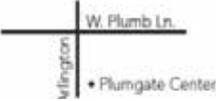
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