



HDMS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL/DIRECTOR, MR. ERIC

Change to Lower Elementary Arrival-

One of the most important things in any school is to ensure the safety and security of our students and staff. With this in mind, we will be making a minor change to our morning arrival procedures for Lower EI students.

Beginning Monday, October 30th, Lower EI students will join Upper EI and Adolescent students by entering through the playground gate. After entering through the gate, Lower EI students will go directly into the Pyramid Building through the back door of the building. The old visitor entrance will remain closed and locked. There will be adequate signage and staffing in place to help direct students in this new procedure next week. We ask that parents do not enter through the playground gate.



Tardy students will continue to check in at the reception desk. Primary arrival procedures will not change.

Thank you for your understanding and for helping to improve the safety and security of our campus.

Sincerely,
Mr. Eric

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/26/23: 5:30 NNLC LITERACY NIGHT
- 10/27/23: NEVADA DAY - NO SCHOOL
- 10/30/23: 3:30 SAFETY TEAM MEETING
- 10/31/23: WEAR NEVADA CLOTHING
- 11/1/23: TWO HOUR EARLY RELEASE
- 11/2/23: 5:00 ADOLESCENT HIGH SCHOOL CHOICE NIGHT
- 11/10/23: VETERAN'S DAY - NO SCHOOL
- 11/13/23: 3:30 GREEN TEAM MEETING
- 11/14/23: 10:00 RUBY BRIDGES WALK TO SCHOOL DAY
- 11/15/23: MONTESSORI THROUGH MY EYES
- 11/16/23: 5:30 PTO MEETING
- 11/17/23: 9:00 2ND CUP OF COFFEE WITH ADMIN
- 11/20/23-11/24/23: THANKSGIVING BREAK - NO SCHOOL
- 11/29/23: 5:00 HDMS BOARD MEETING
- 11/30/23: 4:30 NNLC LITERACY NIGHT



A MESSAGE FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, MISS KALEIGH

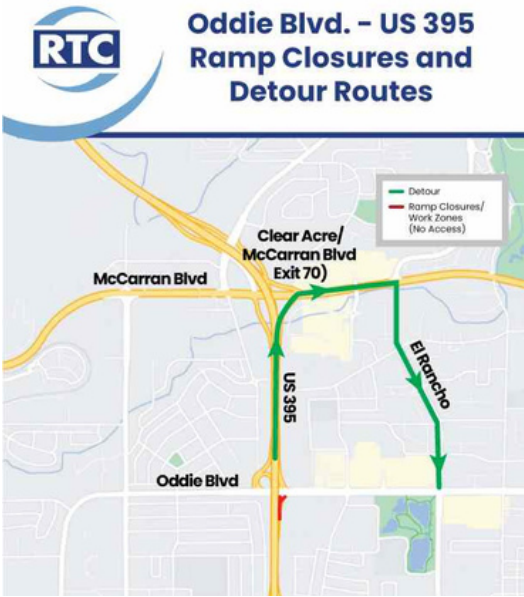


What is Follow Up Work?

You may often hear HDMS teachers referring to Follow Up work- but what is follow up?

Students receive lessons from their teacher, and then are tasked with choosing work to 'follow up' on their lesson. After a lesson, the teacher and the students will discuss follow up options- which may include writing a report, doing additional research, completing problems. Follow up facilitates independence and provides students with accountability for their learning.

ODDIE EXIT CLOSURE



Attention!

The Northbound I-580 Exit at Oddie Boulevard will be closed the following dates & times:

- Monday 10/30/23 from 6AM-11AM
- Tuesday 10/31/23 from 6AM-11AM
- Wednesday 11/1/23 from 6AM-11AM
- Thursday 11/2/23 from 6AM-11AM
- Friday 11/3/23 from 6AM-11AM



Please allow extra time for the detour if you drive north on I-580 to arrive at HDMS in the mornings.

FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENU

Our full breakfast and lunch menu can always be found on our website at <https://www.hdmsreno.com/free-school-lunch-breakfast/>

Please notify the front desk and your child's teacher if you anticipate a tardy and need a hot lunch ordered. If no order has been placed in advance, the cutoff time for ordering a hot lunch is 10:00AM.

23 Belgian Waffle w/ Organic Agave Syrup, Fruit & Milk	24 Fruit & Cream Overnight Oats & Milk	25 French Toast Casserole w/ Fruit & Milk	26 Quesadilla w/ Fruit & Milk	
Cheese Ravioli w/ Marinara Sauce (vegetarian) w/ Fruit & Milk	Beef Tacos (Veg. Option is Refried Bean Taco) w/ Fruit & Milk	Cheese Pizza w/ Fruit & Milk	Chicken Drumsticks & Veggie Rice w/ Fruit & Milk (veg. option Chickpeas Stew)	
30 Belgian Waffle w/ Organic Agave Syrup, Fruit & Milk	31 Fruit & Cream Overnight Oats & Milk	1 French Toast Casserole w/ Fruit & Milk	2 Quesadilla w/ Fruit & Milk	3 Yogurt parfait w/ Granola & Fruit plus Milk
Spaghetti w/ meat sauce (veg. option Marinara) w/ Fruit & Milk	Chicken Quesadilla (Veg. Option is Cheese Quesadilla) w/ Fruit & Milk	Veggie Pizza (Vegetarian) w/ Fruit & Milk	Cheese enchiladas (Vegetarian) w/ Fruit & Milk	Toasted Turkey & Cheese Sandwich (Veg. Option is Cheese Sandwich) w/ Fruit & Milk

FAMILY READING NIGHT TONIGHT!

NNLC Family Reading Night is tonight, October 26, 2023 at 5:30 Sign up [here](#).

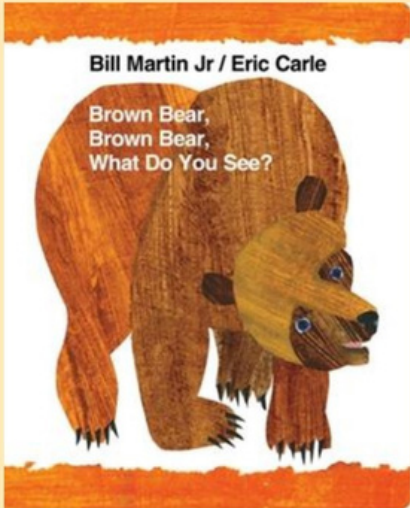
Family Reading Night
High Desert Montessori Library

October 26, 2023 at 5:30pm



Join us for story time,
activity, and a take
home bag.

Scan the QR code to sign up;



For More Information Contact:
Jamie Astor,
Family Reading Program Coordinator
775-356-1007
JamieA@nnlc.org

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Northern Nevada Literacy Council
Family Reading Program



HAPPY NEVADA DAY!



Happy
Nevada
Day!

No School October 27, 2023

There will be no school on October 27, 2023 in observance of Nevada Day. Enjoy your three-day weekend!



Show your Nevada Pride! On 10/31/23, wear Nevada clothing or colors!

HIGH SCHOOL CHOICE NIGHT NOVEMBER 2ND



High School Choice Night

Thursday 11/2/23 5:00-7:00 PM

Adolescent Families- Come learn about the many incredible choices for high school in our area!

Representatives will be onsite at HDMS from several WCSD Schools as well as Local Charter High Schools:

- Academy of Arts, Careers and Technology (AACT) - WCSD
- Academy for Career Education (ACE) - Charter School
- Alpine Academy College Prep High School - Charter School
- Coral Academy of Science High School - Charter School
- Damonte Ranch High School - WCSD
- Encompass Academy - Charter School
- TMCC High School - WCSD

RUBY BRIDGES WALK TO SCHOOL DAY NOVEMBER 14TH

Six-year-old Ruby Bridges stepped into the history books in 1960 when she integrated William Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans, becoming a national icon for the civil rights movement. Ruby is alive today and 69 years old.

Today her story continues to inspire the next generation of leaders to end racism together —One step at a time.

On Tuesday, November 14, 2023, all of HDMS will be gathering in the school parking lot at 10:00 AM. We will walk around the block from Fantastic Drive to Cannan Street to Silverada Blvd. We will be wearing purple and we have flags and banners to bring awareness to Ruby Bridges' contribution to civil rights and the relative recency of desegregation of schools.

The students at Rita Cannan Elementary will be joining us on the walk!

RUBY BRIDGES WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

WALK
to SCHOOL DAY

in proud partnership with AAA

NOTES FROM THE PTO

A HUGE thank you to all the parents who contributed to the Fall Festival this past weekend. It was amazing and so much fun for the kids. Thank you! [Check out pictures on our Facebook page.](#)

Don't forget our 50/50 raffle is live! \$50 per ticket for a chance to win \$5,000! [Use this link to buy as many tickets as you'd like.](#)



Upcoming PTO Events

- PTO Meeting via Zoom ([click here to join Zoom meeting](#)) 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Thursday November 16th
- Brews and Bites February 24th
- Bocce Ball February (date TBA)
- Spring Picnic May 19th

October Meeting Recap

- For full minutes go to [our PTO website here.](#)
- Brews and Bites planning (decided on place to host the event, reaching out to venue now)
- Bocce Event, planning another round of Bocce Ball in February
- 50/50 raffle is live, it's open to anyone so feel free to send the link to family and friends as well!
- Keep in touch with all PTO events/activities by visiting us on [Facebook](#), on [our website](#) or by joining our [GroupMe chat](#). Our GroupMe chat is a great place to help rideshare to/from school especially on those early release or snow days, or to coordinate playdates, and just ask questions about the school/upcoming events.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers
needed

We are looking for several parent volunteers to help in elementary classrooms for one hour (1:45-2:45) on the following days so that the classroom assistants can attend a training: Please contact your child's teacher to help.

11/28/23, 12/19/23, 1/23/24, 2/20/24,
3/12/24, 4/23/24, 5/21/24

NOTES FROM THE GREEN PARENTS GROUP

Do you want to learn more about how HDMS utilizes our garden space? Come help out with the middle school's gardening class! We're looking for volunteers 10:30-11:45 on Thursday 11/2 and Friday 11/3 to teach simple garden- and food-related skills to small groups. Volunteers will have an opportunity to receive training on these skills on the day, which include planting and harvesting microgreens, making sun tea, and making dried fruit in the dehydrator. Let us know if you're interested at GreenParents@hdmsreno.com or chandlerkaty@gmail.com.



BRING US YOUR LEAVES!



LOST & FOUND



Lost and Found will be donated on Friday, November 3rd. Please have your child check the rack for lost belongings.

NOTES FROM THE JEDI COLLABORATIVE

OCTOBER IS LEARNING DISABILITY AND DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH


This animation from the National Center for Learning Disabilities shows what it's like for a child who is struggling in school. It also shows the power of kind words when it comes to overcoming obstacles. Reading Rockets



DEFINITION OF THE WEEK

Neurodiversity: 'The range of differences in individual brain function and behavioral traits regarded as part of normal variation in the human population.' Neurodiversity is the idea that neurological variations are known and valued as any other human variation. Source: Exceptional Individuals

MARIA MONTESSORI WAS A JEDI



“
They (children) have a keen feeling towards injustice. We must help them to develop within themselves that which will make them capable of understanding. It is not merely words, it is a labour of education. This will be the preparation for peace, for peace cannot exist without justice.”
—Dr. Maria Montessori
Four Planes of Development
(pg 10)

Artist: Kate DeCicco — Amanda Gorman Available at : [Link](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day: Tuesday, November 14th from 10-11 am
- JEDI Collaborative Meeting: December 6th from 4:15-5:15 pm. Please fill out this survey if you are interested in attending or getting involved.

LUNCH POUCHES FOR SALE

Lunch Pouches Are Back!

HDMS is asking students to bring their own utensils, so a couple of adolescents are here to help make your life easier, and stop spaghetti hands!

Pouch includes:

- One tie-dye cloth napkin (dyed by students)
- One fork and one spoon
- A personalized, easy-to-clean waterproof pouch to hold the items



The lunch pouch costs \$10 (an additional \$5 for mini utensils). An added donation would also be greatly appreciated!

Robin@hdmsreno.com to order.

Thank you for supporting our business and school! Order form [here](#).

SNOWFLOWER CLASSROOM

Snowflower student Merlin T. made a recent TV appearance to promote a fun upcoming event being put on this weekend by our neighbors at the Generator! See his interview [HERE](#).





HAUNTED HALLOWEEN

MINI-GOLF & MARKET

ARTIST MADE
DIY MINI-GOLF
COURSE

VOTE FOR YOUR
FAVORITE HOLE!

SATURDAY NIGHT
COSTUME
CONTEST

LOCAL
VENDORS
SELLING
HAUNTED
MERCH

FREE ENTRY
MINI-GOLF:
\$10 KIDS AGES 6+
\$15 ADULTS
\$40 FAMILY OF 4

GET MORE
INFO &
TICKETS





HALLOWEEN
ACTIVITIES
AND CRAFTS

SPOOKY
BAR &
SIGNATURE
COCKTAILS

2450 ODDIE BLVD
SPARKS, NV

THERENOGENERATOR.COM/MINIGOLF2023

ELEMENTARY LEVEL

RUBY CLASSROOM

From Miss Jamie:

Conferences were great. We are only waiting to meet with 2 more parents.

Grades will be put into Infinite Campus this weekend. I hope all the communication and meetings work, let's cross our fingers. Most of the grades will fall between 2 and 3. These points mean that the student is approaching or at grade level and gives us a small window to show growth. The percentages are solely for the computer program to calculate an overall grade at the end of the year. If you have any questions please let me know.

Thank you to all the families that sent in money, helped, and attended the Jog-a-thon. If you are still collecting, please return the donation as soon as possible so we can get a total and support the middle school team who organized it.

Thank you to all the families that helped and attended the Fall Festival. I hope you feel that the event was more welcoming. If you have ideas for improvement, please be part of the planning next year or send me your ideas and I will record them for PTO.



From Elena

Happy Fall Everyone,

The weather is starting to take a turn so please be sure to have students bring their coziest jackets!

This week the class has been having discussions about the responsibility of respecting our workspace. The process for this experience was to not clean up the previous day, and see their reactions the next day when their workspace was messy. They were surprised! We asked the question, "Would you be able to focus on work in this space?" Of course the answer was no, and so we made the transition into making it a workable space and the sight of a clean classroom was a relief. Noticing how the work we put into the classroom changes our ability to use our workspace helps them connect to the "why" of their responsibilities.

This week we branched out our animal unit by asking students what their favorite kind of animal was, and this pertained to things like mammals, reptiles, amphibians, etc. We got to break students into small groups based on their different interests, and explored why they were in that category. Their follow-up work is to choose an animal they are curious about and research about them.

Reading this week:

- Early Readers: Use chalk to write the list of provided words with different digraphs.
- Developing Readers: Adding a method to their toolbox. If breaking a word down is taking too long they will try skipping it, getting some context, and see if they can input a word that makes sense based on the spelling and context.
- Effective Readers: We are reading about Malala Yousafzai, and are now on Chapter 2. So far we have described the characters we have been introduced to and why we used those descriptors.

Math:

- 1st: Matching Cards to different polygons
- 2nd: We have moved on to parts of a Triangle matching cards
- 3rd: In order to apply their skills of area, students are using cross stitching by creating their own pattern. They need to assess how much area each color yarn will take up and complete the pattern based on the area of each yarn color

NOTES FROM THE TOIYABE CLASSROOM

Thanks to everyone who came to family conferences last week. It's very important and meaningful for your child to share their school experience with you and for us all to have a conversation about your child's education.

Please mark your calendars for November 15 for Montessori Through My Eyes. You can come and be the student while your child teaches you one of their favorite lessons. This is another wonderful way for your child to share their school experience with you. It is an optional activity. Please sign up for a time if you want to attend:

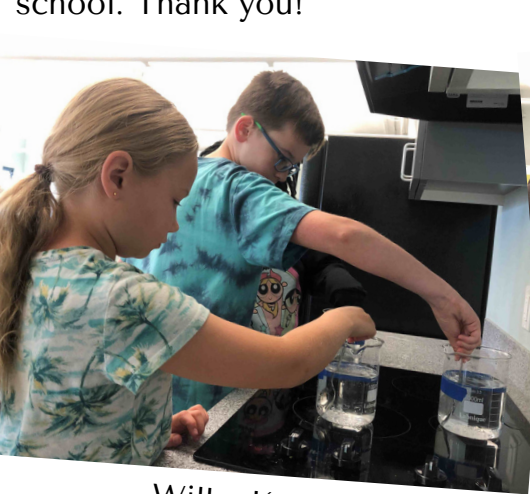
[Montessori Through My Eyes Toiyabe Sign-up](#)

Thanks also to all of you who volunteered for or attended our Fall Festival! It was great to see so many Toiyabe students in their costumes and playing games!

As a reminder, if your child eats school lunch and/or breakfast, please have them pack 2 cloth napkins and utensils. They may also bring a cup for milk. Small bags or totes are permitted, but please, no full-sized backpacks.

Finally, Halloween is approaching, so PLEASE remind your children that candy is not permitted at school. Thank you!

Growing crystals!



Willa, Kanin



Elaia, Dakotah, Zanaya



Willa, Beah, Lily, Jayden, Finnley

ADOLESCENT LEVEL

EXPLORING WASHOE COUNTY CREATIVE EXPRESSION CLASS

Star Peak Advisory Group conducts a daily community meeting led by students. It is a time for Montessori adolescents to come together and reflect upon their entire day. Students take turns at leading the meeting which is a great opportunity to develop their leadership skills. We start the meetings with announcements and acknowledgments followed by the following questions:

- 1. What worked?
- 2. What was a challenge?
- 3. What did you learn?
- 4. How do you feel?



It is wonderful to see the development of a climate where students are creating trust by having a predictable, consistent, reliable, and a safe environment to reflect upon their day. For adolescents, when so many changes are happening internally, a dependable external environment is crucial for their well-being.

I acknowledge the students of the Star Peak Advisory Group for creating a sense of community, fun, and support.

GIRLS ON THE RUN

GOTR had a great week learning about communication and community. The girls did some fun activities and had insightful discussions on how to better their communication and help others in the various communities they are part of.



YOGA CLASS

YOGA

Nov. & Dec.
Yoga Session
Nov. 2 – Dec. 14

HDMS Library
Yoga Mats Provided
"Trilingual" Classes:
English/Spanish/Sanscrit

<https://forms.gle/adx2x6qhauDmXgzTA>

Children's Yoga

(5- to 8--year-olds)
Thursdays 3:30-4:20 pm

Stretch & Flow

(Adult-paced class)
Fridays 3:30-4:30 pm

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KellyB@HDMSReno.com

FREE FAMILY ART FESTIVAL W/ ARTS FOR ALL NEVADA

Arts for All Nevada's annual Holiday Family Arts Festival is almost here! This free family event is bursting at the seams with exciting things to do - from visits with Santa, to ornament-making, to holiday art projects, to tasty treats, there's something fun for everyone!

Lake Mansion Arts & Cultural Center
250 Court St. & Arlington Ave.
Reno, 89501 United States
775-826-6100 ext. 2#



Holiday Family Arts Festival

NOVEMBER 11 | 10AM-2PM

LAKE MANSION ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER

250 COURT STREET, RENO NV

CREATIVE ART STATIONS

ORNAMENT-MAKING

A FREE BOOK FOR EVERY CHILD FROM SPREAD THE WORD NEVADA

VISIT WITH SANTA CLAUS

ART PROJECT WITH NOTE-ABLES MUSIC THERAPY SERVICES

TREATS TO PURCHASE FROM TUKTUKYUMYUM

EXPLORE THE HISTORY OF LAKE MANSION WITH PATTY CAFFERATA

FREE. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.