

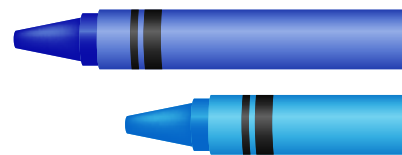
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The Bear Facts

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Jessie Beck dates to note



Natalia's El Adobe Nights - The third Wednesday of every month is Jessie Beck Night at El Adobe Restaurant, 55 W. Arroyo Street - 25% of all proceeds will go into the Natalia Berumen Scholarship Fund.

Natalia was a Jessie Beck student who passed away in August of 2013. To keep her name and memory alive, the PFA is offering high school seniors who have graduated from Jessie Beck a chance to apply for one of these scholarships. So take your family to El Adobe once a month and support the Berumen family and this wonderful scholarship fund. We look forward to seeing you there!

Spirit Fridays

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Every Wednesday at 2:15 PM

the bear facts

September 5 **Labor Day No School**

September 7 **Gift Wrap Sales End**

September 12-23 **Jog A Thon**

September 14 **DLAC Meeting 6:30pm**

September 22 **Picture Day**

September 27 - 30 **5th Grade Sierra Nevada Journeys**

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PFA NEWS



Welcome back Jessie Beck Families!

We are so excited for the 2022-2023 school year and that we are able to bring back some of our favorite events as we come out of Covid. My mission this year as PFA president is to bring back the community feel that Jessie Beck has always stood for, and that starts with our staff, students and parents. We have a number of fun community events planned for the year that are meant to be an enjoyable time for our Beck families to come together.

Our PFA also works with parents and supporters to raise funds for our school. These funds employ support staff such as our PE teacher, computer teacher, intervention aides and support technology, science, music, library, playground, art, classrooms, and Dual Language programs. We are here for our students and staff and seek to enrich and enhance their experience. We have a variety of volunteer opportunities available and could always use any support you can offer. Not all commitments are large - some are even just for a day, so please reach out if you are interested in getting involved. Head to jessiebeckPFA.com to learn more about the PFA and please consider joining our association (\$10 / family, \$7 / faculty). Your assistance in any way would be appreciated, so please feel free to reach out to me at any time to see how you can get involved!

Welcome back and we are so happy to have you here at Jessie Beck for the 2022-2023 school year!

Bri Sullivan

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Coffee on the Lawn

It was great seeing all of our parents at Coffee on the Lawn and getting so many great volunteers to sign up for our events this year! Jessie Beck is a school built on community and this event is always where we can learn about all the great things that Jessie Beck has to offer our staff, students and parents.

Beck Roller Skating Night

Our first Beck community night was a great success! We had over 300 people attend skating night at Roller Kingdom and it was so fun watching so many of our families skate. We look forward to welcoming you to our future community events throughout the year!

the Principal's pen

Welcome Back to the 2022-2023 school year Jessie Beck Families! It has been a WONDERFUL opening! Things feel back to normal and it is so wonderful to see all of our students and families back on campus.

We hope you enjoyed our Back To School Night and getting to know all of your child's teacher(s) and hearing about 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; volunteer forms are required as well as background checks. Once you are cleared our teachers/front office staff will reach out to you. All classrooms set up their volunteers differently, so please be patient when waiting to hear when you can begin supporting your child's classroom. We welcome all of you back! It feels good to have the support of our families back on campus again!

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. 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 implemented these assessments last year as well. Soon our staff will be diving deep into our SBAC data from last year. We made great gains in both ELA and Math and in many of our subpopulations. This is exciting news and can be attributed to many wonderful factors in place at Jessie Beck: high expectations for all learners, highly effective teachers and excellent Tier 1 instruction, intervention support staff dedicated to improving all student learning, and parent support at home to continue learning beyond the school day. It is truly evident when all of these systems and factors work together....great things can be achieved!

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. We have a new Dean this year, Mrs. Nia Waters, who is highlighted in our new staff page in this edition. Please welcome her! Students will continue to earn Bear Paws and Class Bear Paws. 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. Mrs. C, our School Counselor will be in the classrooms this year delivering Guidance and SEL Lessons. We look forward to our students continuing to make good decisions and supporting our students socially, emotionally and academically.

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

Ms. Lane - Principal

Message from the Dean

Hello Jessie Beck Families.

My name is Nia Waters, Dean of Students at Jessie Beck Elementary for the 22-23 school year. I wanted to share the discipline and school community building focus we are working on this year. My job will be to support teachers with restorative practices, SEL, PBIS and consistency in practicing our school discipline matrix. My focus is on restorative practices and trauma informed discipline strategies to foster a safe and rigorous learning environment for all students.

Restorative practices strengthen students' connections to both staff and other students. Therefore, restorative practices support both prevention and response. Students will be having guidance and SEL lessons with our counselor for the prevention. Then, we have restorative practices set up for students such as Restorative Recess with me, restorative questioning, and reflections for transgressors, and SEL reteaching groups. Furthermore, we have our Positive Behavior Interventions Supports like Bear Paws and the Bear Paw Store every other week, as well as classroom rewards and incentives. Ultimately, focusing on positive connections, interventions and support contributes to us having a positive school climate for all. I look forward to a great positive year at Beck.

Nia Waters - Dean of Students

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Clinic Corner

Welcome back to the start of another school year. We hope you and your family had an enjoyable and healthy summer break.

The fall and winter months ahead are not only a time for students to resume their studies they are also a time when colds, flu, and other communicable diseases are at their peak. The Washoe County School District would like to partner with you to minimize the spread of common childhood illnesses and missed school days.

Here are some steps you can take to ensure your child stays healthy and learning-ready this winter season:

1. While lice are not considered a "disease," they are a nuisance that affects up to 12 million school-aged children each year. Lice don't hop or fly but are spread by direct head-to-head contact or by using an infested brush, hat, or hair accessory. You may want to check your child's head periodically for lice or nits and help him/her understand that some things are not to be shared, even with a sibling or best friend.
2. Keep immunizations up-to-date. Vaccines protect your child and the school community from serious, preventable diseases.
3. Encourage hand-washing at home. Unwashed hands are a major source of disease transmission; scrubbing hands with soap and water before eating and after use of bathroom facilities is important to avoid exposure to many respiratory and stomach illness.
4. Although lunchtime in the cafeteria is a chance for students to socialize with friends, it can also be an opportunity for viruses and bacteria to pass from one child to another. Discourage your child from sharing their food, beverages, and eating utensils with others.
5. Please keep your sick child home. While mild illnesses are not completely preventable when hundreds of children (and their "germs") share the same building, children with fever or signs of moderate illness should not come to school. Not only are they infectious to others but they also need the care and supervision that only a parent can provide.

The Washoe County School District is committed to maintaining a healthy school environment for all students.

Our wellness and exclusion policies not only conform to accepted national standards but are designed to promote the health and well-being of all members of our school community.

If you have any questions about health issues or policies, go to our "Health Student" @ washoeschools.net or call the school health office and ask to have the school nurse paged.

Thank you - Nurse Ruyak

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 summer break! 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 first few weeks at school! We are kicking this school year off on a positive note as we welcome our brand-new kinder students this week. Starting September 1st, I will be pushing into classrooms schoolwide to deliver guidance lessons on the topic of conflict resolution! I have also updated the Jessie Beck Bear Paw Store and students will be able to spend their “Bear Paws” starting this week and every other Friday after that! I will also be pushing into our 5th grade classes this week to talk about our Self-Manager program here at Jessie Beck – I will discuss what the requirements/expectations are to become a self-manager and how each student can accomplish this if they choose. 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 – letters with detailed information about this will be going home so please be on the lookout for that!

Thank you!

From the Library

Welcome back to the library, Jessie Beck Bears!
I am looking forward to a great school year.
The first week back, almost 500 books went home with our students. Please talk to your child(ren) about being responsible and taking good care of library books.
This month, we are establishing routines in the library and talking about book care and how to pick a “good-fit” book as we are reading books about libraries and school. Students are also filling out a survey which will help me get to know their reading habits and interests better.
If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at becklibrary@washoeschools.net.
Best wishes from the library,
Mrs. Cantu

August read-alouds:
Wanted! Ralfy Rabbit, Book Burglar by Emily MacKenzie
Curious George visits the Library (English & Spanish) by H.A. Rey/Martha Weston



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Get to know your Jessie Beck staff.



Nia Waters Dean of Students

I am so excited to be back at Jessie Beck! I have been with Washoe County School District for 22 years in many different capacities and schools. I spent 10 years at Beck as ESL Teacher, ELD Facilitator and Literacy Specialist and loved every minute of the Beck community.

I love spending time with my family traveling, camping, boating and doing home improvement projects. I look forward to an exciting 2022-2023 school year!



Joey Sandin

Joey Sandin is a native Iowan who has lived her adult life in the Bay Area but is happy to have ended up in Reno! Joey got both her teaching credential and Masters in Reading Instruction at Cal State East Bay. She is in her 7th year of teaching and is excited to be working with 4th graders at Jessie Beck this year! She loves to go on walks with her three dogs, her partner Jonathan, and her son, Charlie. Her favorite things include baking, reading, cross stitching, and watching Hallmark Christmas movies.



Janna Anderson

Hi! I'm Janna Anderson and this is my 21st year of teaching here in Washoe County. I was born and raised in the Sparks/Reno area and graduated with dual degrees in Elementary Ed/ Special Ed from the University of Nevada, Reno. I have two kids, my son, Logan who is 21 and works for a national construction company. My daughter, Delainey just graduated from Galena and is off to Oregon State University this fall. My husband Joel and I just celebrated 23 years of marriage and like to spend time camping, paddle boarding and exploring in our side by side.



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2022 Jessie Beck T-shirt Design Contest

Do you have an idea for a cool Jessie Beck shirt? Would you like you see your artwork on a T-shirt? Your challenge is to design a logo that tells the story of what Jessie Beck means to you. Designs will be voted on by your peers and the winning design will be sold as part of the 2022 spirit wear.

The design should be very simple

It should fit on an 8.5x11" piece of paper and only use 1-3 colors

Feel free to use any medium that can be digitalized.

Label the back of the design (in pencil) with the student's name and teacher.

September 23rd return your design to the logo design folder in the front office.

Voting will be held the week of October 10th, the winning design announced at the Scarecrow Festival.

T-Shirts will be on sale throughout the year at PFA events and online.

Please be creative and have fun with your designs!

Thank you,

Jessie Beck PFA and the Dual Language Advisory Committee

BeckDLAC@gmail.com

Art to Grow

My name is Whitney Stodtmeister, and I am very excited to be the new Art Coordinator at Jessie Beck. I wanted to introduce myself quickly and welcome you to a new year of volunteering as Arties. I was born and raised here in Reno, NV and enjoyed creating art from my days in elementary school to my art and photography classes at Galena High School. I graduated with a B.A. in Humanities with an emphasis in Art History, and I have taken several fine art classes in many different mediums including oil painting, watercolor, photography, print making, and book binding. My three kids have attended Jessie Beck for the last six years, and I have been an Artie for all of them.

I love the opportunity we have as Arties to teach kids about art, art history, different mediums, and to help them explore their creativity. I am very excited for the upcoming school year and want to thank all of you for volunteering in any capacity you can to strengthen the art program at Jessie Beck.

The art program at Jessie Beck could not happen without each and every one of you. I plan to build upon the great program that Robin Heywood has created, and I want to focus this year on developing a collection of projects to help the Arties with ideas for their classrooms.

Thank you again for volunteering and your commitment to art education. If you did not sign up but are still interested in volunteering for the program please reach out and let me know.

Thank you,

Whitney Stodtmeister - Art Coordinator

whitstod@gmail.com or text me at 775-657-0572



Jessie Beck Garden Club

Welcome Back to the Garden!

We had a wonderful summer in the garden.

Every week, we had a family volunteer to water and tend to the beds. Some families were even lucky enough to harvest strawberries, lettuce, kale, green beans and bell peppers.

In July we held our first ever Garlic Sale! Students planted garlic in October, and we harvested the first of July. The bulbs were braided together and allowed to dry for 3 weeks. The sale was a huge success, and we raised almost \$500 for our programs and our goal of having a greenhouse.

Thank you to everyone who supported the garden this summer!

We can't wait to share our fall programs with you.

You can follow us on Instagram @jessiebeckschoolgarden!

Jessie Beck Garden Club



Jessie Beck Archery Fun

For close to a decade now, Jessie Beck Elementary has had the opportunity for extra “off campus” fun and learning. Thanks to a partnership with the Wild Sheep Foundation, students from Jessie Beck are invited to learn about one of the oldest Olympic sports, the sport of archery.

Through hands-on monthly opportunities, students from our school learn safety and basics of shooting archery. The goal is to simply have some fun, learn (or improve with) the sport of archery, and hang out with friends from school outside school hours at a local indoor archery range.

The first archery event will take place on Saturday, September 24th from 9:30 to 11:00 AM at Wasting Arrows (5260 Longley Lane). Like each event, it will begin with lessons on safety and how to properly shoot a compound bow. The bows are Genesis bows and are adaptable to any size archer, so just about any age can participate. After the short lesson, students will have plenty of time to improve their skills by shooting on the range.

Targeting beginner shooters, all equipment is provided. However, those who have a bow are invited to bring it. With the partnership of the Wild Sheep Foundation, who pays for the bow rental, lesson, and range time, the experience is 100% free.

Each month a different themed shoot most often occurs. Based on any holidays that are found in the month, these include: zombie shoot (October), turkey shoot (November), glass ornament shoot (January), 3D shoots, etc.

Space is limited.

To register for the first shoot in October please send the following in an email to Dr. Brock at Rbrock@washoeschools.net.

- Parent Name
- Student Name(s)
- Grade of Student(s)

Dual Language Advisory Council

We are a group of parents & teachers supporting the development of biliterate, bilingual, and culturally responsive programs.

In partnership with the PFA, a few ways we’ve supported Beck students include: Spanish Summer Camp, teacher materials in Spanish, family events, bilingual classroom aides, the Jessie Beck Talent Show, and more multicultural Spanish books for the school library. We’ve also advocated for our program with the school district!

This year you can expect all of the above, plus: increased family voice, Multicultural Night, community outreach about Dual Language Education, schoolwide engagement, connections with our community, and more school wide language learning supports.

Join our mailing list or group by completing this Membership Form bit.ly/beckdlac2022

Somos un grupo de padres y maestros quienes apoyan el desarrollo de programas culturalmente receptivos que promueven el bilingüismo y la alfabetización bilingüe.

En colaboración con el PFA (asociación de los padres/ el personal de la escuela), algunas maneras en que hemos apoyado los estudiantes de Beck incluyen: acampamento de español del verano, recursos para maestros en español, eventos para familias, ayudantes bilingües para el salón, el concurso de talentos, y libros multiculturales en español para la biblioteca. ¡También abogamos por nuestro programa bilingüe dentro del condado escolar!

Este año pueden anticipar todo lo anterior, más la ampliación de la voz de familias, una noche multicultural, conexiones con la comunidad sobre educación bilingüe, involucramiento con la escuela, y el apoyo del aprendizaje de idiomas para toda la escuela.

¡Reúnase con nosotros! Se puede inscribir para más información. Complete nuestro cuestionario de miembros: bit.ly/beckdlac2022



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Every student at our school participates in the daily leadership and character lessons, receives daily lesson silicone wristbands, enjoys classroom & school wide rewards, and takes part in the celebratory, high-energy fitness event, regardless of financial participation in the fundraiser.



SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

When the fundraiser kicks off, help our school by:

- 1) Making a donation online at www.MyApexEvent.com
- 2) Send a link to invite family and friends to also donate online.
- 3) Encourage your child to do their best at our fitness event!

More info will be coming home soon.

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