



HDMS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL/DIRECTOR, MR. ERIC



As we come to the close of the 1st semester and to the beginning of our two-week winter break, I want to wish all of you a warm and festive holiday season and a bright new year. Up to this point, we have had a terrific school year with tons of smiling faces and big work. It has been my joy to see all the smiling faces and give so many high-fives to our amazing, world-class community.

Here's to a 2024 that is even better than the amazing 2023 we have had. Thank you for supporting High Desert Montessori into the new year.

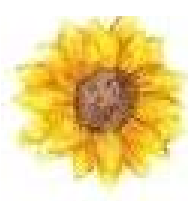
Sincerely,
Mr. Eric

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/21/23: 5:30 PTO MEETING
- 12/22/23-1/5/24: WINTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL
- 1/8/24-2/9/24: PTO CLOTHING DRIVE
- 1/15/24: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY - NO SCHOOL
- 1/18/24: 5:30 PTO MEETING
- 1/19/24: 9:00-10:00 SECOND CUP OF COFFEE WITH ADMIN.
- 1/24/24: TWO-HOUR EARLY RELEASE
- 1/25/24: 5:30 NNLC LITERACY NIGHT
- 1/29/24: 3:30 SAFETY TEAM MEETING
- 1/30/24: NEW PARENT SEMINARS
- 1/31/24: 5:00 HDMS BOARD MEETING



A MESSAGE FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, MISS KALEIGH



Appreciation for 2023

The best time for new
beginnings is now

It seems like this year has gone by so fast- I know as we get older, time seems to go faster, but for some reason 2023 seemed especially fast. I hope everyone has a relaxing Holiday break. I am sure that 2024 has great things in store for our HDMS families.

I look forward to a rewarding, exciting 2024. See you in January!

FINAL DAYS OF PRIMARY FUNDRAISER!

Fundraiser closing at the end of the month!
Last chance to order labels for all of your child's gear!

The Primary Program is excited to announce our first fundraiser of the year! We are partnering with Mabel's Labels this year. The company makes high quality, personalized labels to help you keep track of all of your child's belongings! These are perfect for any school-aged child.

Please consider supporting this fundraiser and using the link here to shop: campaigns.mabelslabels.com Type in "HDMS Primary Program" to find and support our school.

mabel's labels
FUNDRAISING

SUPPORT OUR
FUNDRAISER!

HDMS Primary Program

Buy Mabel's Labels waterproof, durable labels to help reduce classroom mix-ups and keep your items coming home!



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Go to campaigns.mabelslabels.com and search for

HDMS Primary Program

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/>

8 Belgian Waffle w/ Organic Agave Syrup, Fruit & Milk	9 Croissant w/ Fruit & Milk	10 Breakfast Taco w/ Egg & Cheese w/ Fruit & Milk	11 Quesadilla w/ Fruit & Milk	12 Bagel w/ cream cheese w/ Fruit & Milk
Pesto Chicken Pasta (Veg. option is Pesto w/veggies) w/ Fruit and Milk	Bean & Cheese Burrito (Veg.) w/ Fruit & Milk	Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza w/ Fruit & Milk	Tomato Soup w/ mini grilled cheese w/ Fruit & Milk	Sloppy Joe w/ Fruit & Milk
15	16 Croissant w/ Fruit & Milk	17 Breakfast Taco w/ Egg & Cheese w/ Fruit & Milk	18 Quesadilla w/ Fruit & Milk	19 Bagel w/ cream cheese w/ Fruit & Milk
	Beef Burrito(Veg. Option is Refried Bean Burrito) w/ Fruit & Milk	Cheese Pizza w/ Fruit & Milk	Crispy Chicken Sandwich on a Bun w/ Fruit & Milk	Toasted Ham & Cheese Sandwich (Veg. Option Cheese Sandwich) w/ Fruit & Milk

NOTES FROM THE PTO



50/50 RAFFLE

The PTO is selling raffle tickets for our 50/50 raffle. We have 200 tickets available at \$50 per ticket. You can buy as many tickets as you'd like.

GRAND PRIZE

\$5,000

Scan the code to buy tickets!

50/50 Raffle tickets are selling out fast! The raffle is NOT limited to HDMS parents/staff so feel free to send out to your family and friends. Tickets are \$50 each with a chance to win a \$5,000 prize. [Click here to get yours now!](#)

The PTO annual SAVERS FUNDrive is coming up after the Winter break! If you're cleaning out your closets or house over the winter, now's a great time to donate used items to the school PTO! You can donate gently used clothing, shoes, textiles, and accessories (see picture for more details).

Upcoming PTO Events

- PTO Meeting via Zoom ([click here to join Zoom meeting](#)) 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Thursday January 18th
- Brews and Bites February 24th
- Bocce Ball February (date TBA)
- Spring Picnic May 19th



FUNDrive
savers | value village

What we accept

All items must be in good, clean, and sellable condition.

CLOTHING Men's, women's and children's

SHOES Men's, women's and children's

TEXTILES Towels, sheets, blankets, pillows, curtains, tablecloths

ACCESSORIES Hats, mittens, scarves, ties, socks, purses, wallets, backpacks, bags

We cannot accept:

Mattresses, baby gear, appliances, large furniture, auto parts, building materials, cleaning products, tires, flammable materials

THANK YOU!

The winter family dance was a great success! We raised over \$1500 for the Upper El scholarship fund to sponsor students to attend field trips including science camp at Lake Tahoe. We would like to offer a special thanks to all our volunteers: Moniker and Shay for DJing, Kolton and Miss Martha for greeting at the front door, and to others for working the photo booth. Also Sarah Krings-Lien, Abel Baca, Bryce Ganes, Klra Gilmer, and Megan Grimes helped set up and worked during the dance. Thank you so much!





MLK XXXVI
BIRTHDAY GALA
"A DREAM FOR THE WORLD"

ESSAY PROMPT

WHAT ROLE DID DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR'S DREAM FOR A BETTER WORLD PLAY IN THE GLOBAL STRUGGLE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE?

All essays must be typed with the following format: 12 point font and 1 inch margin on all sides, double spaced, pages numbered, 700 word maximum (Elementary (1st-3rd grades 100 words; 4th-6th-250 words) and must focus on the theme.
PHOTO (REQUIRED for program).
Essays will not be returned



essay CONTEST

RULES

NO REPEAT WINNERS
(FOR SAME CATEGORY)
ONE (1) ENTRY PER PERSON
ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ORIGINAL
WORK OF THE CONTESTANT

PRIZES

COLLEGE	HIGH SCHOOL	MIDDLE SCHOOL	ELEMENTARY	1ST-3RD
\$500	\$400	\$250	\$75	\$25

SUBMIT YOUR ESSAYS AT WWW.NNBCASEVENTS.COM

NOTES FROM THE GREEN PARENTS GROUP

The Green Holidays

It's Holiday Time, the Lights are on,
We hope the Food will all be gone,
So take Leftovers to good use
And make a Sandwich, don't Refuse!

And when the Tree is going bad
Try not to be completely sad
Just wrap it up as quick can be
And take it to [KTMB](#)

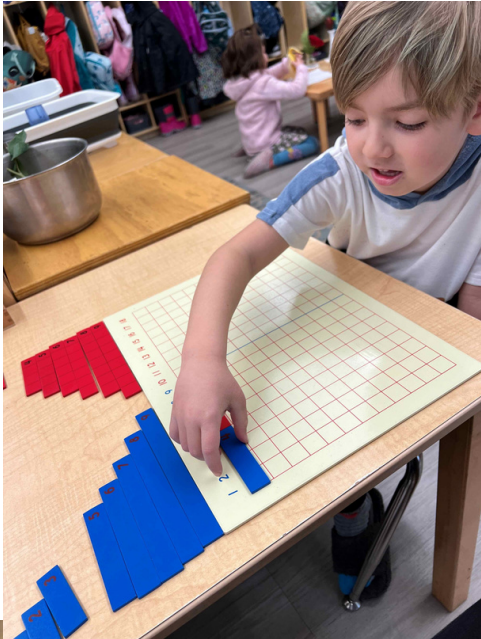
They know the Trick to make it last
Recycling it to Mulch, so fast
So the New Year can start with ease
And Conscious Mind, if you will,
Please!



PRIMARY LEVEL

TOQUIMA CLASSROOM

Lots of joy and excitement has been had in Toquima class the last few weeks! We wish you all a very happy holiday season and a Happy New Year! See you back in January for lots more learning and fun.
Love,
Ms. Casey, Ms. Ellie & Ms. Allison



SNOWFLOWER CLASSROOM



We hope you have a wonderful holiday season. Enjoy the time spent together. We will miss you!! Happy Holidays. Love Miss Jocelin and Miss Maureen

Our most wonderful Mr. Preston reading to our kiddos



Pajama Day!

Holiday Sweater Day!



Crazy Hair & Hat Day!

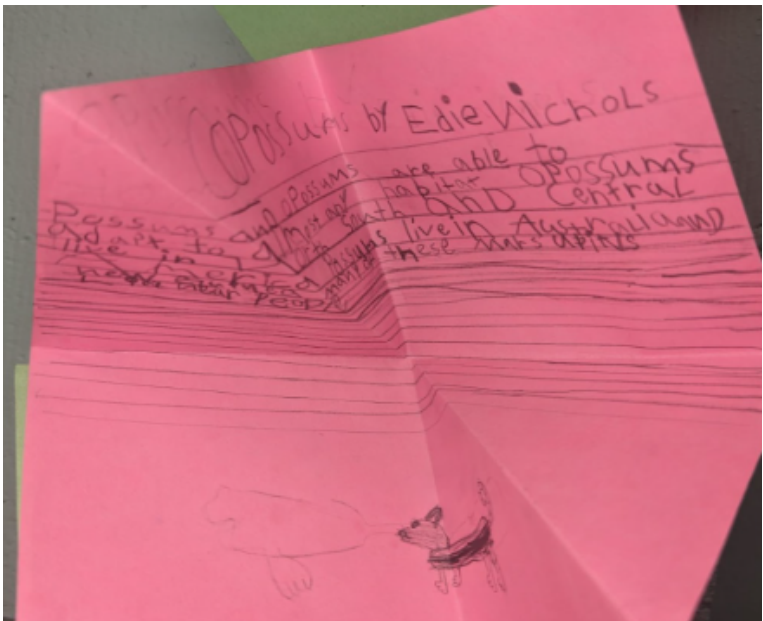
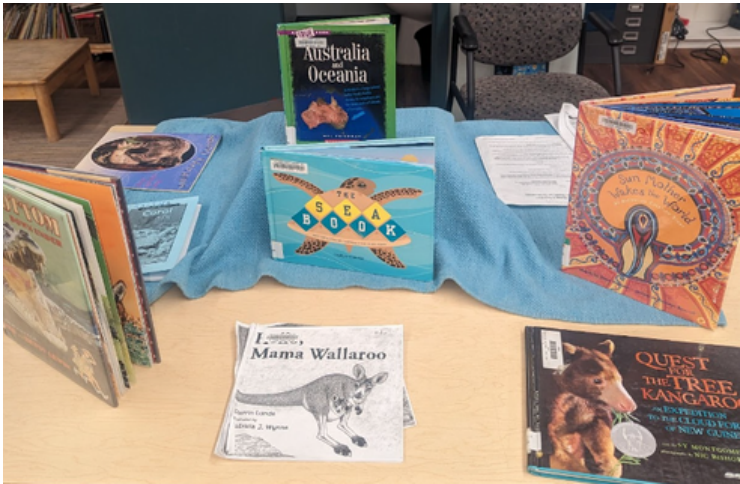
ELEMENTARY LEVEL

RUBY CLASSROOM

Volunteers

- Thank you to Gonzalez family for sending sugar and bread
- Thank you to Ganska for sending in silverware
- Thank you to Baily for helping us make stick maps
- Thank you to Eric for for being the principal and all the duties involved
- THANK YOU TO ALL THE FAMILIES WHO CAME OUT DURING THIS BUSY TIME AND SUPPORTED THE BIG WORK YOUR STUDENTS ARE DOING:

BOOKS WE READ



MAPS and ANIMAL RESEARCH WE CREATED



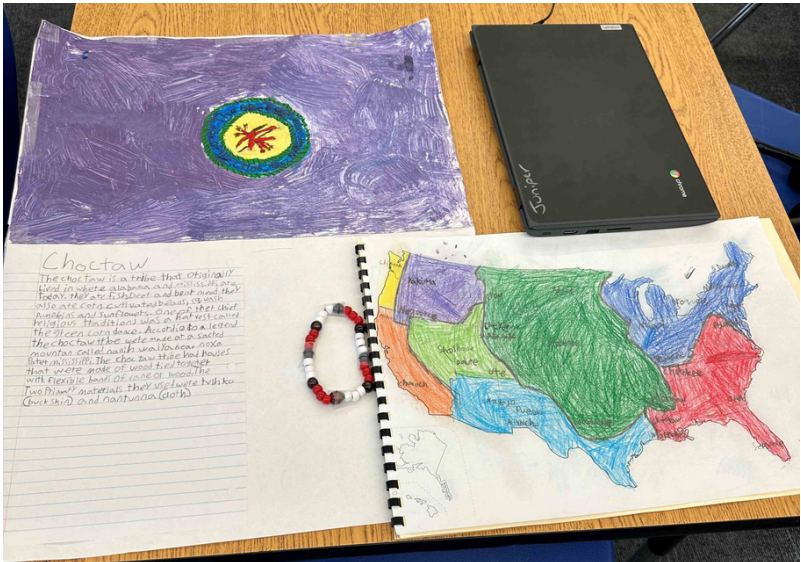
EXCELSIOR CLASSROOM



The Excelsior class would like to thank you for coming to our Winter Expo Event and making it wonderful! Have a great winter break!

JUNIPER CLASSROOM

Juniper class working on and presenting their indigenous tribe projects and a double rainbow over the school!



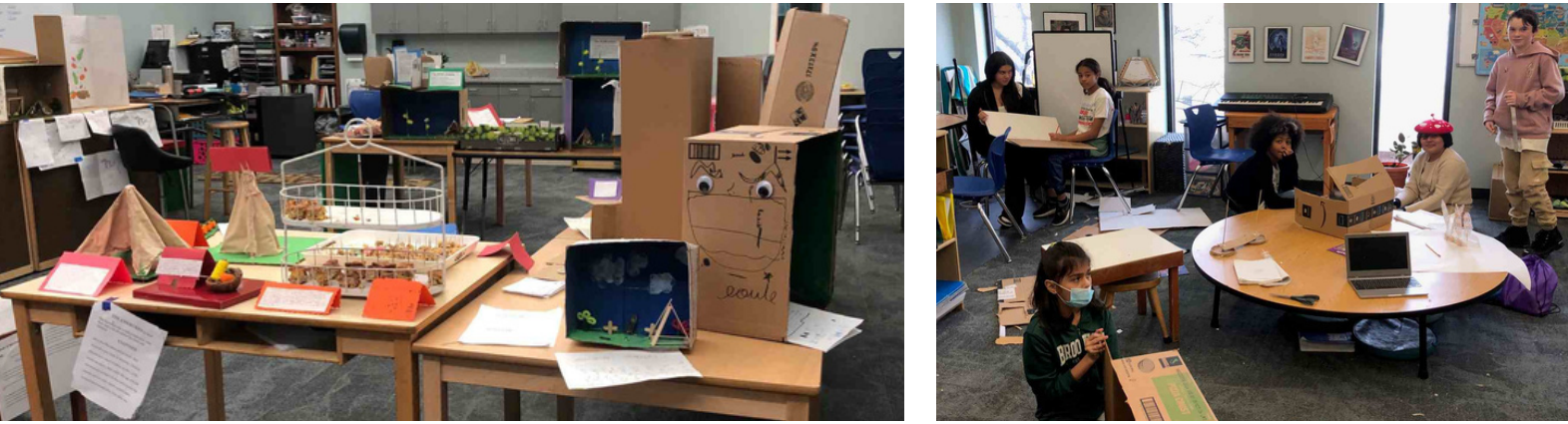
PLEASE HELP!

Please don't give away winter clothing or boots. All students who are attending science camp are going to be outside in cold, snowy weather. Some of our families don't spend much time in the snow, so if you have extra snow gear that you would be willing to lend (boots, jackets, pants) please hold onto it and watch for a future email with a list of what we need.



TOIYABE CLASSROOM

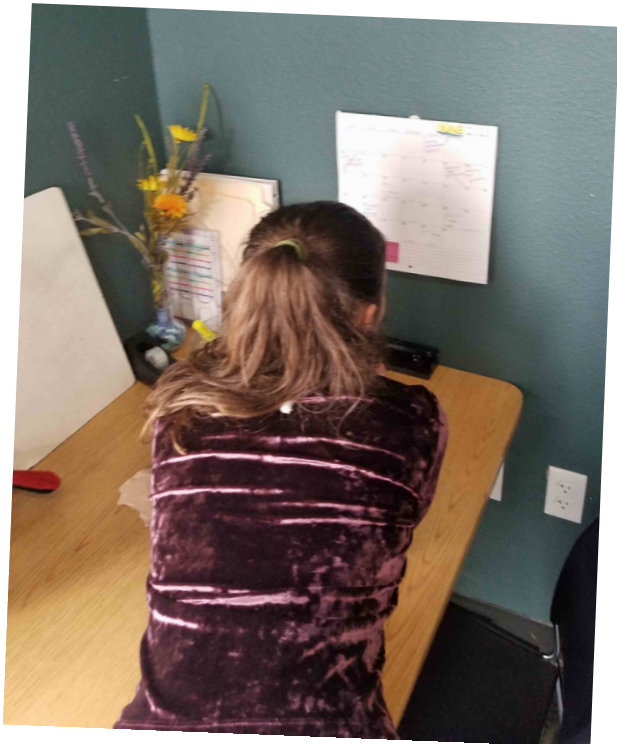
Toiyabe families were so generous in donating materials for our students to bring their ideas and research to life. Thank you!! Winter Expo was a big hit! Have a wonderful break and we will see you in the new year!



ADOLESCENT LEVEL

ESCAPE ROOM CREATIVE EXPRESSION CLASS

The Art Museum Heist Escape Room has been a big hit with HDMS students this week!



ADOLESCENT STUDENTS WORK ON THIER WORLD EXPO PROJECTS



SOCCER SHOTS

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https://reno.soccershots.com/pd/1908/high-desert-montessori-winter-2024?st_t=1071&st_ti=1429&returncom=productlist&source=search



CHALLENGE ISLAND CAMPS

*There will be NO Challenge Island Camps over Winter Break this year.
Camps will resume for Spring & Summer in 2024!*

*Spring Break (March 25-29 & April 1-5)
Registration opens January 1, 2024.*

*Summer (Weekly, June 17 - August 2)
Registration opens February 1, 2024.*

Register here:

<https://challenge-island.com/reno-sparks-nv/program/camps/>



NEW FOR 2024 CAMPS!

HDMS Families enter code HDMS for \$10 off registration!

