

# The Bear Facts

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Dear Jessie Beck Families,

Fund the Arts is almost here, mark your calendars for April 22nd & 23rd, dont miss this amazing event!

<https://www.jbfundthearts.com/>

Our Corporate Sponsorship is building momentum with 5 sponsors so far. The program is available to all.

If you have questions, please contact Dulce Drakulich [ddrak12@gmail.com](mailto:ddrak12@gmail.com) or check out the PFA website.

An easy way to raise fund for our school, is to utilize “Free Money Programs” Amazon Smiles, Box Tops, Office Depot, and IGive donate a percentage of your purchase back to our school. You simply sign up for an account and designate our school as the recipient.

Check out all the details here

<https://www.jessiebeckpfa.com/free-money-programs.html>.

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. It’s never too late to join the PFA!

As always, please contact us at [BeckPFA@gmail.com](mailto:BeckPFA@gmail.com) for various volunteering opportunities, inquiries, suggestions or feedback.

Chris Burke

PFA President - [BeckPFA@gmail.com](mailto:BeckPFA@gmail.com)

## Dates to Note

Spirit Fridays

Wear your Jessie Beck attire every Friday!

Early Release

Every Wednesday at 2:15 PM

**Apr 11-15:** No bus transportation

**Apr 15:** Soccer at Robert Mitchell

**Apr 18:** Staff professional day - no school

**Apr 22:** Soccer at Home vs. Smithridge

**Apr 22-23:** Fund The Arts

**Apr 29:** Soccer at home vs. Alice Smith

**May 3:** PFA Board Meeting 4 PM @ Napa Sonoma

**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 6th grade parties.

**May 13:** Soccer at Home vs. Anderson

**May 18:** Strolling Art Show

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check us out on Social Media.



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## *the Principal's pen*

Happy April Jessie Beck Families! I cannot believe we are almost in the home stretch of the 2021-2022 school year!

With the majority of all Covid restrictions being lifted in the past month or so, as a staff we felt it was very necessary to have a school wide assembly to review our behavior matrix, dress code, our school rules, our Peace Pledge; I am respectful, I am responsible and I am kind and to focus on overall Kindness as an entire school community. As I shared in a previous Connect Ed., this assembly was very successful and Dr. Brock and some of our wonderful Self Managers created a school wide video that showed our entire student body how to enter and exit our school grounds, how to appropriately play on the equipment and to travel to and from on the bus safely, just to name a few! Please continue to have open conversations with how things are going in your child's day and if you have any concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher, our Counselor Mrs. C or myself. We want all of our students to feel safe and respected as learners at Jessie Beck.

A huge shout out to our Fund the Arts committee for their hard work organizing another what I know will be an amazing event! As you can imagine this takes months and months of hard work and organization. A huge shout out too, to all of our students and staff members for creating the amazing art that will be auctioned. We appreciate the dedication and time our art volunteers put into the classrooms to create the art as well! I look forward to celebrating this night with everyone!

Transportation: The weeks Beck is impacted by no transportation: 4/11-4/15, 5/9-5/13, 6/6-6/7. Please plan accordingly.

Summer School will be offered again this summer. The dates are June 21st-July 14th Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Jessie Beck will be a host site with two other elementary schools attending at Beck. Teachers will be reaching out to families of students who would benefit from in-person summer school. There will also be an enrichment Summer School option where students can continue working on Dreambox and Reading A-Z.

Register for the 2022-2023 School Year Parents can complete the online registration form under the Infinite Campus parent portal for returning students. New students also complete the online registration using this link. Visit [www.washoeschools.net/enroll](http://www.washoeschools.net/enroll). Incoming Kinder Students: There are new age guidelines per changes approved by the Nevada Legislature for the incoming kindergarten students. For the 2022-2023 school year, children must be five years of age on or before Monday, August 15, 2022, for balanced calendar schools.

SBAC-Grades 3rd-6th will be April 13th-May 12th. Teachers will let you know class specific dates. We will be awarding students for demonstrating Mindful Testing Strategies that teachers will be sharing with their students in the next few days. We will have great raffle prizes that students can win at the end of each week of testing and a grand prize at the end of the entire testing window. \$100.00 Gift Card to Vans!

April 18th-State Professional Day for staff-No school, No nutrition services, No before or afterschool programs.

Thank you, Ms. Lane

## CLINIC CORNER

Spring has Sprung, along with allergy symptoms.

Please err on the side of caution when trying to differentiate between allergies and signs and symptoms of illness. Unless a Covid test is done, we can not assume it's just allergies.

With field trips back on, please look for flyers coming home and check in with School Nurse/Health Office regarding any medications that might be needed while away. It's pertinent that this is done well in advance of overnight field trips.

GIVE KIDS A SMILE Dental Fair! Free dental screenings, x-rays and fluoride! Sat. May 14, 2022 8 -12 noon. Appointments are required. Contact the Health Office 775-689-2520 ext 2 for more information.

Lastly, the health office has been able to provide a change of clothes for students who get messy or have an accident.

These clothes have been provided by the Clinic Aide and PFA on a borrow basis. As of now, we have run out of clothes for smaller students. I would suggest sending your student with an extra set of clothes, otherwise, we will have to make a call to parents to bring them to school.

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

## From the Library

Right before our break, upper grade students did a book tasting to find a good book to read for their two-week break while discovering new genres that interest them. Kinder and 1st listened to a Bruce the Bear story and did a directed drawing of a bear. With the temperatures rising, trees blooming, and spring (finally) arriving, we started talking about flowers and how they grow.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at [becklibrary@washoeschools.net](mailto:becklibrary@washoeschools.net).

Happy Spring,

Mrs. Cantu

March read-alouds:

What's inside a flower? by Rachel Ignotofsky

Hotel Bruce by Ryan T. Higgins

## Counseling Update from "Mrs. C"

Happy April to all our students and families at Jessie Beck – I hope everyone enjoyed their Spring Break and time off from school! Since returning from break, I have begun my Guidance Lessons for April which includes teaching SHARE to all 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students. When I complete this topic, I will be starting some small groups on social skills/ friendships before finishing my Guidance for the year on Careers! We also had a welcome back assembly for all grade levels to reteach behavior expectations and school rules since many of our younger students haven't had this opportunity since Covid began – it went great, and I am so proud to say I have seen an increase in positive behaviors schoolwide! Lastly, I will be assisting Ms. Lane in prepping for our upcoming SBAC assessment! We will be focusing on "Mindful Testing Strategies" leading up to this assessment for all 3-6th grade students!

# Get to know your Jessie Beck staff.



## Jennifer Sadler

I am the school site Speech Pathologist. I have worked at Jessie Beck for over 10 years! I am a native Nevadan and I attended Jessie Beck, Swope and Reno High School. I attended the University of Nevada, Reno where I earned a Masters degree from the School of Medicine in Speech and Language Pathology. Following my graduation from UNR, I worked in geriatric rehab. for 2 years before joining WCSD in 1998. I have been married to my husband Dan for 21 years and he is currently the principal of Carson Middle School. We have 2 boys, Jackson and Hudson who are both attending Reno High School. When I am not at work I love to spend time with my family, travel, shop and attend my son's high school baseball games!



## Rafael Zertuche

This is my 1st year teaching and what a good way to start my teaching journey at Jessie Beck. I was born and raised here in Reno I'm actually a former Jessie Beck student and it's good to be back where a lot of memories happened. During my free time I enjoy being around my family and love to watch baseball and yes I do love and go for the LA Dodgers.



## Stefanie Cantu

This is my first year as the librarian here at Jessie Beck. It has been a pleasure getting to know and work with the students and staff here! I was born and raised in Switzerland. I have a degree in Translation and Multilingual Communication from the Zurich University and speak English, Spanish, German, and French. Books have always been important to me, and I am passionate about passing the love for reading on to my students. Other than bury myself in a good book, I enjoy playing board games and foosball with my husband and three kids. I like arts and crafts, baking, and spending summers in Switzerland with my family.



## Robin Heygood

I have been the Art Coordinator/Educator for the Art to Grow program for the last 15 years. I work with our staff and volunteer art instructors, better known as "Arties" teaching, supporting and facilitating the program. I am a small business owner, alumni parent and past volunteer to many events and activities at Jessie Beck. My background includes art, community relations, public education, volunteers, and sales. I have over thirty years' experience teaching children & adults art through organizations such as the City of Reno, VSA (Arts for all Nevadans), and local & private elementary schools. I am Co-Founder of UnchARTed Waters, a community art project for individuals with development disabilities and their families. I believe art is a platform for all to learn; even those who say, "I'm not that artistic".



## *Kelsey Anderson*

Kelsey was born and raised in Reno, Nevada and feels so lucky to call it home! She grew up in a very active family who took many vacations to National Parks (So far, she's visited 13!) and participated in a variety of sports. She graduated from Boise State University in 2019 with a Bachelor of Health Science and has years of experience in youth recreation programs. When she's not at school, she enjoys hiking, visiting Lake Tahoe, and practicing yoga.



## *Monica Esquerria*

This is my first year at Jessie Beck. I started off in the computer lab and have recently moved into the spot of attendance clerk. I was born in Houston, Texas and moved to Reno, NV at the age of 4, so home means Nevada to me. My husband Chris and I have a two year old daughter and two pups. We love spending our free time with family and friends and exploring the outdoors. I also am an avid crafter and have a small business CraftyCasita ( on instagram and facebook). I am happy to be here and be part of the Jessie Beck Bears!



## *Courtney Johnston*

Hi! I am Jessie Beck's k-4 resource teacher. I am a UNR alum with a masters in special education and a bachelors in secondary education, I have an emphasis in English and am endorsed to teach English as a second language. This is my seventh year as a WCSD teacher. While not a native Nevadan, I still consider myself a local; I attended Jessie Beck, Swope, and graduated from Reno High. I'm the proud mom to a three-year-old golden retriever, Truckee, and a five-year old cat, Kiva, I also have a wonderful husband, Dan. I absolutely love working at Jessie Beck, nothing compares to the climate and culture of this school!



## *Mr. Unruh*

I was in the Marine Corps band when I was 17 years old and played music with my Trombone all around California for three years and then I got my teaching degree and my masters degree in administration I've been teaching close to 30 years.



Check out [www.jbfundthearts.com](http://www.jbfundthearts.com)  
for event info and silent auction preview.

# 2022 YEARBOOK

## *Superheroes Spread Kindness*

### YEARBOOK COLORING CONTEST

Superheroes Spread Kindness is the theme for the 2022 Yearbook

Our Jessie Beck yearbook coloring contest starts April 18th and entries due to Mrs. Espinosa by May 3rd.

Please encourage your students to participate!

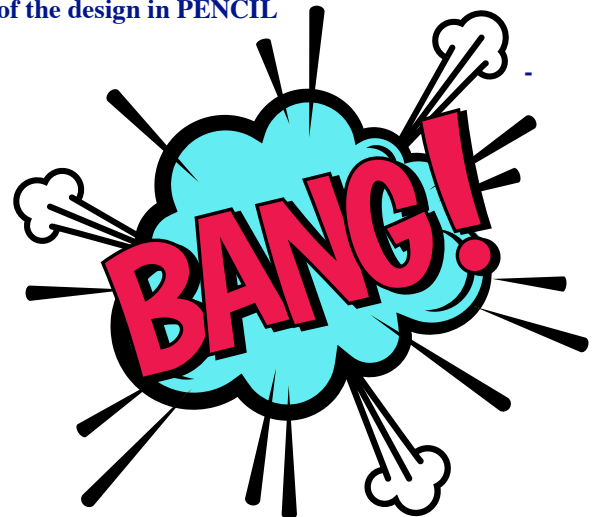
Winners will be chosen per grade and the Grand Prize Winner will be featured on the cover.

Each picture **MUST** follow these guidelines:

- Follow the theme Superheroes Spread Kindness (please include this phrase with your picture).
- Use only 8 ½ inch white copy paper
- Design and color need to be clean and copy ready
- Student's full name and grade level must be neatly printed **ON THE BACK** of the design in **PENCIL**

If you have any questions, please contact [despinosa@washoeschools.net](mailto:despinosa@washoeschools.net)

Thank you and happy drawing!



# Fund the Arts

Fund the arts is just a couple weeks away and we can't wait to see you all there!

**Friday** afternoon to the school from 3:30-5:30 to view the art with your student and family while also being able to purchase drinks from the Java Ship and tacos from El Cerrito Taco Truck. We also have dessert boxes available for purchase to take home and enjoy with your family.

**Saturday** evening will be a night of food fun and games as well as of course our silent and live art auction. Come out and enjoy some bocce ball, time with friends and lots of libations!

There are also ways to support without attending such as buying a Golden Bear ticket, buying a bottle from our Bottle Pull or bidding on items in our silent auction which is all handled digitally!

All the info for this event as well as the silent auction preview can be found at [www.jbfundthearts.com](http://www.jbfundthearts.com).

We hope to see you there!

Bri Sullivan



# Garden Club

Our first day of our 3-Day Planting Workshop was AWESOME!

We would like to continue planting greens directly in the garden. We would also like to add color to the garden with some paint projects using cement pavers. If these ideas spark your interest and you feel like you would like to head up next months workshop- let me know! We will support you!

Thanks so much to all our volunteers!

It is so great to have such an awesome team!

Come grow with us!

Whitney Weed and The Jessie Beck Garden Club Volunteers





# Dual Language program

## Spanish Language Summer Camp

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)

## Campamento de verano en 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 los estudiantes que ingresen del 1° al 5° grado de Jessie Beck el próximo año escolar.

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

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

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

# Art to Grow

Looking for a reason to attend this year's Fund the Arts?

How about 28 reasons! Yes, that's right, this year will feature 28 one-of-a-kind masterpieces created by your children that will be up for auction. The projects have once again explored new horizons and taken art to the next level. Students had a blast trying their hand at everything from ceramics to block printing to welding and more. I can't wait for you to see what each class has created! Please plan on attending Jessie Beck's largest fundraiser and social event to enjoy, play, and bid on the art and other cool stuff. Both Friday and Saturday will be packing with fun, festivities, and ART! Hope to see you there.

Make sure to mark your calendars for next month's Annual Strolling Art Show Wednesday, May 18th. Always a crowd pleaser; this highly anticipated tradition is not to be missed. Families are invited to stroll around the school to view classroom artwork created throughout the year. Bring a blanket and your favorite lunch to enjoy on the green with your children. Watch for flyers to come home with times.



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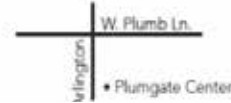


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