



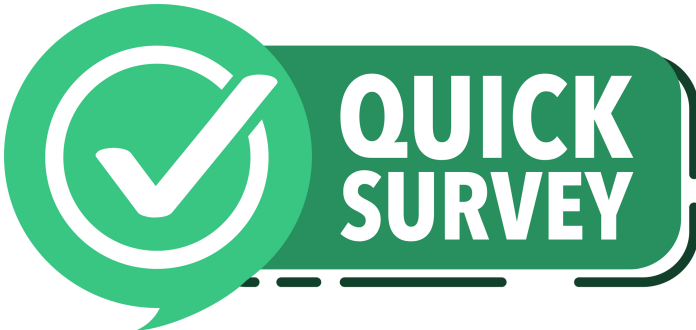
HDMS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL/DIRECTOR, MR. ERIC

Unfortunately, I have some disappointing news to share with our HDMS community. Funding from the National School Lunch Program, which allowed us to provide almost 300,000 breakfasts, lunches, and snacks to our students over the last three years, will come to an end on the last day of this school year. We have had several meetings with the Nevada Department of Agriculture which administers this program, as well as with our administrative team and Ms. Ximena from Farm Fresh Catering to look for solutions to this problem. We need your input to move forward.

Please respond to this [SCHOOL LUNCH SURVEY](#) so we can get some feedback from you. We are gauging interest in having Farm Fresh Catering offer private purchase meal service at HDMS next school year. Please take a few minutes to help us decide how to move forward with this very important part of our Montessori program. We truly feel that hungry children are less likely to thrive.

Thank you for your continued support of High Desert Montessori



Sincerely,
Mr. Eric

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/29/24: 4:30 NNLC FAMILY READING 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 WITH MIDORI JOY FOR PRIMARY & ADOLESCENT
- 3/20/24: 5:00 HDMS BOARD MEETING
- 3/21/24: SPRING PICTURES WITH MIDORI JOY FOR ELEMENTARY
- 3/21/24: 5:30 NNLC FAMILY READING NIGHT
- 3/25/24-4/5/24: SPRING BREAK
- 4/15/24: SPRING PICTURE MAKE-UPS WITH MIDORI JOY
- 4/16/24: 4:30 LGBTQIA+ INFO & RESOURCE PRESENTATION FROM OUR CENTER
- 4/17/24: TWO HOUR EARLY RELEASE
- 4/18/24: 5:30 PTO MEETING
- 4/24/24: 5:00 HDMS BOARD MEETING
- 4/25/24: 4:30 NNLC FAMILY READING NIGHT



A MESSAGE FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, MISS KALEIGH

What assessments do HDMS students take and why?

As a public Montessori school, HDMS is required to have students take assessments throughout the year.



The i-Ready diagnostics are taken in the Fall, Winter and Spring by 1st-8th graders. We use these diagnostic assessments to help determine where students are at academically, guide instruction and provide interventions to students as needed. These assessments also help us determine how students are progressing.

The MAPs assessment is taken by 1st- 3rd graders in the Fall, Winter and Spring; and by Kindergarteners in the Winter and Spring. This reading assessment is required by Nevada's Read by 3 law (RGB3).



The SBAC assessments are Nevada's high stakes assessments. These assessments are taken by 3rd-8th graders in English Language Arts and Mathematics, as well as Science for 5th and 8th graders. SBAC assesses students' progress towards rigorous academic standards, from year to year. The SBAC assessments are part of HDMS' star rating.

SPEAKING OF TESTING...

SBAC testing will begin March 11, and continue through May 7. Each family will receive notice about their students' SBAC testing the week prior to their test.



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/>

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
4 Belgian Waffle w/ Organic Agave Syrup, Fruit & Milk	5 Croissant w/ Fruit & Milk	6 Pancakes w/ Fruit & Milk	7 Quesadilla w/ Fruit & Milk	8 Bagel w/ cream cheese w/ Fruit & Milk
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	Beef Burger (Veg. Option is Vegan Patty) w/ Fruit & Milk

SPRING SCHOOL PHOTOS BY MIDORI JOY



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

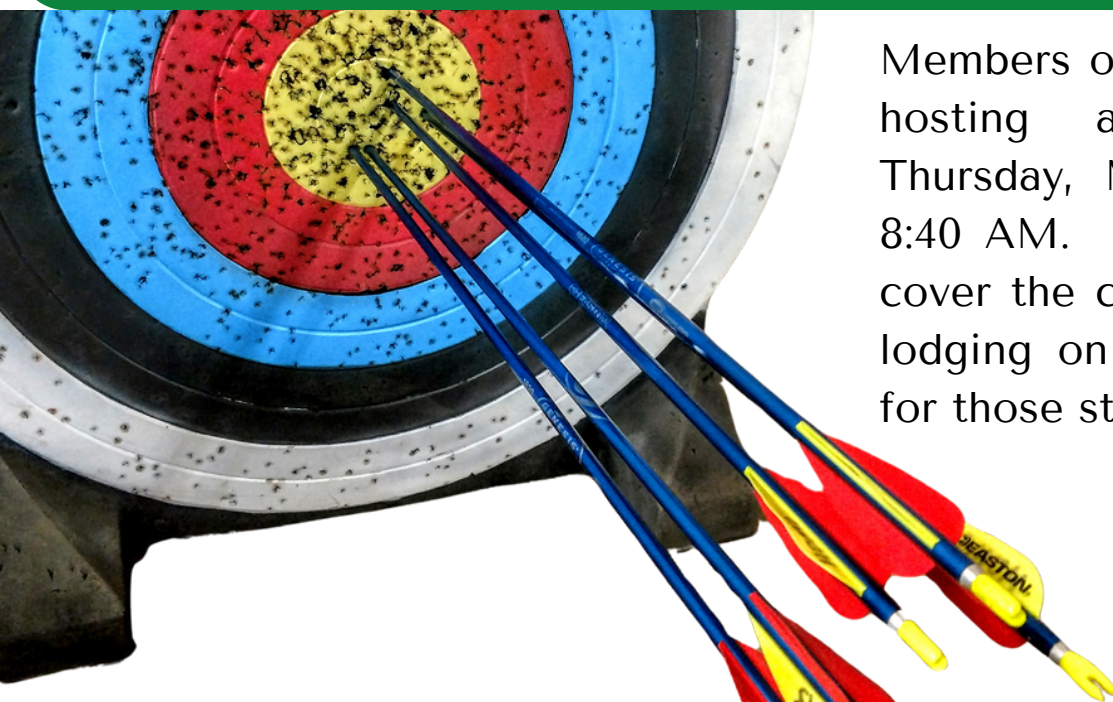
Primary* & Adolescents*: Monday March 18

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.

ARCHERY BAKE SALE!



Members of the archery team are hosting a bake sale next Thursday, March 7th from 7:30-8:40 AM. Funds raised will help cover the costs of travel, food, & lodging on the trip to Nationals for those students who qualified!



YEARBOOKS

For Sale!

\$20 Base Price

(includes 2 personalized pages)

Just 99¢ for each set of 2 additional personalized pages

THREE WAYS TO PURCHASE!

1) VISIT WWW.TREERING.COM/VALIDATE AND ENTER

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2) SCAN QR CODE BELOW

3) OR, FOR A NON-PERSONALIZED COPY, SEND A CHECK WITH
"YEARBOOK" AND YOUR CHILD'S NAME IN THE MEMO LINE



LOST & FOUND

Please have your child check the Lost & Found for items belonging to them. Our upcoming conference week is a great time for parents to double-check! All remaining items will be donated during conference week.



NOTES FROM THE PTO

A HUGE thank you to everyone who came out to Brews and Bites last weekend, it was a huge success! Thank you to Underworld Distillery for hosting us and to the Taco 'Bout it Food Truck for providing d

Get your tickets for our 50/50 Raffle today! We will announce the winners at our May PTO meeting. Tickets are \$50 with no limit on how many you can buy. The takehome prize is \$5,000! The raffle is also open to the public so please share with family and friends. Click [here](#) to get tickets.

Upcoming PTO Events

- Thursday, March 21st 5:30 - 6:30 PM PTO Meeting via Zoom (click here to join Zoom meeting)
- May 19th Spring Picnic

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



SURVEY FROM THE JEDI COLLABORATIVE

☀️SURVEY: WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! The 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 👉☀️

Tell us about your experiences at HDMS.



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.

NOTES FROM THE JEDI COLLABORATIVE

☀️BLACK HISTORY MONTH ☀️

As this year's Black History Month transitions to March, let's continue to advocate for and celebrate our rich Black History all year long. Click here for a variety of resources to incorporate in your homes and classrooms throughout the year.

☀️INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY - WEAR PURPLE☀️

Next week, Friday, March 8th is International Women's Day.

You are encouraged to wear purple to celebrate the existence of all women and their achievements despite historical and continued divisions, including but not limited to national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic, or political.

The theme of 2024: Invest in women: Accelerate Progress.



☀️MARK YOUR CALENDAR ☀️

Please fill out 👉this survey 👉 or email Martha@HDMSReno.com if you are interested in attending or getting involved.

Our next meetings will be after school on:

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Wednesday, June 5, 2024

MONTESSORI THROUGH MY EYES



NOTES FROM THE ELEMENTARY TEAM

NOTES FROM THE RUBY CLASSROOM

Jamie will be out on Friday, March 1 and Monday, March 4th for personal reasons. Ashley and Melissa are all set.

Now until the 22nd - Hip Hop Unit Study

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

Now until the end of the year: Testing season! We will be doing some prep work in class. If you have any questions we can talk at the following 2 events.

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. The 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 asked during the event.

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

Sorry about all the emails. I have tried to fix it by deleting all of your emails in the invite, but I don't know if it changed the first calendar invite. 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 the names of the children, teachers, and rooms, and I will do my best to schedule them. Please let me know if you need a ZOOM meeting.

Thank you! :

Mimi for helping last Monday.

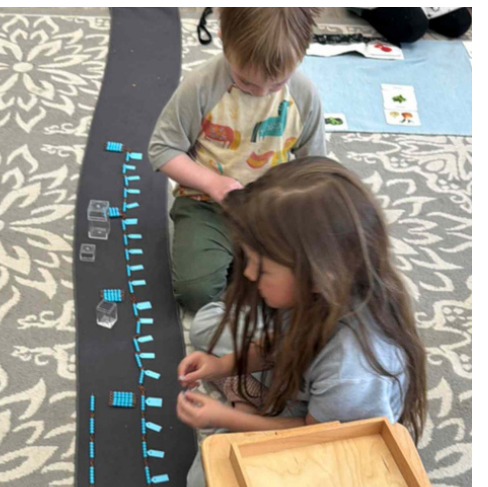
Anyone who attended the Board meeting on Wednesday.

Thank you to the ladies in the office for keeping us compliant as a school!

NOTES FROM THE PRIMARY TEAM

NOTES FROM THE BEOWAWE CLASSROOM

Beowawe children hard at work!



NOTES FROM THE ELEMENTARY TEAM

NOTES FROM THE TOIYABE CLASSROOM

Montessori Through My Eyes Wednesday, March 6

This is an opportunity for you to visit our classroom and have your child present a lesson to you and show you around our room. This is an optional event. Please sign up here if you would like to come:

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

Family Conferences March 18 - 22

I look forward to meeting with all of you and your students to discuss the progress they are making this year. Please choose a time that works for you and your child.

[Toiyabe Family Conferences](#)

Bookshelves anyone?

I am on the lookout for a good deal on used, tall, sturdy bookshelves for our classroom library. If any of you frequent thrift stores, garage sales, or know of someone getting rid of furniture and you see a tall bookshelf (at least 4 shelves), please let me know. Thank you!



CHess WIZARDS

Thursday 3:20-4:20pm
4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30 (8 Classes)
Price: \$128
Grades: K-5

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Your brain is your super power

Are you ready to use it? Join the Chess Wizards community today for fun, friendship and some serious chess skills. All experience levels welcome!

Class information

School Name: High Desert Montessori School

Dates: 4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 5/2,
5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30

NO CLASS ON: N/A

Class Day and Time: Thursday 3:20 - 4:20pm

Ready to make new Friends and amaze your parents?

Join Chess Wizards this year for challenging chess lessons, exciting tournaments, fun, team activities, and more! If you're brand-new to chess, we'll teach you the basics and get you playing right away. If you're a seasoned checkmate artist, we'll show you new ways to let your creativity show on the chess board.

Total # of Classes: 8

Grades: K - 5

Price: \$128

Register Today At www.chesswizards.com!

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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



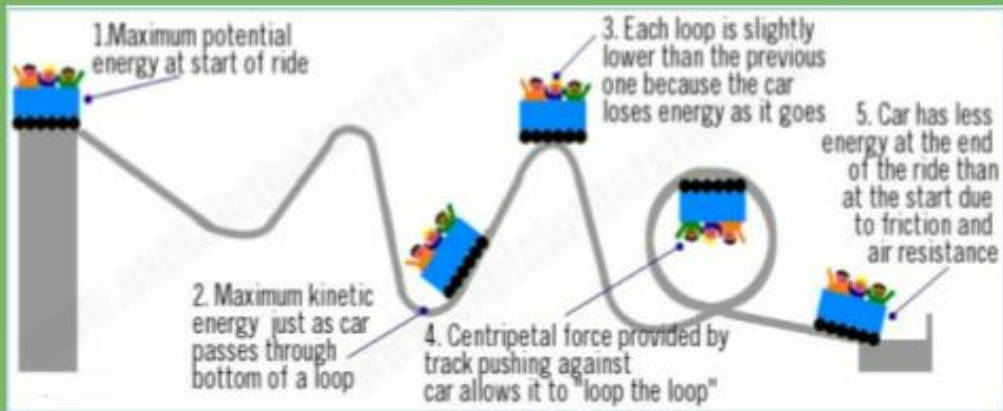
Suggested
Donation
\$6–\$12

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:



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.

The Bridge to Sharktooth Island

A CHALLENGE ISLAND STEAM ADVENTURE



SHARK CAMP

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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!

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