

THE BROWN BEAR NECESSITIES

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



Principal Ponderings by Michele Wooldridge, a "beary" proud Principal

Fall is here and we are fully engaged in teaching and learning! Everyone is settling in nicely. Thank you to our families for helping everyone settle into the routines so quickly.

Every year, the Nevada Department of Education rates the schools through a variety of metrics to monitor the efficacy, growth and success of the instruction within a building. We were very excited to learn that our school earned **89 points** (out of 100 total points) from our very first year! The rank score is based on five components: academic achievement, student growth, English language proficiency, closing opportunity gaps and student engagement (attendance). We are beyond proud that we earned full points for English language proficiency, adequate growth percentiles for each student and opportunity gaps, which means that we have been very successful in closing the academic gaps or catching students up from the pandemic. Our students are growing like crazy! If you would like to learn more about our score and look at other CCSD school results, go to <http://nevadareportcard.nv.gov/di/>. Of course, we have a lot of room to improve and are continuing to grow, but we are off to a great start! Thank you to our families, once again, because you are critical in our student's success. And thank you to our incredible staff for their phenomenal hearts. That is where it all starts!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

OCTOBER

Oct. 3-7 Week of Respect

Oct. 7 Free Dress: wear all blue as the color of respect

Oct. 7 End of the first quarter

Oct. 7 Cookie Dough Fundraiser begins

Oct. 12 Student of the Month Lunch

Oct. 13 BIP Picnic (modified lunch times)

Oct. 14 No School- Parent/Student/Teacher Conference Day (elementary school)

Oct. 15 Deadline to purchase pizza for November

Oct. 12 - Oct. 21 Fall Book Fair

Oct. 19 PTA Meeting 9 am in the MPR

Oct. 21 Free Dress

Oct. 24 Cookie Dough fundraiser ends

Oct. 26 Retake Day for Fall Pictures (SSA)

Oct. 27 Trunk or Treat 6 pm

Oct. 28 No School- Nevada Day Obs.

Oct. 31 Halloween/Costume Day (parade at 1:45 pm)

BOO!

HALLOWEEN

Halloween is coming! **It is Monday, October 31.** It's such a fun day! Students can wear a costume to school. Everyone will take part in a costume parade at 1:45 pm. Halloween parties will take place during the last hour of the instructional day. If you are planning the party, please be **VERY** aware of any food allergies, especially for any type of nuts. Click on the link for the information regarding costumes and the day.

[Halloween at Hannah Marie Brown ES](#)

**GIVE YOUR BROWN BEAR STUDENT
A BIRTHDAY SHOUT OUT!
DIGITAL BIRTHDAY MESSAGES**

**DISCOVER THE INTERNET
AS A FAMILY, PART I
(4 PART SERIES OF
ARTICLES)**

BIP Picnic is Coming!! Mark your calendars for the "Beary Important Person" Picnic on October 13. Click on the link to find out the details and modified lunch times. [BIP Picnic](#)

Come join us for the second annual Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 27 at 6 pm. With food, music, and contests, there's something for everyone! Be sure to keep an eye out for more information on all the fun and how to sign your car up to be part of the excitement!

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**HMB ES
PTA
POINTS**

THE SPECIALIST SPOT



LIBRARY TID BITS FROM MRS. GEHLKEN

[*Click this link to see the October class library schedule.](#) Any books your child checks out are always due back on their next scheduled library day.

*Mark your calendars! The Library's first Scholastic Book Fair of the year will be held October 12-21, 2022. Students will be able to shop and purchase books during their scheduled library classes and also during lunch recess. The online shopping option will be available October 12-25, 2022. More details, links, and information will be coming out prior to the start of the book fair.

*Now that students in first through fifth grades have been assigned their personal Accelerated Reader (AR) colors by their classroom teachers, they will focus on selecting at least one library book that is within their reading range when they come to library class. After reading the book, they will be able to take an AR quiz, earn points, and work as a team with other students to achieve the grade level's goal for the year!

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

Parent conferences have arrived! Your child's conference is a great way to communicate his/her reading needs. Your child's teacher will share MAP Reading and Accelerated Reader (AR) scores. Students are assigned AR colors based on the STAR assessment. These colors assist students to check out "just right" books from the HMB Library. Ask your child about his/her AR color and what it means. Please see the link below for age-specific classics every student should know.

<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/100-children-s-authors-and-illustrators-everyone-should-know>



GATE UPDATES FROM MRS. ROSAS

Third graders are rockin' the morning announcements with their weather reports. Students finished engineering their own anemometers and are using Gizmo simulations to collect weather data all around the world. Fourth graders have been experimenting with matter in the science lab. Students will soon be taking this knowledge and linking it to energy as we explore kinetic, potential, and thermal energy. Fifth graders are exploring biotic and abiotic factors in our very own garden ecosystem. Students will begin exploring the different interactions seen within ecosystems including predation, competition, mutualism, and more.



MUSIC NOTES FROM MRS. MCCONNELL

September in the music classroom has flown by! This month we continued our study of beat and rhythm by moving our bodies, singing songs, and playing instruments and games. 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade have been studying meter by grouping beats into patterns of heavy and light. We used creative movement to explore the heavy and light beat patterns. Movement is used in the music classroom to help students internalize the concepts they are learning, also known as whole body learning. In 2nd Grade, we are reviewing rhythms using speech. We have been speaking poems and connecting the words to sound syllables, "Ta" and "Titi". Sound syllables are used in elementary music and help students not just understand the mathematical value of the note but to actually be able to feel what that note sounds like, mirroring the language learning process. Kinder and 1st have been exploring different instruments. 1st grade has been studying the xylophone and identifying where the high and low sounds are located on the instrument. Kinder has been visiting "The Farm" each week and connecting one instrument to each animal they meet. It has truly been an exciting month in the music classroom! As we move forward into October, we have begun studying a few songs in Spanish in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. If your child is in one of the following grades you can ask them about this song: 5th Grade - "Alcitrón", 4th Grade - "Cheki Morena", 3rd Grade - "Zapatito Blanco", 2nd Grade - "Bate Bate". I just love hearing the students explore the Spanish language through song!



HIGHLIGHTS IN ART FROM MRS. PIERCE



Happy Fall everyone! Art classes have been working hard following directions and creating some awesome entries for various art contests around the city and state. Even if no one is selected as the winner of these contests, I have felt like the winner getting to see your students' creativity shine in their wonderful creations. Looking forward to October, classes will be focusing on drawing technique and learning about value and form. For a project down the road, I am looking for shoe boxes and furniture catalogs (think RC Willey, Pottery Barn, At Home, etc. mailers.) If you have either you would like to donate, please send it with your student to bring to the art classroom. Thank You!



PHYSICAL EDUCATION INFO FROM COACH ESPARZA



Fall is finally here and P.E. is looking forward to the cooler weather. J.A.W.S. (Jogging and Walking Students) will begin in October. Additionally, students in grades 4-5 will be able to participate in intramural flag football (more details will be provided in the coming weeks). During the month of October, all students in P.E. will participate in activities promoting agility, sportsmanship, teamwork, and soccer skills.

STEM FOCUS AND PROGRESS

The Hannah Marie Brown STEM Team is working towards becoming a Governor Designated Nevada STEM School in the next few years. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Incorporating STEM in our daily lessons is part of our journey to achieving this goal. Teachers are engaging in Professional Development which includes ways to provide students with science and engineering practices in their daily lessons. This month, teachers are incorporating two of the eight practices: asking questions and defining problems, and developing and using models. These practices are evident in our lesson planning and throughout our curriculum. We are excited about the teaching and learning in our goal.

If you would like to learn more about Governor's Designated STEM School Program visit:

https://osit.nv.gov/STEM/Gov_Designated_STEM_Schools/

MRS. SULLIVAN'S
CORNER!



COOK WITH YOUR KIDDOS!

When I was in elementary school I loved helping prepare meals and treats for our family. I started toasting bread for breakfast and chopping vegetables for dinner. I graduated to making the salad, then side dishes, the main course, dessert, and eventually the entire meal. Baking was my absolute favorite! I loved reading recipes, finding ingredients, measuring, mixing, and sharing delicious treats. I learned so many things in the kitchen: reading, planning, measuring, using fractions, halving, doubling, tripling, and time management. Now, my boys help prepare our family meals. They help cook and even treat me to a homemade dinner every once in a while!

Have you thought about having your children help in the kitchen? Ask them what they would like to contribute to the meal and help them plan and prepare it. This is a great way to spend time together, learn new skills, and enjoy the labor of hard work. Below is a link to one of my family's favorite breakfast dishes. Let me know what you think.

Apple Puffed Pancake

<https://www.food.com/recipe/puffed-apple-pancake-293111>

Make sure you have your student tell me about your adventures in the kitchen.
Bon Appétit!

COUNSELOR'S CHAT FROM MRS. CARPENTER



At Hannah Marie Brown Elementary School, we have the classroom and school-wide routines and expectations in place, which means we are actively learning! What a sight to see a community of learners working together toward growing their knowledge, friendships, and skills! Part of our student's curriculum includes health standards associated with mindsets and behaviors to maintain or improve personal and community health. Those standards include interpersonal communication and social skills to enhance health, identifying emotions and related actions, healthy decision making and goal setting, along with the development of practices to support a child's mental and emotional health as they develop and grow. With this goal in mind, we are rolling out Wellness Wednesdays where each class will begin lessons in Second Step, a holistic approach to social-emotional learning. This will be a teacher or counselor-led, 15-30 minute lesson. The first unit focuses on Growth Mindset & Goal Setting. Parents/guardians/caregivers are invited to join me for the first of four "Coffee with the Counselor" meet ups this school year. This first one will be virtual and hosted next Wednesday (see details below). I will be giving an overview of the Second Step Curriculum during that time. I hope you can join me.

Coffee with the Counselor *Virtual*

Wellness Wednesday, October 12th

9:15 am - 9:45 am

VIRTUAL Google Meet Link:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/tao-wrzw-wny>

Or dial: (US) +1 224-935-5014 PIN: 701 653 531#



It was wonderful to connect with so many families during the fall Jamboree and I look forward to continuing to build a strong, thriving, healthy school community together! Should you need any connections to resources, have a concern or a situation where your child could use support, please contact me at 702-799-2250 ext. 4301 or email me at carpesl@nv.ccsd.net

2022-23 MEMORIES (SO FAR)



TEDDY POSED FOR HIS FIRST SCHOOL PICTURE.



TEDDY FOUND THE CANDY JAR IN MS. WOOLDRIDGE'S OFFICE!



OUR DIGITAL SIGN ARRIVED!

FOOTHILL HS' HOMECOMING PARADE



MS. BROWN MET WINNIE!



TEDDY GREETED EVERYONE AT THE MEET AND GREET!



JAMBOREE FUN!



VIDEO FROM JAMBOREE



HANNAH'S BENCH WITH HANNAH AND KAY

