



HDMS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL/DIRECTOR, MR. ERIC

As we navigate the 21st century, we find that children are becoming more and more plugged into a digital world. How many of us have ever had to ask a child to help us navigate our computers or to find something on our phones? I am sure many of you have experienced this. While Montessori traditionally tries to limit screen time and it is important to experience things through our own eyes, in today's world, children need to be exposed to the skills and tools they will be using as they grow.

At HDMS, we have access to a number of tools you are already familiar with, including i-Ready, Google Classroom, and other online tools. We have always struggled to have enough digital tools to meet our Montessori mission.



**COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**
of Northern Nevada

I would like to thank the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada and the Robison Family for awarding High Desert Montessori a \$10,000 grant to improve our access to technology with the purchase of many new computers.

Thank you to everyone who helps Montessori children and the HDMS community to grow and face the challenges of the 21st century.

Sincerely,
Mr. Eric

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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



A MESSAGE FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, MISS KALEIGH

What are Constructive Triangles?

The Constructive Triangle boxes are found in Primary and Elementary classrooms. At the Primary level, the Constructive Triangles are sensorial materials. In Elementary, they are a geometry material. The Constructive Triangles are a set of 5-6 boxes that contain different types of triangles that introduce children to different types of shapes. The boxes also help children learn that all plane geometric shapes can be constructed from triangles.



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. Voting closes on February 29, 2024.



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/>

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
26 Belgian Waffle w/ Organic Agave Syrup, Fruit & Milk	27 Croissant w/ Fruit & Milk	28 Pancakes w/ Fruit & Milk	29 Quesadilla w/ Fruit & Milk	1 Bagel w/ cream cheese w/ Fruit & Milk
Mac & 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

SPRING SCHOOL PHOTOS BY MIDORI JOY



Spring Pictures by [Midori Joy Photography](#) are coming soon!

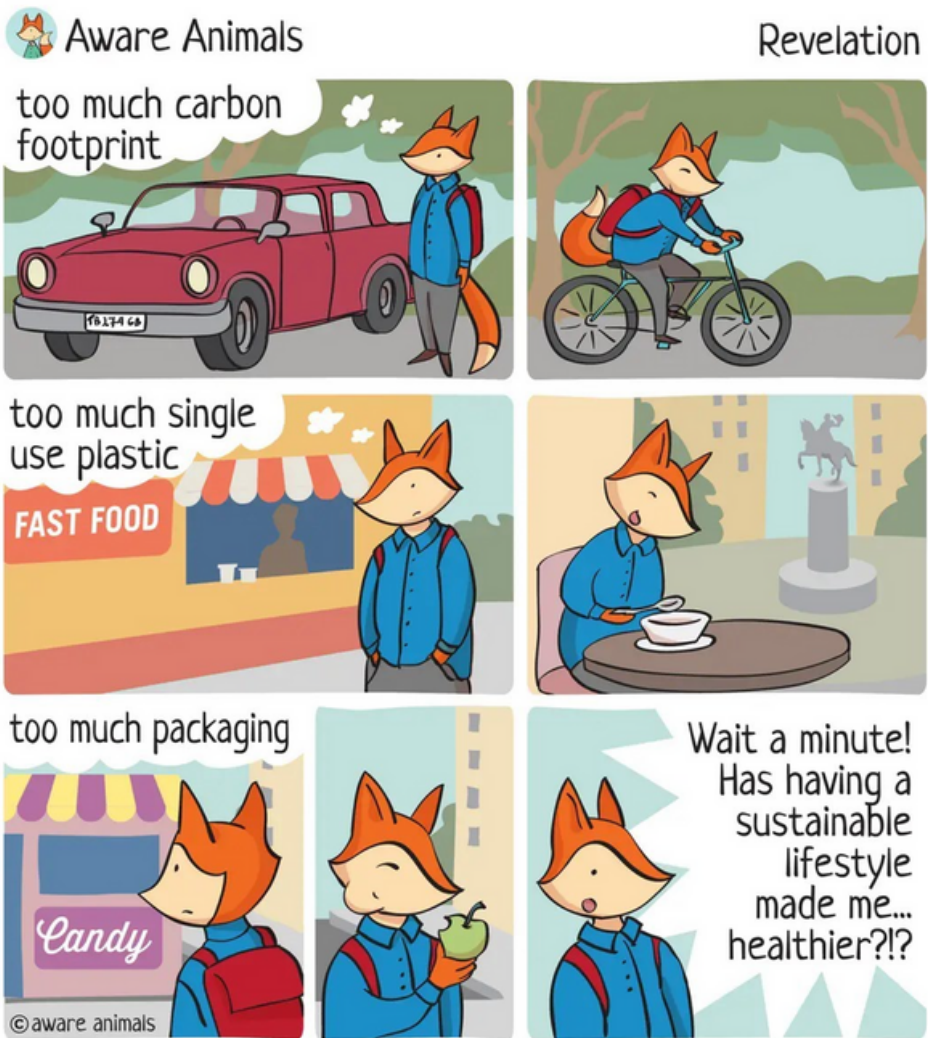
Primary* & Adolescents*: Monday March 18
Elementary: Thursday March 20

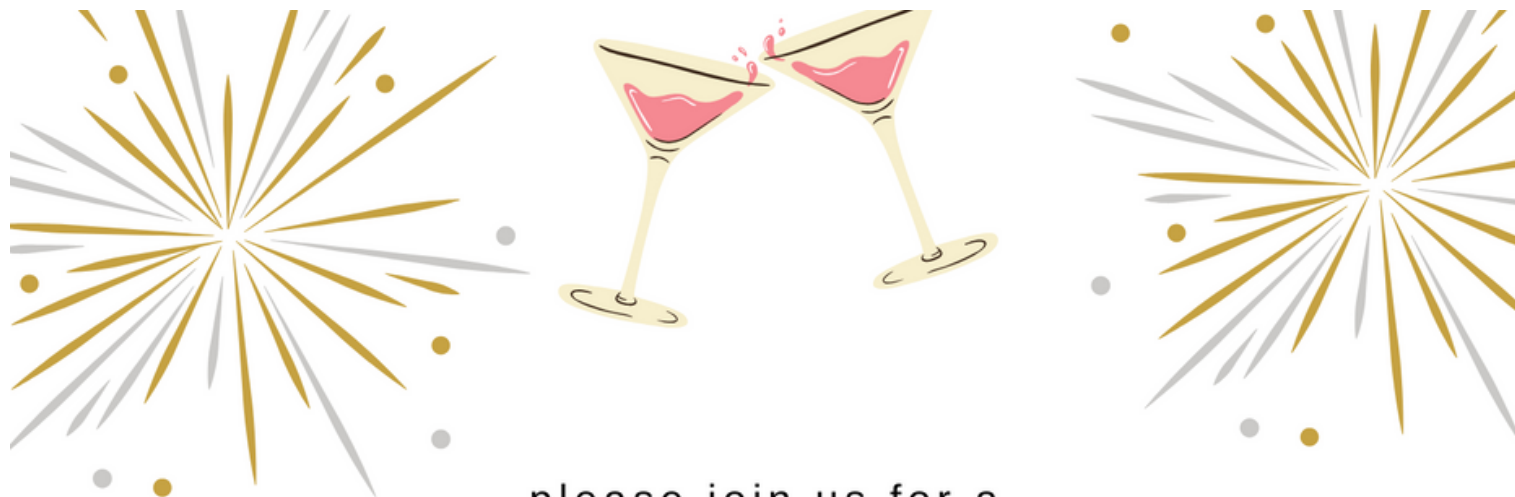
- *All Kindergarten and 8th Grade Graduates will be photographed, so no need to pre-register!
- All other students are welcome for Spring Photos! To register for individual and/or sibling photos, just click [here](#). Please register by 9pm Sunday March 17th
- 10% of all sales will be donated directly back to the HDMS PTO!

For FAQs and tips on What to Wear click [here](#). Other questions? Reach out to Midori Joy.

NOTES FROM THE GREEN PARENTS GROUP

It still feels like winter, but spring is on the way and with it our urge for SPRING CLEANING! Shaking off the dust left by heating systems, and getting rid of muddy bootprints, can be done in various ways, some of which include single-use wipes and dusting cloths that harm our planet when they end up in the landfill, and HARMFUL FRAGRANCES that can cause an array of respiratory and dermatologic problems in humans and animals. To keep these issues at bay, simple solutions like white VINEGAR and rags from old clothes -which can be joyfully ripped by your kids- can work wonders. If you do not like the smell of vinegar, some lemon and orange peel steeped for a bit in warm water in a reusable glass jar is another alternative cleaner. To get even more fragrant, soak rosemary or lavender in warm water inside a reusable spray bottle, and fill your home with a summery scent. Happy cleaning from the greenparents@hdmsreno.com





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

THIS WEEKEND! Brews and Bites is this Saturday February 24th from 6:00 - 9:00 PM at Underworld Distillery. Open to public so bring friends and family. No cover charge. Raffle, prizes, drinks, Taco 'Bout it Food Truck, and more!

Childcare is available at HDMS during Brews and Bites. You can fill out this [form](#) if interested. Childcare is \$50 with an additional \$20 per sibling. Pizza and water provided with lots of fun activities planned.

If you have any auction/raffle items for Brews and Bites please email a description to pto@hdmspto.com

The 50/50 Raffle is open until May when winners will be announced at our PTO meeting. The raffle is also open to the public so please share with family and friends. [Click here to get tickets.](#)

NOTES FROM THE JEDI COLLABORATIVE



JEDI JUSTICE • EQUITY • DIVERSITY • INCLUSION COLLABORATIVE

We are a diverse group
of parents and staff
who have come
together to work with
community members
and experts to improve
HDMS for EVERYONE.

DIVERSITY
is a fact

EQUITY
is a choice

INCLUSION
is an action

BELONGING
is an outcome

WELCOME



☀️ World Day of Social Justice ☀️

February 20th was World Day of Social Justice. This day reminds us each year of the need to build fairer, more equitable societies. Click [here](#) to learn more.

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

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

👉 [Click Here to Apply](#) 👉

☀️ 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, May 1, 2024 at 4 pm
 - Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 4 pm

SURVEY FROM THE JEDI COLLABORATIVE

Tell us about your experiences at HDMS.



We care.



☀️ SURVEY: WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! ☀️

HDMS JEDI Collaborative wants to know about YOUR experience at HDMS.

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

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

We aim to hear from ALL students, families, staff, and volunteers about your experiences at HDMS through the lens of Justice, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Your anonymous feedback will be reviewed by the JEDI Collaborative and shared with HDMS faculty, staff, and administration as part of HDMS's commitment to continuous improvement.

Your participation in this survey is CRITICAL to helping us make our school community a more inclusive and effective learning environment for our students, staff, families, and neighborhood. We thank you in advance for your participation.

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



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 PRIMARY TEAM

NOTES FROM THE PINE NUT CLASSROOM

In the afternoon the Pine Nut children made hibernaculums. The children wrote, "Hibernaculums are where animals go to sleep together. bats go to caves to hibernate. We made hibernaculum out of boxes and papers." The children, then completed a project to find out how to make bats fly into the cave where they discovered that their bats fly better when the string was held higher. They had a blast!



NOTES FROM THE ELEMENTARY TEAM

NOTES FROM THE RUBY CLASSROOM

Now-March 22nd Hip Hop Unit Study

We will be using a number of websites to explore the impact of Hip Hop in the U.S. and its African origins. If you have some knowledge which you would like to share with us about music or any African country, we would love to learn from you. Please contact Jamie.

Wednesday, March 6th from 3:30-5:30 Montessori Through My Eyes

Please do your best to schedule a time for each child so you can connect and see how each individual child is learning. Please put your child's last name in one of the slot times. Appointment slot shows 4 minutes, but I am planning on a thirty minute session.

Students will be showing you approximately 3 lessons. Their familiarity or understanding will differ depending on when it was presented and the amount of practice they have done. Please observe, be silent and direct all questions to me either in the form of email, written or ask during the event.

March 18th-22nd Parent, Teacher, Student Conferences

Appointments are made on a first received, first scheduled basis. This is still a new tool, so if you want to just send 3 times to me in an email. I will put you in the appointment slot. If you have several children in the school; please email names of children, teachers and rooms, I will do my best to schedule them. Please let me know if you need a ZOOM meeting.

For Your Information and Consideration

Friendships are blooming in the Ruby classroom. Please remind your children that friendships don't require gifts. If we don't want to share with everyone, we need to find times outside of school to share those special gestures/treats. This includes lunch items. We have people who have serious allergies and the adults can't always be aware of everything that is being shared.

Thank you! :

Laura for helping last Wednesday it was very helpful

Mimi for helping last Monday. The students love to read with you.

Families who sent in supplies, the children had a great time

Anyone who is planning on attending, donating, or helping with Brews and Bites

Anyone who attended the board meeting, green parent group, JEDI Collaborative, or Book Study

NOTES FROM THE ADOLESCENT TEAM

PE CREATIVE EXPRESSION CLASS

Creative Expression Class PE played Field Hokey in the community center. We had so much fun!



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

WWW.CHALLENGE-ISLAND.COM



YOGA AT HDMS

Children strengthen their bodies, increase flexibility and balance, and explore themes like mindfulness and friendship through music, stories, and games, learning new words in 3 languages: English, Spanish, & Sanskrit. This creative children's yoga class is taught by Kelly Bodtke, HDMS Montessori guide, yoga teacher, and former elementary school general music teacher.

6-Week Yoga Session: \$60

Financial assistance is available.

Dates: 2/29, 3/7, 3/14, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25

First-time children, please [CLICK HERE](#) TO ENROLL.

<https://forms.gle/jEYzjudnFRt7n38L9>

Returning students and adults, please email me Alegria.a.day@gmail.com or KellyB@HDMSReno.com.

Namaste



Yoga



Children's Yoga

Paced for children ages 5 to 8

Thursdays, 3:30–4:30

February 29 – April 25



- "Trilingual" Classes:
 - English
 - Spanish
 - Sanskrit
- Mindfulness, Emotional Literacy, Music & Drama

Welcome

Adult Yoga

Vinyasa flow paced for adults

Fridays, 3:30–4:30

Just RSVP to Drop In



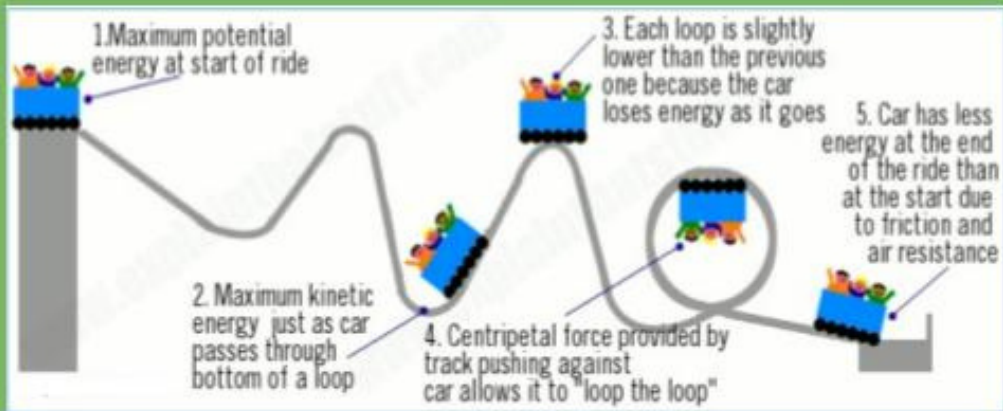
Suggested
Donation
\$6–\$12

Alegria.A.Day@gmail.com

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
5:00-6:30pm
Roller Coaster Challenge
\$18 per family
(all ages PK-8th)
Registration Required:

