

# THE BROWN BEAR NECESSITIES

*The Official Newsletter of  
Hannah Marie Brown Elementary School (est. 2021)*



## Principal Ponderings

By Michele Wooldridge, "Beary" Proud Principal

Hello, HMB ES Families! Just some updates regarding "happenings."

\*Congratulations to all of our PTA Reflections Artists! We had 60 entries that were all phenomenal and shared great ideas related to changing the world. We are looking forward to participating in this every year. So mark your calendars for December/January next year for the Second Annual PTA Reflections Art Competition. This year, the judges were so impressed with all of the entries, especially being our first year. Congratulations to the following students who were selected as the best in their art category: Akiva H, Avery F, Nilashri S, Raya R, George M, Haley B, Norah F, Austin S, Julianna L, Ana P, Cash P and McKinley R.

\*We will be hosting our first Nevada Reading Week and Family Engagement for Literacy on March 21-25. This will include fun literacy activities during the day, including BINGO, Drop Everything and Read, Virtual Guest Readers and Read-a-thons! During the evenings on those dates, families will be invited to "Bedtime Stories" via a Google Meet with a staff member, along with Literacy and Reading Parent Trainings from Mrs. Robertt, (Reading Strategist). More info to come regarding these special events very soon!

\*Our PTA is planning our very first Bear Fun Run! It is scheduled for March 25, throughout the day. More info will be sent out very soon.

\*Registration for the 2022-23 school year will begin later this spring. There are two parts to the registration process: 1.) Infinite Campus registration and 2.) registration info for HMB ES. This will include a request for three teacher preferences, once again. The requests are not in order of preference and are not guaranteed. We will do our best to place your student in one of the three choices that you select; however, classes are configured based on many variables such as related services, academic levels, student needs and teaching styles. Please note that personnel can change over the summer time, which is after classes are formalized and parents are notified. When that happens, your student will be placed in the new classroom teacher's class if they replace your child's assigned teacher. Families will be notified in mid to late June regarding class placements for next year.

\*HMB ES will have Summer Bridge opportunities this summer. More info will be coming out soon regarding this great program led by our licensed staff in June.

**DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR FAMILY LEGACY BRICK BY MAY 1, 2022. ONLY \$65 EACH!  
THIS BRICK ORDER WILL BE ADDED TO THE WALL IN SEPTEMBER. CONTACT SHARON IN THE  
FRONT OFFICE OR GO TO OUR WEBSITE TO ORDER.**

**BRAND NEW BROWN E.S. GEAR on our webstore!**  
[https://webstores.activenetwork.com/school-software/hannah\\_brown\\_es\\_webs/](https://webstores.activenetwork.com/school-software/hannah_brown_es_webs/)

AVAILABLE NOW: HMB E.S. BE KIND T-SHIRTS/SWEATSHIRTS, POLOS (MULTIPLE COLORS) WITH EMBROIDERED LOGOS AND MASKS, LONG SLEEVE SHIRTS WITH A FUN HMB PHRASE, ZIP UP HOODIES WITH EMBROIDERED LOGO (RED OR NAVY)  
---ALL IN STOCK, BUT QUANTITIES ARE LIMITED.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### FEBRUARY 7

Regular School Day  
(former contingency day)

### FEBRUARY 9

PTA General Meeting at  
8:00 a.m. in the MPR

Student of the Month  
Lunch

### FEBRUARY 11

Favorite Sports Jersey  
Day (SSA bottoms)

### FEBRUARY 14

Wear RED Spirit Day  
(SSA bottoms)

### FEBRUARY 14 - 23

Book Fair

### FEBRUARY 18

Free Dress

### FEBRUARY 21

No School-President's  
Day

### FEBRUARY 23

Group & Individual  
Spring Pictures  
(free dress for everyone)

### MARCH 14

No School

### MARCH 21-25

Nevada Reading Week  
at HMB ES

### MARCH 25

BEAR FUN RUN

**702-799-2250**

**10 Chapata Drive  
HD, NV 89012**

**Office Hours:  
6:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.**

### Contact Info

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# THE SPECIALIST SPOT



## LIBRARY TID BITS FROM MRS. GEHLKEN

\*The library's spring Scholastic Book Fair will be held February 14-23, 2022. Watch for more details, links, and information coming soon via email, ClassDojo, and the Brown E.S. Facebook page. The popular eWallet will be available once again.

\*Nevada Reading Week is right around the corner! This year's theme is "Catch the Reading Wave!" Although the official reading week is scheduled for March 21-25, 2022. More details, including a schedule of spirit dress up days, will be shared in the coming weeks.

\*It's almost time to begin sharing, reading, and studying this year's Nevada Young Readers' Award nominated books. Students in grades K-5 will be "hired" as book judges and vote for their favorite of the eight, fabulous titles. Our Hannah Marie Brown votes - along with other student votes from across the entire state of Nevada - will be counted to determine the winner!



## ART INFO FROM MRS. SVENDSEN



Dear Families, due to unforeseen circumstances I will be taking a leave of absence for an unknown amount of time. On a positive note, Artsonia is up and running for k-4, just in time! 5th graders may create their own account if they wish, but I will not be able to finish theirs in time. Most students have at least one published work, but did you know you can add their work as well? You can log in as a parent or in class mode. Class mode instructions will go home with students, with their artwork. If you wish you can download the free artsonia app, follow the prompts, and take a picture using a smartphone or tablet. Also, their account will transfer from year to year, so we can continue to add work as your child grows. I would also like to say thank you to our wonderful students, and staff for making our school such a positive fun place to be!



## GATE UPDATES FROM MRS. ROSAS

GATE students are deep into their engineering unit. Third graders completed a Super Mario Bros Toadstool mosaic by solving 25 Rubik's cubes. They are now engineering solutions to real-world problems such as filtering water to be cleaned and reused. Fourth graders used a Gizmo lab simulation to design their own experiment growing plants. Students learned the importance of variables, controls, data tables, and large sample sizes while conducting these investigations. Fifth graders have been using code.org to learn the basics to coding and are shifting to mastering the Rubik's cube to create their own, original mosaics.



## MUSIC NOTES FROM MRS. MCCONNELL

This month in music our 5th graders have begun to explore the ukulele! Since these instruments are brand new, the 5th graders have helped to stretch the strings and get the instruments in tune! It's been very exciting. Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade have been exploring unpitched percussion instruments, namely, the woodblocks, tambourines, triangles, hand drums and more! 3rd and 4th grade have been exploring rhythm and form by notating, speaking rhymes, playing instruments and performing dance. Students are also able to feature music they listen to at home by sending me a note or email, detailing the name of the song they've been listening to and why they like the music. We call this activity "What'cha Listening To?" If your child wants to share a piece of music, please feel free to send me a hand written note or email! I love learning about what they are listening to!



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION INFO FROM COACH ESPARZA



PE just recently completed its soccer recess intramurals which included the playoffs. Congratulations to all students that were involved and to the champions. Boys and girls in both fourth and fifth grade will have the opportunity to participate in basketball recess intramurals beginning in February. Additionally, J.A.W.S is up and running and students are running, jogging, or walking themselves to a healthier level.

# MR. CHRISTIAN'S CORNER!



Hello HMB families,

This month, get ready for the STEM excitement to TAKE OFF for your child. With just a few simple supplies, you can create an engaging and enriching experience that will get them thinking.

Activity: STEM Balloon Rockets

Materials: string or yarn, 1 balloon, a plastic straw and tape

Step 1. Create a Path : Tie one end of a long piece of string or yarn around the back of a chair.

Step 2. Prep the Balloon : Inflate the balloon, but do not tie off the end. Tape a straw to the balloon, and thread the string through the straw.

Step 3. Ready, Set, Launch! Release the balloon and watch it speed down the path.

Step 4. Now comes the most important part, experimentation and thinking. Here are a few questions to drive your young thinkers. Does the amount of air in the balloon change the distance? Are there any ways to make the balloon move faster? What happens if you add something to your balloon? With each discovery, make sure to follow up with why. This challenges deeper thinking which is at the core of everything STEM. Have fun and let exploration lead the way.

See you soon,

Matthew Christian  
Assistant Principal

## COUNSELOR'S CHAT FROM MRS. CARPENTER



During this month's Wellness Wednesdays, we will embark on a new unit titled Empathy & Kindness! As you know, KINDNESS is one of our Five Pillars here at Hannah Brown Elementary School. This unit will illuminate the power of kindness as we learn about ways to demonstrate kindness. We will also learn the meaning of empathy-feeling or understanding what someone else is feeling-and how it can help us to be kind in ways that friends will appreciate. Additionally, we will explore a better understanding of a point of view different from our own. Research shows that children who learn the skills in this unit are more likely to build stronger relationships, resolve conflicts more effectively, exhibit positive behaviors, avoid aggressive behaviors and develop increased empathy. At home, you can join this theme by integrating a Kindness Challenge at home. Resources for random acts of kindness for kids/families can be found at <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/kindness-ideas>.

Third through fifth grade students have taken the Panorama Survey to do a mid-year mental health check in. This survey is one part of our district's Multi-Tiered System of Supports, ensuring that students have the opportunity to self-reflect on their well-being and social-emotional self. We know that academics, social-emotional learning and behavior are all linked and crucial to student success. As a community, we want to offer support to help children gain more access to learning. Those supports vary, based on the individual needs and are designed to remove barriers in education.

Coming soon...Coffee with the Counselor!