

THE BROWN BEAR NECESSITIES

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



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

Welcome back, everyone! We are excited to be back in action and seeing the student's smiles! We are calling this school year HMB ES version 2.0 because last year we established the foundation of our school. This year, the sky is the limit on how we can improve and deepen our connections, academics and sense of community.

We have several new "things" for this school year, starting with bringing our amazing parent volunteers back. All volunteers and field trip chaperones must have a CCSD badge which indicates that they have completed the background check process and have completed the HMB ES volunteer training.

In October, we are going to welcome parents into have lunch with their student during their normal lunch time. Students and parents can eat lunch on the amphitheater steps (or tables when they arrive). Thank you for understanding that students cannot include friends in this lunch opportunity and that they must return to their classroom line when the bell rings to end their lunch recess. If you would like to do this, simply check in at the front office 10 minutes before the lunchtime start and we will bring your student to the office as their class goes to lunch.

We will be starting after school clubs and activities for students very soon! Mr. Weber will be starting a 5th grade chess club this month to start us off. We will be putting together a general idea of clubs and when they will be offered during the year (not all at once). More to come!

We are super excited about our standardized testing results from last year! While the students did amazing (especially coming out of a pandemic), we fully recognize that we can still improve in our teaching, learning, remediations and accelerations. We are using baseline assessments to begin tailoring the instruction to each child. In October, we will schedule parent-student-teacher conferences to review those baselines and discuss the educational plan for the year. Thank you for partnering with us to help our students access their talents, gifts, strengths and weaknesses. We believe in nurturing and growing the whole child in order to develop well rounded, adjusted children who can accomplish anything they want.

As always, we are here to help. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Sincerely,

Michele Wooldridge



The HMB PTA is looking forward to welcoming you to our Brown Bear Jamboree on Friday, September 30 from 5-8 PM. If you missed last year's event, think of a fall festival with lots of games and prizes, food to purchase, as well as a basket raffle with multiple baskets that will be filled to the brim with something for everybody! Entrance is free for PTA members and their families, or \$20 for non-members. We can't wait to see you there!

**HMB ES
PTA
POINTS**

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Office Hours: 7:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Contact Info

Hannahmariebrownelementaryschool.com
[Hannah Marie Brown Facebook Page](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 2 Free Dress

Sept. 5 No School-Labor Day

Sept. 12 No School-Staff Development Day

Sept. 14 Student of the Month Lunch

Sept. 15 Deadline to Purchase Pizza for Lunch October

Sept. 16 Free Dress

**Sept. 21 PTA Meeting
MPR 9:00 a.m.**

Sept. 22 Fall Picture Day (SSA)

Sept. 30 Brown Bear Fall Jamboree

OCTOBER

Oct. 7 End of the first quarter

Oct. 7 Free Dress

Oct. 12 Student of the Month Lunch

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

**Oct. 17-Oct. 21
Fall Book Fair**

Oct. 21 Free Dress

Oct. 26 Retake Day for Fall Pictures

Oct. 28 No School-Nevada Day Observation

THE SPECIALIST SPOT



LIBRARY TID BITS FROM MRS. GEHLKEN

*Welcome back to the Hannah Marie Brown Library! It has been so fun getting reacquainted with students from last year and getting to know new students, as well. We had a busy August covering library expectations and responsibilities, book and Chromebook care, the layout of the library, "Paw-sitive points," and most importantly, checking out library books. We are off to an amazing start!

*Students come to library class once every five school days on an A-E day rotation. [Click this link to see the September class library schedule.](#) Any books your child checks out are always due back on their next scheduled library day. Ask your child a strategy for remembering their books (we talked about two in class!).

*Our first Scholastic book fair of the year will be held October 17-21, 2022. Important details will be shared in the beginning of October.

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

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer with loved ones and friends. Please ensure you start the year with healthy reading habits. Designate a quiet and cozy space in the house for reading. Model your own reading at home. Students have begun checking out books from the HMB Library. Ask your child to read them to you or engage in a shared read. Even 5th graders like to be read to occasionally. Children need to hear fluent readers in their daily lives to build vocabulary and comprehension skills. Take advantage of the many public libraries Henderson has to offer. Kids can check out over 30 books with a library card! Get your child hooked on a book series to increase reading interest. Do you have a reluctant reader? Check out the Reading With Rover program below that pairs dogs with readers. Happy reading!
<https://hendersonlibraries.com/reading-with-rover-896>



GATE UPDATES FROM MRS. ROSAS

What type of mindset do you have? Fixed or growth? GATE students are learning about growth mindset - thriving on challenges and seeing failures as a springboard for growth and developing your abilities. Shifting to a growth mindset will prepare them for the challenging units and engineering activities they will engage in while in the GATE program. Students are exploring this concept through video clips, stories, group discourse, and engineering challenges. A growth mindset will benefit students in all aspects of life!



MUSIC NOTES FROM MRS. MCCONNELL

Hello Hannah Brown Families! My name is Lauren McConnell and I am your child's music teacher. The start of the school year has been a blast. Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders have been working in small groups to create rhythm patterns using their names. Because speech is naturally rhythmic, we use it in the music classroom as a way into teaching rhythm. Starting with our own names has given the students ownership of their work and has also helped us get to know one another. Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd graders have been exploring steady beat through movement, speech, singing, and playing instruments. We are exploring what a beat looks, feels, and sounds like by paying attention to others around us. I am impressed everyday with the talent of the students at Brown Elementary School. I am also currently holding auditions for our school choir. This is available to students in the 4th and 5th grade. I can't wait to get started with this new group!

Please feel free to contact me anytime with any questions you might have about our music classroom! You can reach me at bishol2@nv.ccsd.net or via class dojo. I'm looking forward to an even more fabulous year with your musicians!

HIGHLIGHTS IN ART FROM MRS. PIERCE



Hello everyone! Being I am new to Hannah Marie Brown, this past month has been incredible getting to know the students and seeing their amazing creativity shine! In Art, we have gone over expectations and started learning the 7 Elements of Art. Our first activities focussed on line and shape in artwork. This next month, we will be learning about color theory and creating a piece of art to submit to the 37th annual Silver State Schools Credit Union: Happy Times calendar contest.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION INFO FROM COACH ESPARZA



Safety, sportsmanship, and teamwork have been the topics of focus in the beginning weeks of the year. All students are learning and demonstrating safety while using our playground and P.E. equipment. In the coming weeks, students in grades 2-5 should look forward to participating in activities promoting teamwork and cooperation. Additionally, we will welcome the N.F.L. season by developing some football skills. Grades K-1 should look forward to participating in partner and small group relays and activities promoting cooperation and physical fitness.



HMB ES SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES



We want our community at Hannah Marie Brown to be safe! Our safety protocols include a single point of entry, volunteer training, sign-in and out, and drop-off/pick-up procedures. We also practice emergency drills at school as well. CCSD and Hannah Marie Brown ES work hard to ensure we have a plan in the unfortunate event of an emergency. The following letter and link will give you more information on these procedures. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to email Mrs. Sullivan sullima2@nv.ccsd.net.



[Emergency Operation Procedures for HMB ES](#)

NRS 388.229-388.266

www.leg.state.nv.us/nrs/nrs-388.html

MRS. SULLIVAN'S CORNER!



PLAY GAMES WITH YOUR KIDDOS!

The best strategies, decision-making, belly laughs, and struggles come with a simple game of cards. Hundreds, if not thousands of games can be played with that simple deck of 52. My dad and I would play countless games of Gin Rummy when I was younger. I learned to win, think I was invincible, and then lose with an unlucky draw. I still love to play and often reach for a deck of cards when my kids are bored. Crazy 8's is a family favorite. There are so many opportunities to connect and conversations are possible when we play together. What are some of your favorite games to play with your kids? I can't wait for them to share and tell me about the games you play as a family. If you need some ideas or inspiration for fun card games to play check out this site. We also use this to verify the rules when we need clarification.

frugalfun4boys.com/card-games-for-kids-families/

COUNSELOR'S CHAT FROM MRS. CARPENTER



Our Brown Bear Community has gathered again and having our students on campus with in-place friendships, previous teachers and familiarity for the procedures/routines has made for a successful start to the 2022-2023 school year! Our students and staff have also taken great pride in welcoming the new Bears to our great school! When considering the social and emotional growth and needs of our students, we continue to focus on developing the whole child. We have increased our school-wide support by implementing Calm Corners into each classroom-creating a safe place for every student to take a break, reset and get back to learning! Our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students will be taking the Panorama Survey in the coming weeks so we can get a snapshot of how our students are feeling and how to best support them as learners. If your child could benefit from a backpack, school supplies, SSA clothing and/or weekend food items please reach out to us, as these are needs we can meet quickly. Additionally, if your child/family experiences a life event or is struggling in a way that is interrupting health (school, sleep, behavior, etc.), CCSD has a free physical and/or mental health option through Hazel Health. You can access these services by [Clicking Here](#) or contact me, your School Counselor, at carpesl@nv.ccsd.net or 702-799-2250 ext. 4301. At your service to support our student's healthy school year!