

THE BROWN BEAR NECESSITIES

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



Principal Ponderings by Megan Sensibaugh, a "beary" proud Principal

WOW! Thank you to our students, parents, PTA, and staff who worked diligently to ensure our fundraiser was successful! Our school earned over \$40,000, which goes directly back to our students! The money we raised this year is dedicated to academic enrichment programs, student supplies, and extra-curricular opportunities.

Your students are working hard and learning new things every day. Please check out the specialist section of the Newsletter to see all the great things they are working on outside of their homeroom. Our attendance rates are showing growth! Increased attendance rates are directly correlated with student's feelings of connectedness with school and academic growth, so please encourage your student to attend daily.

Traffic Reminders

As we near colder weather, we see an increase in traffic! Here is a small update and a few reminders to help our students stay safe at drop-off and pick-up!

Update: The back curb in our parking lot has been painted red to help us all remember that it is a no-parking area. The area must remain open for traffic flow. We hope that No Parking reminders will be painted soon!

- There is no double parking on Chapata or Drawback. All cars must continue moving (no idling) in their designated travel lane. You must park in the parking lot or an appropriate parking space and walk to the gate to pick up your student.
- Do not park in the bus lane in front of the school to walk your students to their gate; this is a drop-and-go only location in the morning.
- Never pass a bus when the stop sign is out with flashing lights.
- There is no parking in residential driveways or blocking residential driveways.
- Do not double park or make a U-turn in a school zone.
- Please do not park in a red zone.
- Do not park in a handicapped/disabled parking spot without appropriate placards or plates.
- Please do not leave students/children unattended in the car. It is a safety concern and against NRS (Nevada Revised Statutes).
- For everyone's safety, please use the designated crosswalks. We have observed an increase of students and families crossing the street in non-designated areas; this is a safety concern for students and delays traffic for everyone.

Traffic can get congested, but if we all follow the traffic laws and routines we have established, we can quickly clear traffic and get home SAFELY. Thank you for keeping everyone's safety in mind!



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

MRS. SUMSION'S CORNER!

Happy November! Can you believe we are heading into November already? As we see our weather changing, we might also see a bit of "sick bugs," going through the school. Remember to remind your children to wash their hands often and keep their hands to themselves to prevent the spread of illnesses. We want to continue seeing our kids at school because we do not want anyone to miss out on classroom instruction. Please keep your children home if they have a fever, are vomiting have diarrhea, or if they have pink and crusty eyes. We want everyone to stay healthy, especially over the next few months!

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

11/7/25
Attendance Incentive

11/7/25
Free Dress Day

11/10/25
Kindness T-Shirt Day

11/11/25
No School: Veterans Day

11/12/25
Student of the Month Lunch

11/14/25
World Diabetes Day Wear
Blue

11/14/25
PTA Ornament Night
5:00 - 7:00 pm

11/18/25
PTA General Meeting 9:00

11/19/25
SOT Meeting 4:00pm

11/21/25
Free Dress Day

11/24/25
Kindness T-Shirt Day

11/26/25-11/28/25
No School: Thanksgiving
Observation





A huge THANK YOU to all the families who participated in our Let's GLOW fundraiser last month! Your generosity and enthusiasm helped make it a great success. Together we raised \$40,995!!! Because of your support, we're able to fund many important programs for our school including Green Our Planet, Character Strong (SEL curriculum) and Exact Path. We've also been able to provide funds for needed supplies and extracurricular programs. We truly couldn't do it without you—thank you for making a difference!

Looking ahead, the PTA is sponsoring Ornament Night on Friday, November 14 in the MPR. Bring your creativity and enjoy a fun night painting ornaments with family and friends!



Your Hannah Marie Brown PTA Invites You To Our 3rd Annual
WINTERFEST
Hosted by ALL FIRED UP!
Friday, November 14th
5:00 to 7:00 PM
Final Sale is at 6:30 PM
Be sure to arrive early for the best selection!

This festive "Family Fun Night" is a great way to kick off your Holiday Season! So unplug, get in touch with your inner child, and paint masterpieces that are sure to bring a smile to your face for years to come!

These glazed works of art make great family treasures for your own tree, are excellent for gift-giving, and are loads of fun to color up however you like! The pieces will be returned to school before your Winter Break.

ALL FIRED UP will bring over 50 fun shapes for you to choose from
Ornaments
\$15.00
Plus Tax - Cash Visa M/C
\$2.00 Credit Card Convenience Fee

Come Paint With Us!

ALL FIRED UP is honored to give a portion of sales back to your school.
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THE SPECIALIST SPOT



GATE UPDATES FROM MRS. ROSAS

GATE classes are having fun building critical and creative thinking skills.

3rd and 4th graders are finishing their engineering units with some challenging activities. 3rd graders are learning block coding and using it to build simple video games. They are also being introduced to the Rubik's cube and how to create an artistic mosaic with these unique objects.

4th graders are using the engineering design process to solve a Gizmo simulation about heredity and traits. They must identify the problem, research the topic, choose a hypothesis, collect and analyze data, then submit a solution.

5th grade students have started learning about ecology in their first science unit. They are exploring our garden ecosystem and identifying biotic and abiotic factors. Students are studying the interactions in ecosystems, especially related to food chains. We have also entered the exciting Nevada Knockout competition! 32 animals native to Nevada will go head to head in battles and there will only be one winner. Students will research these animals, select the winners for each battle in their brackets (March Madness style) and hopefully select the animal that comes out on top.

**LIBRARY TID BITS
FROM MRS. GEHLKEN**



***Library Book Returns:** All books your child checks out are always due back on their next scheduled library day. [Click here to see the November library class schedule.](#)

***Books/subjects we explored last month: Kindergarten** - Fall colors and weather, leaves, scarecrows, apples, pumpkins, bats. A fall favorite read aloud was *The Scarecrow* by Beth Ferry. **1st-5th Grades** - Jane Goodall, chimpanzees, new arrivals, seasonal titles. A favorite read aloud was *Gifts from the Garbage Truck: The True Story About the Things We (Don't) Throw Away* by Andrew Larsen - based on the true story of Nelson Molina who turns "Trash into Treasures" in New York!

***Thank you!** The specialist team would like to thank everyone for a very successful Boo Grams sale at the end of October. The funds raised will be used to purchase necessary supplies for the HMB specialist programs and benefit all students.

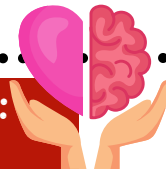


**HIGHLIGHTS IN ART
FROM MRS. PIERCE**



Hello everyone! November is going to be a very exciting and messy time in the art room. All grades will start making their clay masterpieces! As a reminder, clay, especially the color glazes we will be using, can stain clothes, so try to remind your student to wear a shirt that isn't special to them on art days. Also, if any badged volunteers are specifically interested in helping in art, please email me at piercce@nv.ccsd.net so we can work out a time. Extra hands help a lot with clay.

**WHAT IN THE WORLD IS UP WITH HANSON:
CONNECTIONS AND BEHAVIOR UPDATES!**



Greetings, Brown Bear Families! J.A.W.S. is in full effect and currently happening on the grass field every Monday, Wednesday & Friday. If your child is interested in participating in JAWS, please have them find Mr. Hanson on the grass field sometime this week, and he will make them a card. Also, if you are a parent interested in volunteering, I could always use extra hands marking cards. Please email at hansokr@nv.ccsd.net if you are interested.

The Zen Den has upgraded! The Zen Den was such a big hit last year that our amazing principal and assistant principal have upgraded the Zen Den to a full classroom which means more support for students' mental health. Hopefully soon, I will get to restart the reward program from last year where students from each class can earn a chance to visit the Zen Den if they follow the BEARS Code.

Lastly, we have the Ruby Bridges Walk coming up on November 14th. I look forward to seeing you all out there participating and celebrating the life and accomplishments of Ruby Bridges! Thank you, Brown Bears and see you around the school!

**SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL) IN STYLE
WITH MRS. TREADAWAY**



Hello Families! For the month of October we learned about responsibility. One way to define responsibility is "taking action and understanding the impact of our choices." We taught and discussed with students that taking action can mean doing the right thing or completing the tasks you have been assigned.

As we learned about responsibility, students were able to understand the impact of their own choices, meaning that their actions matter. Through continued growth and understanding of responsibility, they will see that positive and responsible actions can help people and irresponsible actions can hurt others.

The month of November is all about gratitude and we look forward to seeing how students show their gratitude to others.



P.E. POINTS WITH COACH SISNEROS



Thank You, Coach Sisneros! We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Coach Sisneros for the incredible start to this school year and for the many years of dedication, energy, and care he has brought to our PE program. His commitment to fostering a love of movement, teamwork, and lifelong fitness has made a lasting impact on our students and school community.

As Coach Sisneros embarks on an exciting new chapter at a new school, we wish him all the best in his next adventure. We know he will continue to inspire students wherever he goes, and we hope our paths cross again in the future!

We also want to remind our families that Physical Education remains an essential part of our students' learning experience. We will continue to uphold our PE standards and maintain our current specialist rotation, ensuring that every student has opportunities to stay active, build confidence, and develop healthy habits.

Thank you, Coach Sisneros, for everything—you'll always be part of our school family!



MRS. BENNETT'S MEGABYTES



"We're Grateful for Great Tech Skills!"

This month in Computer Science, our students have a lot to be *"tech-ful"* for! From learning how to solve computer problems to creating their own digital projects, our classes are full of excitement, curiosity, and creativity.

We've been sharpening our digital skills by exploring keyboard shortcuts that make us work smarter, not harder! Students have also been practicing troubleshooting—learning how to think critically and fix common tech issues all on their own. (Because sometimes, the best solution is just to *"turn it off and on again!"*) Our young coders are also diving into the world of coding, using logic and problem-solving to create games, animations, and stories. Along the way, we're talking about digital citizenship—how to be safe, responsible, and kind online.

To top it off, we're becoming Google experts! Students are creating projects in Google Slides and Docs, collaborating with classmates, and showing off their tech creativity.

As we "gobble up" new knowledge this fall, we're especially thankful for curious minds, teamwork, and the chance to create with technology every day.



HENDERSON
HAPPENINGS



Are you looking for exciting ways for your students and families to get involved in the community? The City of Henderson offers an incredible range of youth programs, outdoor adventures, enrichment classes, and recreational sports designed to inspire learning, teamwork, and fun beyond the school day! These programs are a wonderful opportunity for students to build confidence, discover new interests, stay active, and connect with peers in a positive community setting. Don't miss out on the chance to explore, learn, and grow right here in our community! Check out all the opportunities at [Henderson Happenings!](#)