



HDMS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL/DIRECTOR, MR. ERIC

This Friday, the HDMS staff will take part in our fourth professional development day of the 2023-2024 school year. Friday morning, we'll be wrapping up our DEI training with the Washoe County School District's Equity & Diversity Department. Then, in the afternoon, we'll be taking an iReady training, where we'll learn how to utilize data to help drive instruction.

We appreciate your support in allowing our staff the time needed to take part in these important trainings.

Enjoy the four day weekend!

Sincerely,
Mr. Eric



UPCOMING EVENTS

2/15/24: 5:30 PTO MEETING [LINK](#)

2/16/24: STAFF WORK DAY - NO SCHOOL

2/19/24: PRESIDENT'S DAY - NO SCHOOL

2/21/24: 4:00 JEDI COLLABORATIVE MEETING

2/24/24: 6:00 PM BREWS & BITES

2/28/24: TWO HOUR EARLY RELEASE

2/28/24: 5:00 HDMS BOARD MEETING

2/29/24: 4:30 NNLC LITERACY NIGHT

3/6/24: MONTESSORI THROUGH MY EYES

3/11/24: 3:30 SAFETY TEAM MEETING

3/14/24: 5:30 PTO MEETING

3/15/24: 9:00 2ND CUP OF COFFEE WITH ADMIN

3/18/24-3/22/24: SPRING CONFERENCES - 2 HOUR EARLY RELEASE ALL WEEK

3/18/24: SPRING PICTURES FOR PRIMARY & ADOLESCENT

3/20/24: 5:00 HDMS BOARD MEETING

3/21/24: SPRING PICTURES FOR ELEMENTARY

3/21/24: 5:30 NNLC LITERACY NIGHT

3/25/24-4/5/24: SPRING BREAK



What is Autonomy?

Autonomy is the ability to have control over one's own actions.

There are 3 types of Autonomy- Intellectual, Physical/Behavioral and Emotional.

Intellectual autonomy is being able to think for oneself- using metacognition (thinking about thinking).

Physical/behavioral autonomy is a willingness and ability to be independent; knowing and following behavioral expectations.

Emotional autonomy is the ability to feel for one's self. Emotionally autonomous individuals learn to be aware of others, are empathetic, employ active listening and are aware of physical boundaries and body language as a means of communication.

Montessori classrooms foster autonomy which helps to create children who are confident learners, are independent and intrinsically motivated, and are self-aware but also aware of the world around them.



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/>

12 Belgian Waffle w/ Organic Agave Syrup, Fruit & Milk	13 Croissant w/ Fruit & Milk	14 Pancakes w/ Fruit & Milk	15 Quesadilla w/ Fruit & Milk	16
Spaghetti w/ meat sauce (veg. option Marinara) w/ Fruit & Milk	Chicken Quesadilla (Veg. Option is Cheese Quesadilla) w/ Fruit & Milk	Veggie or Cheese Pizza w/ Fruit & Milk	Chicken soup w/ Fruit & Milk	
19	20 Croissant w/ Fruit & Milk	21 Pancakes w/ Fruit & Milk	22 Quesadilla w/ Fruit & Milk	23 Bagel w/ cream cheese w/ Fruit & 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

NO SCHOOL PRESIDENTS DAY WEEKEND

FEBRUARY 16-19, 2024



WE'VE BEEN NOMINATED FOR THE BEST OF RENO AWARDS!

Our Primary Program has been nominated for the Best Preschool in Reno! Vote for the top nominees in each category and be entered to win a gift card! Click [HERE](#) for the direct link to vote.



★2024★
THE OFFICIAL
COMMUNITY'S
CHOICE
AWARDS
Best of Reno

VOTE NOW!

HONOR YOUR FAVORITE BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS BY
VOTING FOR THEM FOR THE COMMUNITY'S CHOICE AWARDS

PARTICIPATE FOR A CHANCE TO
WIN \$250

INTENT TO RETURN FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Did you know there are almost 500 students on the HDMS waiting list? It's vital for our office to know how many students are returning next school year, so that we know how many spots we have for new students. PLEASE fill out an Intent to Return for each of your children as soon as possible. This step does not take the place of registration in the spring, it simply holds a spot on the roster for your child to return next school year.

Use link for the program your child CURRENTLY attends. One form per child.

Primary: <https://forms.gle/LxHfujMNFdzX4v8L8>

Elementary: <https://forms.gle/Li3CYtVuwpjGqRap6>

Adolescent: <https://forms.gle/PT9hh34L8tVriT839>



SIBLING ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

siblings

If you have a student currently enrolled at HDMS and you are hoping to enroll a sibling next school year, please reach out to Miss Stacey ASAP! stacey@hdmsreno.com While we can never guarantee a spot will be available, siblings do have priority enrollment per our enrollment procedures found [HERE](#).

ADOLESCENT STUDENTS REQUESTING DONATIONS

FEMALE HYGIENE PRODUCT DONATIONS NEEDED !

The Female Adolescent Washroom needs donations of menstrual pads, tampons, menstrual cups, or any appropriate female hygiene products available for the menstrual product cart, donations are appreciated so we can ensure our students are provided with enough menstrual products to use throughout the day. The products will be available for use in the female adolescent bathroom. If you have plans on donating or have any inquiries :



PLEASE CONTACT:

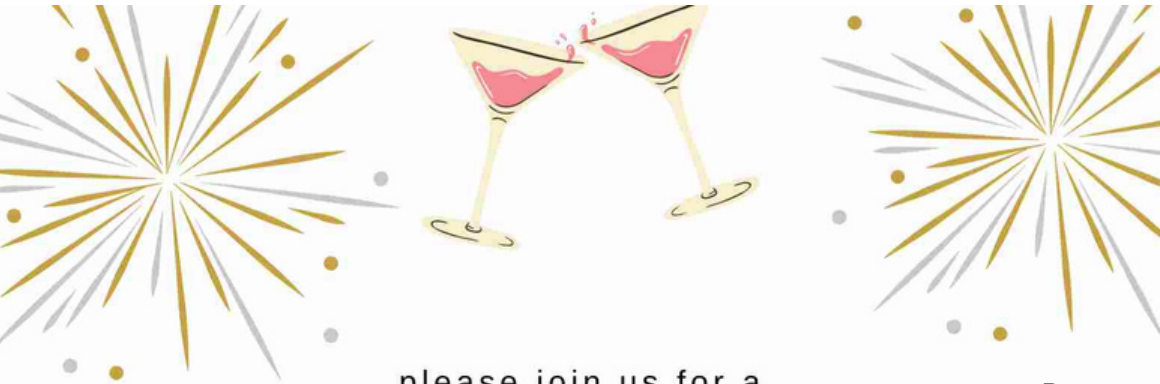
monica@hdmsreno.com

or

Leave products at Miss Martha's front desk

NOTES FROM THE PTO

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Savers FUNDrive! We collected 2308 pounds of donations! A super special thank you to Ms. Monica and her adolescent class for helping us load all the bags of donations onto the UHaul. Also, thank you to Mr. Preston, Ms. Martha, Ms. Laurel, Ms. Stacey and to everyone else who helped us during this event. We could not have done it without you.



please join us for a

HDMS PTO

Brews & Bites

FEBRUARY 24 AT 6 PM

Music | Drinks | Food |
Auction



Underworld Distillery
5301 Longley Ln Bldg F Ste 203
Reno, NV 89511

Brews and Bites is coming up fast! It's Saturday February 24th at Underworld Distillery. It's open to the public so bring your friends. There will be music, a raffle, drinks, and the Taco 'Bout It Food Truck!

We're still looking for auction items for our raffle at Brews and Bites. If you have anything good or know of any leads for great prizes let us know at pto@hdmspto.com

The 50/50 Raffle is also still ongoing. Winners will be announced in our May meeting so get your tickets now. This raffle is also open to the public so please share with family and friends. [Click here to get tickets.](#)

Upcoming PTO Events

- PTO Meeting via [Zoom](#) 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Thursday February 15th
- Brews and Bites February 24th
- Spring Picnic May 19th

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

NOTES FROM THE JEDI COLLABORATIVE

☀️ Women's Suffrage ☀️

February 15th is Susan B. Anthony Day.
[Click here](#) to read more about Susan B. Anthony and her collaborative efforts in the [Women's Suffrage Movement](#).

☀️ Black History is Women's Suffrage History. ☀️

[Click here](#) to read more about black women and women of color's critical roles in the fight for women's suffrage.



☀️ 2023 BMEF (Black Montessori Education Fund) SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ☀️

The deadline for submission is February 28, 2024 at 11:59pm EST.

👉 [Click Here to Apply](#) 👈



☀️ SURVEY: WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! ☀️

The anonymous survey should only take a few minutes. The deadline is February 14, 2024.

☀️👉 [Click HERE for the JEDI Survey in ENGLISH](#) 👈☀️

☀️👉 [Click HERE for the JEDI Survey in SPANISH](#) 👈☀️

COME JOIN US

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 4 pm

☀️ GET INVOLVED ☀️

1. Let us know if there is a special cultural holiday or event important to your family coming up so that we can learn about it and share it with the HDMS community.
2. Please fill out 👉 [this survey](#) 👈 or email Martha@HDMSReno.com if you are interested in attending or getting involved.
3. Come to a JEDI Meeting:
 - Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 4 pm
 - Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 4 pm
 - Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 4 pm

PLEASE HELP FUND THE BIRTHDAY BOOK GRANT

HDMS is looking to improve our library. Over the last few years, our teaching staff focused on evaluating our teaching practices. Upon reflection, our school library needs an infusion of books written in the 21st century.



By funding this project you will allow birthday students to select a book that best represents them, their culture, or their passions and help us fill the remodeled library funded by the school last year. Inclusive literature provides "mirrors, windows, and sliding glass doors" that allow students to see themselves portrayed, allow them to see identities different from theirs, and allow students to enter into a new world of understanding of and empathy for others (Bishop, 2015). When students are proud of who they are and connected to the school, they are engaged and interested in learning. Students present on cultural studies which is linked to improved attendance and test scores. In addition to the Social emotional benefits, our teachers using these books are empowered to implement the culturally responsive strategies. These strategies are proven to increase reading comprehension and mathematical thinking and in a New America article, a group of students were motivated to make changes in their local community.

Charter schools provide choice and a different way to educate children. Our charter school works hard to provide all that that the district schools provide without as many resources. Thank you for donating to make a difference in our unique population. [DONATE HERE](#)

NOTES FROM THE PRIMARY TEAM

NOTES FROM THE TUSCARORA CLASSROOM

Children in the Tuscarora classroom are hard at work!



SNOWFLOWER CLASS IS LOOKING FOR DONATIONS!

Our class has been exploring how to create collage art using recycled materials. We would love your donations of toilet paper rolls, pompoms, pretty paper, used greeting cards, or other fun items you may have lying around at home, please send them our way! Thank you so much!!



NOTES FROM THE ADOLESCENT TEAM

STEAM / CODING CREATIVE EXPRESSION CLASS

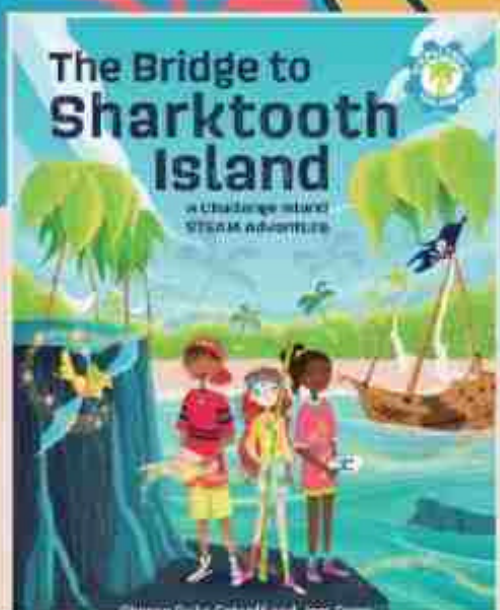
Students in our STEAM/coding creative expressions class have created their first 3D printed item. (a little steam boat). Our science program has just acquired a X-smart 3D printer. It is just in time to have our students dive deeper into the computer programing and mysteries of 3D printing. Our Science Fiction Film class will also use the 3D printer to create characters for their stop motions movies. Our adolescent students have so much to look forward to.



CHALLENGE ISLAND CAMPS



STEAM + Reading = STREAM! This STREAMy camp brings our Challenge Island book series to life with extra bite. You and your STEAM Team will join characters Daniel, Joy, Kimani and Davinci on their **Bridge to Sharktooth Island** adventures while diving into the fascinating world of sharks.



SHARK CAMP

WWW.CHALLENGE-ISLAND.COM

Spring Break Camps w/ Challenge Island

March 25-29 & April 1-5

Ages 5-11 (open to the public)
High Desert Montessori School



Wag on over to the most **PAWSOME** camp in town! Your STEAM Team will open your own pet business and engineer your own pet world – from playgrounds to spas to food trucks to houses to veterinarian offices. This STEAMtastic camp is a must for every pet-loving kid!

PETS PALOOZA CAMP

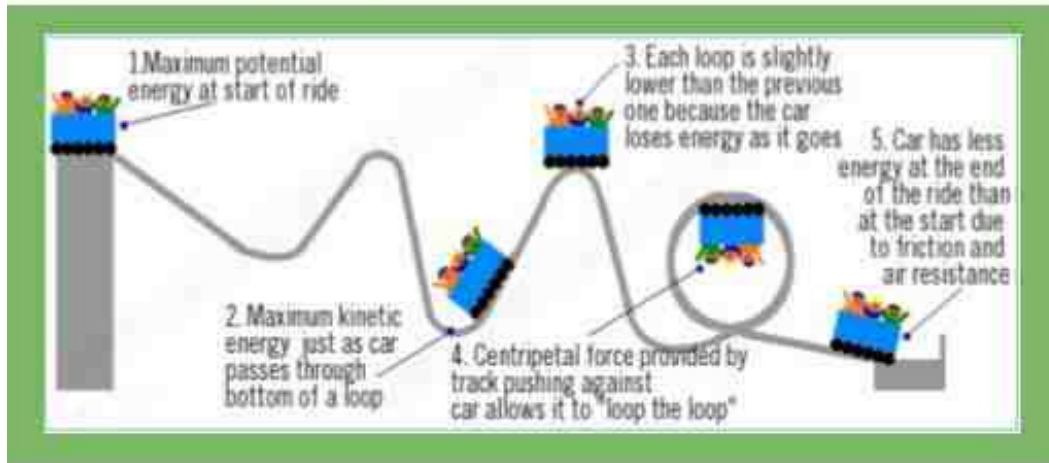
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FAMILY STEAM NIGHT!

HDMS is hosting a Challenge Island Family Steam Night on May 1st from 5:00-6:00. Dinner will be available for purchase right before the event. Sign up [HERE!](#)

Challenge Island HDMS Family STEAM Night



We'll be
raffling off
a FREE
Summer Camp
registration.
Don't miss it!

Prepare for an adventure to
Amusement Park Island's
famous destination, **Roller
Coaster Ridge**. Family STEAM
Teams will use **creative and
critical thinking** skills to **design
and engineer** a thrilling coaster
for a new theme park. How many
loops, curves and hills will your
wacky coaster have?!

May 1st
HDMS Community Center
4:30pm Dinner
5:00-6:30pm
Roller Coaster Challenge
\$18 per family (all ages PK-8th)
Registration Required:

