



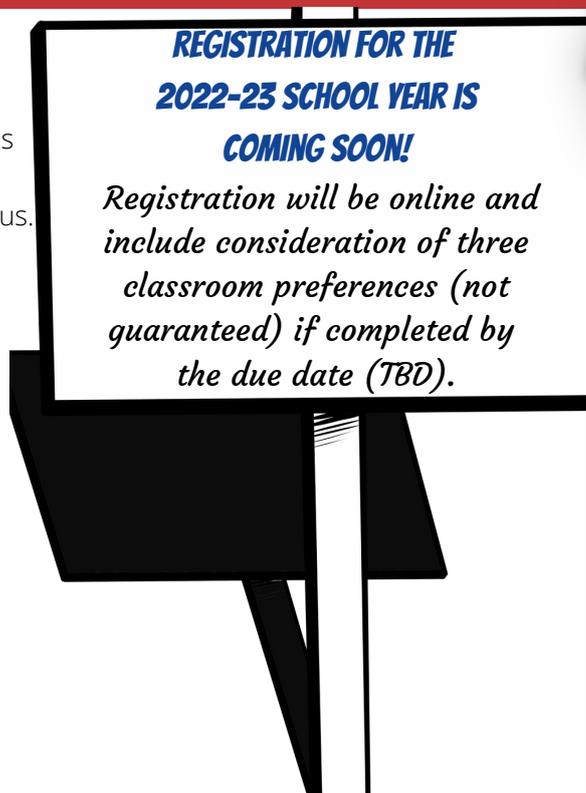
# THE BROWN BEAR NECESSITIES

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

## Principal Ponderings

By Michele Wooldridge, "Beary" Proud Principal  
Hello, HMB Families! I'm not sure where the time has gone, but it is already March. Our first school year is flying by! We have a very busy two months ahead of us. Here are some upcoming events in our community:

- \*SBAC testing for 3rd-5th grade (see **Mark Your Calendar**)
- \*Raiders Spirit Dress Day March 10
- \*No School March 14
- \*Nevada Reading Week March 21 - March 25
- \*First Annual Bears Fun Run Fundraiser March 25
- \*Staff Appreciation Week April 4 - April 8
- \*Spring Break April 11-18 (return April 19)
- \*Diversity Week April 25 - May 3
- \*Field Day May 6
- \*Last day of the 2021-22 school year May 25
- \*Summer Acceleration Programs May 31 - June 17 (excluding June 14)



## SUMMER ACCELERATION INFORMATION

Students have an opportunity to continue the learning in a fun and focused format May 31-June 17 during the Summer Acceleration Program at Brown ES. It is from 8-2:11 p.m. with transportation and meals provided. Safekey will not be available. Please complete the survey link below by Friday, March 11 if you are interested in having your student(s) attend.

Registration info for Summer Acceleration will be sent out in April.

<https://forms.gle/4iLRf4FTWguGEaBt7>

**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!

- MARCH 10**  
Raiders Spirit Day  
(Raiders shirt/jersey and SSA)
- MARCH 14**  
No School
- MARCH 21-25**  
Nevada Reading Week  
at HMB ES
- MARCH 25**  
BEAR FUN RUN
- MARCH 29-31**  
SBAC (3rd-5th gr):  
English/Language Arts
- APRIL 4-8**  
Staff Appreciation  
Week
- APRIL 5-7**  
SBAC (3rd-5th gr):  
Math
- APRIL 9-18**  
No School:  
Spring Break
- APRIL 25-MAY 3**  
Diversity Week
- APRIL 26-27**  
SBAC (5th gr): Science
- MAY 1**  
Legacy Brick  
Orders due
- MAY 6**  
Field Day
- MAY 25**  
Last Day of the 2021-22  
School year
- MAY 31-JUNE 17**  
Summer Acceleration

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

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# THE SPECIALIST SPOT



## LIBRARY TID BITS FROM MRS. GEHLKEN

### Book Fair Success!

The Brown Library held another successful book fair! It was wonderful to see all of the student excitement. Thank you to all of the students who purchased books. We are excited to announce that the funds earned from this fair will be used for Nevada Reading Week activities and, of course, more new library books for our collection.

Happy Reading!

## FOR THE LOVE OF LITERACY FROM MRS. ROBERTT, READING STRATEGIST

### Literacy and NV Reading Week Excitement!

We will be celebrating Nevada Reading Week and Literacy Week March 21st-25th. We have many fun activities planned for our students during the day including: Bingo, mystery readers, spirit days, and a special visit from our namesake, Hannah Brown. Nightly activities will include reading choice boards, virtual bedtime stories, and virtual parent training along with reading games you can play at home. More details to come in the coming weeks!



## GATE UPDATES FROM MRS. ROSAS

5th grade students are celebrating Nevada Reading Week by becoming authors and illustrators. Students are applying their knowledge of story elements, such as characters, themes, and conflict to write their own published stories - complete with a book cover, dedication page, and "About the Author" information! In 4th grade, students are beginning their own "Genius Hour Passion Project." Students will select a topic they are interested in learning more about, conduct their own research, create a final product of their choosing, and present their findings to the class. Third graders are getting into the St. Patrick's day spirit. They are studying Rube Goldberg machines and using miscellaneous objects to design and build their own Leprechaun traps - Rube Goldberg style!



## MUSIC NOTES FROM MRS. MCCONNELL

Did you know March is "Music in our Schools Month"? During this month the National Association for Music Education brings attention to the importance of music as a part of our children's educational experience. NAFME advocates at the state and national level for funding support to make sure that music stays a part of the curriculum. Because of NAFME's advocacy work, music became a "core" subject in 2015 under the Every Child Succeeds Act. You can help to support music education by reaching out to your school board members and state legislators, asking them to continue to fund our programs that enrich the lives of our students every day. At Brown Elementary School, I see everyday how our students learn and grow not only as musicians but as human beings through their interactions with music. It is my pleasure to be serving as the music educator on our Hannah Marie Brown Campus.



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION INFO FROM COACH ESPARZA



Basketball intramurals is officially underway with students displaying their basketball skills. Students are also practicing a healthy lifestyle by participating in J.A.W.S. on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Some students are already close to earning their J.A.W.S. medals or bracelets. Additionally, all P.E. students have been participating in activities promoting teamwork and sportsmanship. 5th Grade will have an opportunity to participate in a Raiders Junior Training Camp on March 10. Let's make it a Raiders Spirit Day for all students (SSA bottoms).

# MR. CHRISTIAN'S CORNER!



HMB families,

Hope all things are well. This month's STEM activity will definitely take a helping hand from a parent, but it leads to so many great questions for our young learners.

Activity: Making Clouds in a Jar

Materials: A jar with a lid, hot water, ice and hair spray.

Step 1: Pour hot water in the jar, about a quarter filled based on the size of the container (make sure to help your child do this safely).

Step 2: Place the lid atop the opening, upside down, so that it holds a handful of ice cubes. Leave it undisturbed for around 20 seconds, during which time the vapor from the hot water will rise and condense into droplets when it reaches the cool lid.

Step 3: Remove the lid, spray hairspray into the jar, then replace the lid and watch the water droplets attach to the particles of hairspray, forming a small cloud.

As exciting as this activity is, the true STEM component comes from the questioning and thinking. Asking your child to try to understand what is happening and how it connects to our environment (the water cycle) are stepping stones to discovery. Spending this time sharing in learning with your child will spark an interest that will carry into the classroom.

Enjoy,

Matthew Christian  
Assistant Principal

## COUNSELOR'S CHAT FROM MRS. CARPENTER



Please join me for **Coffee with the Counselor** on "Wellness" Wednesday, March 16th at 6:30 p.m.

This VIRTUAL meeting is titled: Brain & Balance: A Look at Screen Time and Child Development. A Dojo message will be sent with more information and to serve as a reminder as the date approaches.

Use this link to log on: [meet.google.com/uem-mcfk-may](https://meet.google.com/uem-mcfk-may)

As we continue our weekly Wellness Wednesdays, students are finishing Unit 3: Empathy & Kindness. Our Kindness Week was impactful as we completed the Family Kindness Challenge, made Kindness Cards in Art, created a school-wide Kindness Collage and completed Random Acts of Kindness! We will continue to use kindness to serve our learning community, ourselves and the world around us!

As spring approaches, we are ready to begin our last Second Step Unit 4: Problem-Solving. Students will be learning about a STEP Approach to Problem Solving (S: Say the Problem, T: Think of Solutions, E: Explore Outcomes, P: Pick a Solution). Children who can use this process are gaining a life-long skill that helps with conflict resolution. Be sure to CATCH your child and PRAISE them for resolving a conflict on their own..."Look at that, it's nice to see you work things out without any help!"

## Coming Soon...Hiking for Health Family Event!