

# The Bear Facts

a publication of the jessie beck parent faculty association

november  
2021



## Jessie Beck

Dear Jessie Beck Families,

Sorry for the delay.. With so many events at the end of October we wanted to capture all the results for this newsletter.

### PFA Happenings:

- Trustee Smith joined us for our November 2nd Board/General Meetings.
- Golf, our second annual NV Day Golf Tournament successfully raised over **\$5,000, for our school**. We lucked out again with incredible golf weather and had a great turnout. Thank you to all our sponsors!
- T-Shirt Design Contest wrapping up at the end of November. Get yourself and your family some great spirit wear and be sure to remind your children to wear their spirit wear every Friday! <https://www.bonfire.com/store/jessie-beck-store/>

Regards,

Chris Burke - PFA President

Haven't joined the PFA?

It's easy <https://www.jessiebeckpfa.com>

Want to be a Sponsor?

<https://www.jessiebeckpfa.com/newsletter-sponsors.html>

## Dates to note

### *Natalia's El Adobe Night*

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

### *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

Nov 19 Thanksgiving basket items due

Nov 20 Pilgrim Thanksgiving Archery Shoot

Nov 24 - 26 Thanksgiving Holiday Break

Nov 30 Charleston Wrap Orders Delivered

December 1st - 3rd & 6th - 13th - Winter MAP Reading

Winter Music Concerts via zoom

2nd Grade 12/9 2:15-3:00 & 3rd Grade 12/10 2:15-3:00

## *the Principal's pen*

Happy November Everyone!

October was a busy month! Thank you to all of our families who participated in our Strolling Scarecrow Event. Many of our classes had the opportunity to take walking fieldtrips to see the scarecrows and they all had so much fun! We also loved seeing the creativity of our 5th and 6th grade pumpkin decorating entries and all of the entries that came in for our school wide scarecrow coloring contest. Thank you too, to our Pumpkin Cookie bakers and decorators! These were a great hit again! And we hope you were able to enjoy our K-3 Parade as our whole school participated in. Such a fun, fall, festive month!

A huge thank you to everyone who came out to play at our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament too! We had a great turn out and the weather was perfect. As always, thank you to our PFA and our Scarecrow Committee and Golf Tournament Committee for supporting all of our students and staff! Your hard work and commitment are both greatly appreciated!

As the months begin to get cooler, please remember to send your child with a jacket, hats, gloves, boots, etc. We do not have changes of clothes, so when it is wet outside I do always remind them in the morning announcements to stay out of the puddles....but we all know how tempting they are! You can always send an extra change of clothes or socks in their backpack.

Some safety reminders too:

Morning gates open at 8:40. Please do not drop your child off prior to this time. We do not have duty teachers on campus prior to 8:40. We are also still having to follow Covid guidelines, so we need to continue to minimize the number of people on campus in the morning as well; therefore we need to please ask that we have no parents on campus before school. When dropping your child off in the morning please park before dropping your child off. We are seeing parents dropping their child(ren) in the middle of the street and then they run across the street and this is very dangerous. We appreciate you parking and making sure your child walks onto our school campus safely.

We also know that our fields are joint-use-facility with the City, but remember too, we do not have teachers on duty afterschool, so it is your responsibility to supervise your child(ren) if they are playing on the equipment/ fields after school is released.

Thank you,

Ms. Lane





THE JENNIFER M. O'NEAL

**RENO-ICE**  
COMMUNITY ICE ARENA

**\$7**  
per  
skater

**ICE SKATE**

January 30th  
from 1-2:00

Jessie Beck's first ice  
skating event!

**Register Now**



<https://www.jessiebeckpfa.com/ice-skating-event.html>  
Reno Ice  
15500 Wedge Pkwy  
Reno, NV 89511

made with PosterMyWall.com

## *Counseling Update from "Mrs. C"*

Happy Fall!! It has been a very busy couple of months, and I am looking forward to the upcoming holiday season as we have a lot of fun activities ahead! October was "Bullying Awareness/Prevention" month, so my guidance lessons were tailored around this important topic! I will be continuing to push into classrooms this month to finish this up! I will also be working closely with the New Opportunities Committee here at Jessie Beck to organize and deliver Thanksgiving Baskets to families in need. Letters detailing the information were sent home last week and I will also be sending another copy home this week so students can begin gathering up the necessary food/supplies per grade level. This year, we will also be trying something new and will have an online platform/link provided by our PFA website where families can digitally donate – more information about this will be provided via Ms. Lane's connect ed's so please be on the lookout for that! Lastly, I wanted to give a quick update about our self-managers – they have been working so hard to earn their badges and I couldn't be prouder of them! Sixth and fifth grade students have been earning their badges daily and continue to be such great role-models here at Beck!! We had our first reward day for sixth grade in October and will be doing the same in November for both fifth and sixth graders! Fourth grade will be our next and final group of students who will be able to start earning their badges next!

### *From the Library*

From Creepy Carrots to Mr. Neewollah and The Green Ribbon, the focus in the library this October was Halloween. We had a fun flashlight read-aloud of modern and traditional scary stories in the dark library. We also celebrated National Hispanic American Heritage Month (September 15th to October 15th) by reading books from Latino authors while upper grade students continued exploring folktales - a trickster tale from Peru and a Mexican legend.

October read-alouds:

Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Peña

Tell Me a Scary Story... But Not Too Scary!  
by Carl Reiner

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

Happy November from the library,

Mrs. Cantu

### *Clinic Corner*

Hello from your new school nurse! My name is Janet Ruyak. I have been a nurse for over 30 years and a school nurse for 15 years. I grew up in Reno and I am a Swope MS and Reno HS alumni. I am enjoying working with your students and am happy to be a part of the Jessie Beck Family.

In the next months, Melissa and I will be screening 1st and 4th grade for vision and hearing. If your student is referred, I will be notifying parents. In the fourth grade we will be doing height and weight for a Health District state study- it is an anonymous data collection but if you want your student to opt out- please contact us as soon as possible. If your student is vaccinated for the Covid-19 virus - please provide a copy to the clinic after the second dose. If your student has been fully vaccinated and in close contact with a person who has been diagnosed with Covid-19, your student can return to school as long as your student does not have symptoms. Currently, this is NOT a requirement. 6th graders are now eligible (12 years and older) to receive their Tdap and Meningitis vaccine. This IS a requirement for enrollment in Middle School in WCSD. Thank you for keeping your sick student home and sending your student with a mask on and learning ready.

# Get to know your Jessie Beck staff.



## Shannon

I have been at Jessie Beck for 6 years.

I am the attendance clerk here at JB and both of my children were students of Jessie Beck.

I was a volunteer at the school for many, many years as chairperson of the spelling-a-thon, jog-a-thon and jump for heart. It is an amazing school and I love being a part of it!

In my spare time, I love to camp, read, paddle board and be with my family.

A little something nobody knows, is that I love vet shows on TV.

At this point I could probably be a veterinarian!! Haha just kidding.

## Ms. Melissa

Hi, I'm Ms. Melissa the Clinical Aide.

This will be my 11th school year at Beck!

When I'm not here taking care of our Bear Cubs, I enjoy going to Lake Tahoe, shopping and crafting. I've always been in Nevada, born and raised in Carson City and now in South Reno.

I have 2 grown daughters and a hubby of 27 years.



## Becky

I love my job because I love working with my little kiddos! They brighten my day and make me want to make sure I'm doing the best job that I can everyday; knowing that they are learning every day! In my spare time I like to spend time with my extended family.

We have craft days and that's my favorite part of our extended family life. We like to make holiday crafts and then we laugh about them later because they are so exciting and funny.

I love spending time with my husband and daughter. They are the most exciting part of my life! I love the New York Yankees baseball team too!

## Samuel

I am the lead custodian at Jessie Beck and have been here for the last 14 years now. I enjoy working with all the kids and staff at Jessie Beck. When I have free time on my hands I like to spend it with my family outdoors chasing my grandson around along with our family dog a chow named Max. I have lived in Nevada for many years and enjoy what it has to offer. I proudly call Nevada home.





# Pilgrim Thanksgiving Archery Shoot

**20TH NOVEMBER 2021 WASTING ARROWS RANGE**

**9:30-11:00 am**

**Register with [Rbrock@washoeschools.net](mailto:Rbrock@washoeschools.net)**

Made with PosterMyWall.com

## Art to Grow

Oh, how it's good to be back! What a treat it is to see our volunteers Arties back on campus teaching art. We had a very successful kick-off orientation workshop last month where participants tried their hand and printmaking. Always a crowd pleaser and still one of my favorites.

Mark your calendars for next month's workshop on Clay to be held Tuesday, November 9th from 3:15 – 4:30. Everyone will have a hand at rolling and creating a clay project. We are fortunate to have a kiln and the opportunity for our students to explore this tactile medium and gain personal confidence creating something by hand.

This year the Reno Lion's Club reached out to Jessie Beck to participate in their International Peace Poster Contest. We were delighted to have five participants create their own one-of-a-kind Peace Poster with the theme "We Are All Connected".

For over thirty years, the Lion's International Club has been hosting this contest to encourage children, ages 11-13, to creatively express what peace means to them. This allows students to share their unique images of peace with others, so that we may all have greater tolerance and international understanding.

Congratulations to Matthew Gust, Zoe Nightingale, Chloe Picetti, Myah Mendez, Natasha Taylor for taking the time to share your artistic talents and what peace means to you!

All entrees are on display at the Reno Town Mall through the 10th where they will be judged by local artists. The winner from this group will proceed to the state judging in Las Vegas. We will have a display of all posters along other students who did not meet the age requirement but wanted to participate in the multipurpose room. Special shout out to Dr. Brock and his class for making this thoughtful idea a class project.

Please contact me If you are interested in getting involved with the Art to Grow program. [robinheywood@sbcglobal.net](mailto:robinheywood@sbcglobal.net)

Happy Creating!

Robin - Jessie Beck Art Coordinator

## Dual Language program

Congratulations to Eugene 'Toto' Halecky! He is the winner of the T-shirt design contest. Reminder Spirit wear sales continue through November 22nd. Go to [www.bonfire.com/store/jessie-beck-store](http://www.bonfire.com/store/jessie-beck-store) to order. Middle School Spanish Information, DECEMBER 9th,

We know that deciding where to send your bilingual child for middle school can feel overwhelming, especially if maintaining Spanish literacy and language is a priority for your family. We'd like to help inform your decision by inviting you to attend a virtual information night on December 9 from 6:00-7:00 pm. We are currently gathering information from area middle schools on the Spanish courses they offer as well as their application/admission process. We also hope to have some of the administration attend. Please mark your calendars. We will send a reminder the week of the event as well. December 9, 2021 @ 6 -7 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3531986717?pwd=azBvYnFJNGJobHVuQkhVVVRWVDM5UT09>

Meeting ID: 353 198 6717

Passcode: beck

---

¡Felicitaciones a Eugene 'Toto' Halecky! Es el ganador del concurso de diseño de camisetas. Recordatorio Las ventas de ropa de espíritu continuarán hasta el 22 de noviembre. No se lo pierda, son divertidos regalos navideños.

Vaya a [www.bonfire.com/store/jessie-beck-store](http://www.bonfire.com/store/jessie-beck-store) para realizar un pedido.

Información en español sobre escuela secundaria, 9 de DICIEMBRE!

¡Hola familias de los próximos estudiantes de secundaria! Sabemos que decidir a dónde enviar a su hijo bilingüe para la escuela intermedia puede resultar abrumador, especialmente si quiere mantener el idioma español y esto es una prioridad para su familia. Nos gustaría ayudarlo a informar su decisión invitándolo a asistir a una noche de información virtual el 9 de diciembre de 6-7 pm. Actualmente estamos recopilando información de las escuelas intermedias del área sobre los cursos de español que ofrecen, así como su proceso de solicitud / admisión. También esperamos que asista parte de la administración. Por favor marque sus calendarios, ¡esperamos verlo allí! También le enviaremos un recordatorio la semana del evento. 9 de diciembre de 2021 @ 6: 00-7:00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3531986717?pwd=azBvYnFJNGJobHVuQkhVVVRWVDM5UT09>

ID de reunión: 353198 6717

Código de acceso: beck

## **We have started our garden program with the students at Jessie Beck Elementary!**

The Jessie Beck Garden Club is making great progress as our team and grant money have come together for this school year! Our mission and goal is: To involve the students as much as possible in learning how to grow a garden, feed our bodies healthy food, and treat our earth with respect.

EACH MONTH we will have a new focus activity project. For 20-30 minutes one of our Garden Club members will provide a short lesson/activity for your classroom to enjoy in our garden area. It will consist of hands-on instruction and interactive lecture. We will love to have you help our garden grow!

Below you will find one week out of each month that we will be available to teach your classroom! Simply sign up by emailing [whitneyweed@gmail.com](mailto:whitneyweed@gmail.com) with a 20-30 minute time slot you have available for your classroom to meet in the garden.

**OCTOBER 18-28: Planting a Winter Garden** - The kids will be planting tulip bulbs, garlic, kale, and onions in the school garden. We will be learning about how/why certain bulbs and vegetables grow well in the cold months. We will learn how to successfully take care of our young plants.

**NOVEMBER 8-12: Compost** - Our school will begin a compost program! How does compost work? Lets find out! During this month we will learn about what makes good compost and how it is used to make our earth a cleaner, better place! Your classroom can have its own "compost bin"!

**DECEMBER 6-10: Sprouting Seeds** - We will check up on our young winter crops and see what we need to do to help encourage them to grow. We will identify what plants are growing. Clean up, weeding the garden beds are all necessary to ensure good growth throughout the winter months.

Come grow with us!

Whitney Weed & The Jessie Beck Garden Club Volunteers



# Sensational Scarecrow Festival 2021

Thank you to everyone who helped with Scarecrow this year!

Here's to all of our cookie and pie bakers, cookie decorators, pumpkin and coloring contest judges and general helpers.

Thank you also to Reno Yard Greetings, Signs by Tomorrow, Raley's for helping us out with the pumpkins, Grassroots Books and Yogurt Beach for donating prizes, and all of our neighbors who entered the Strolling Scarecrow yard decorating contest. WOW!

We had so many outstanding and creative pumpkins! Our 5th and 6th graders did such a fantastic job that the judges really had their work cut out for them this year.

The all-grades coloring contest also had impressive participation with over 200 entries. It was so fun to see them displayed outside on Bake Shop day, along with all of the pumpkins. Bravo, students!

Next year, we look forward to a return to the full Sensational Scarecrow Festival, complete with carnival and classroom Scarecrow displays!

The Scarecrow Committee



## Pumpkin Decorating Contest Winners

### 5th Grade:

Scariest: Parker Harris - Goblin in Suit  
 Funniest: Kailyn Carter - Spa Lady  
 Most Creative: Elliana Mattioli - Candy Corn Nemo & Dory  
 Most Original: Jackson Scurlock - Hatching Dinosaur  
 Lanny Award: aely Grace Ferguson - Mr. Monopoly

### 6th Grade:

Scariest: Sadie Thompson - It  
 Funniest: Rory Meier - Chicken in a Coop  
 Most Creative: Maggie Klaich - Mr. Stay Puft  
 Most Original: Jaxon Olsen - Burning Catapult  
 Lanny Award: Taylor Benetti - Witch Legs

## Scarecrow Coloring Contest Winners

### Kindergarten:

1. Spencer Karpeh
2. Mary Morchi
3. Sofia de Leon Orellana

### 1st Grade:

1. Lucas Barcelon
2. Allison Folen
3. Adalyn Gomes

### 2nd Grade:

1. Alisa Parham
2. Connor Kiewicz Williams
3. Riya Reddy

### 3rd Grade:

1. Abraham Calvo
2. Luken Murry
3. Lincoln Phelps

### 4th Grade:

1. Lola Lazzarone
2. Emma Caramore
3. Addison Kincaid

### 5th Grade:

1. Priya Donahoe
2. Sydney Nguyen
3. Isabel Fuentes

### 6th Grade:

1. Sadie Thompson
2. Alia Nguyen Villalobos
3. Delilah Colovich

## Strolling Scarecrow Winners

Funniest: The Three Things  
 Traditional: Autumn The Scarecrow  
 Scariest: ScareWidow  
 Most Creative: Hay-Gals Dancing Duo

**50/50 Scarecrow Raffle Winner** - Megan Weber

# adventure calls

PLAY LIKE A NEVADAN



HomeMeansNevada.com  
#HomeMeansNevadaCo



**HOME MEANS  
NEVADA CO**

Apparel, Home Decor  
and Gift Items

**Ready to make a move?**

Call me for local real estate expertise  
& hands-on customer service.

*your next chapter starts here*

**NICOLLE GUST**

(775) 338-9988

ngust@chaseinternational.com

NV Lic # BS.0145471



**NICOLLE GUST**  
REAL ESTATE

**CHASE**  
INTERNATIONAL  
REAL ESTATE



**YOURRENOREALESTATEEXPERT.COM**



**KROLL & LIGHTHOUSE**  
— OPTOMETRY —

WWW.KROLLANDLIGHTHOUSE.COM

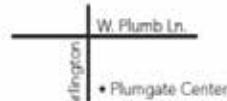
The  
**BACK DOCTORS**  
experience gonstead chiropractic

**Dr. Tom Rammel**  
**Dr. Amanda Rammel**  
chiropractors

775-825-0608 phone  
775-825-0606 fax

550 W. Plumb Ln., suite A  
Reno, NV 89509

office@thebackdoctorsonline.com  
www.thebackdoctorsonline.com



**THE  
LAZZARONE  
GROUP, LLC**

**INSURE | INVEST | RETIRE**

**Romeo "Ro" Lazzarone**  
775-673-4456  
theLazzaroneGroup.com



Civil Engineering • Land Planing • Construction & Project Management

**Eric Anderson, P.E. • 775.827.6900 • bighornconsult.com**

Proud Supporters of Jessie Beck Elementary School!



You can navigate this market with a great  
**REALTOR!**



JD Drakulich, REALTOR®

775.342.5883

jddrakulich@dicksonrealty.com

Lic #S.168383

**DRAKULICH**  
**HOMES**

High demand for homes is the leading cause for the increased levels of appreciation we are seeing in the market right now, making it a great time to sell.

With an experienced REALTOR you can find your new home, don't let this market stop you from taking your next steps.

**DICKSON**  
REALTY

