

# THE BROWN BEAR NECESSITIES

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



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

It is finally fall... and we hope that the weather will start to feel more fall-like! Students are engaged in learning, and everyone is settling in nicely.

### Nevada Accountability Report (Known as the Star Rating)

We are excited to share some wonderful news—the Nevada Department of Education has again named our school a Four-Star School! This rating recognizes schools that demonstrate strong academic performance, student growth, and success in closing opportunity gaps.

This accomplishment reflects the hard work of our students, staff, and families working together to create a positive learning environment. We are so proud of the progress our Bears are making every day!

One area we are working to improve in our overall school performance is reducing student chronic absenteeism. All families can help by ensuring that students arrive on time and remain for the entire instructional day. If your student is absent, a doctor's note is always best. If your student does not see a doctor, please be sure to complete the online absence form within three school days of the absence.

You can view the full state report here: [Nevada Report Card](#). Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we are helping every student climb toward success!



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

## MRS. SUMSION'S CORNER!

We are already heading into the exciting month of October! It's wonderful to see our attendance improving compared to last year and to observe our students truly embracing the character trait lessons. There has been great discussion around respect and understanding the difference between conflict and bullying. (For more information on what constitutes bullying, please see NRS 388.122.) Students are taking an active role in managing conflicts—learning to recognize when a problem is small and can be resolved independently, versus when it is a larger issue that requires adult support. Please continue encouraging your child(ren) to be upstanders, express their feelings appropriately, and show respect for themselves and others.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

10/6/25  
Fundraiser Kick-Off  
Kindness T-Shirt Day

10/8/25  
Student of the Month Lunch

10/9/25  
PTA Uniform Exchange Event

10/10/25  
Spirit Day: Wear NHL Gear

10/13/25  
Kindness T-Shirt Day

10/17/25  
Staff Development Day (No  
School for Students)

10/20/25  
Parent-Teacher Conference  
Day (No School for Students)

10/21/25 PTA General  
Meeting at 9am in the MPR

10/22/25  
Unity Day: Wear an orange  
top, SSA bottoms

10/23/25 - 10/29/25  
Boo Grams for Sale

10/24/25  
Trunk of Treat

10/27/25 - 10/31/25  
Fall Spirit Week (SSA for  
pictures)

10/29/25  
Retake Picture Day

10/30/25  
Costume Parade

10/31/25  
Nevada Day: No School for  
Students



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# PTA POINTS



## SOT VOTING RESULTS

Thank you for participating in SOT Nominations for the 2025-26 school year! The SOT Representatives for this year are: Lacey Menchen, Marissa Evans, Katie Coleman, Matt Poleski, Sharon Felice, JacylN Bennett, and Lauren O'Farrell. Our first SOT meeting with the new SOT will be October 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 in the conference room!

## LET'S GLOW FUNDRAISER

Our annual Fundraiser is back and more fun than ever! It's all about having fun and raising funds to support our amazing school.

Our Fundraiser Goals were set by the principal to help provide valuable academic programs & extracurricular opportunities to students!

On October 24, students who have raised \$40 will get out of class early to participate in our GLOW Dance Party! More fun prize information can be found on the fundraiser page:

<https://app.pledge-drive.net/Campaign/brown25>

Family and friends near and far can join in the fun by donating in support of your student. Let's make this the biggest, best fundraiser yet!



# HALLOWEEN

[Click here for Fall Spirit Week, Halloween Costume, Class Party, and Parade information!](#)



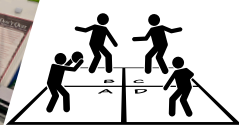
# THE SPECIALIST SPOT

## 4-SQUARE

### TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS

#### FOUR SQUARE LEADERBOARD

Kindergarten & 1 <sup>st</sup> grade	Lazar	Mateo	Mickey
2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	Cooper G.	D.J.	Cooper A.
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	Thiago	Oliver	Kaizen
4 <sup>th</sup> grade	Katey	Ramses	Eric
5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Keaton	J.P.	Caleb
Alumni & Parents	Aiden	Noah	Hink

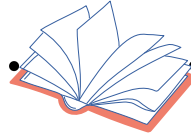




**GATE UPDATES  
FROM MRS. ROSAS**

All GATE students have been busy engineering, but in many different ways. 5th graders have designed and built robotic arms that can grasp items, used the engineering design process to solve an online interactive STEM case, and controlled Sphero Mini robots with block coding. 4th graders used engineering in an artistic way by designing and building original Rubik's Cube mosaics. They have also used [code.org](https://code.org) and Gizmo simulations to write block and text code in order to create a game or complete a mission. 3rd graders were busy designing, building and testing devices to save a lost teddy bear from the bottom of a well. They also watched a fun episode of LEGO Masters and competed in their own LEGO building challenge.

**LIBRARY TID BITS  
FROM MRS. GEHLKEN**

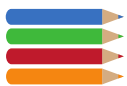


\*\*All books your child checks out are always due back on their next scheduled library day. [Click here to see the October library class schedule.](#)

\*The Library's October Book Fair was a huge success! The funds earned will be used to support literacy and book related purchases throughout the school year. Thank you to all of the grown ups who helped make purchases possible. Thank you to the volunteers who helped lunchtime shopping run smoothly. Most of all, thank you to the student shoppers! It is always fun to watch students browse for their favorite books, shop within their budget, count money, and walk away with their purchases. The countdown to our next book fair in February 2026 begins now!

\*Books we explored last month: HMB 24-25 Legacy Books and book fair featured books!

\*The specialist team would like to thank those students who participated in the 4-square tournament last month. There were over 100 participants who showed off their skills and sportsmanship. We look forward to the next tournament in March 2026 and hope even more students will join in on the fun!



**HIGHLIGHTS IN ART  
FROM MRS. PIERCE**



Happy Fall! Last month, 3rd- 5th students learned about different line styles, by creating bubble letter bookmarks. Kindergarten-2nd grade students learned about color theory and mixed secondary colors from primary colors. October is such a fun time in the art room because there are so many great fall themes to explore through art. Grade 5 students will be working on the 5th annual Hannah Marie Brown yearbook cover. 3rd and 4th grade can look forward to utilizing the element of art – value – to create spooky self portraits. Kindergarten-2nd grade will explore symmetry with monster drawings and realistic pumpkin drawings.

If you have any cardboard egg cartons that you would like reused into art, please send them into the art room with your student. Thanks!

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



Hello Families! For the month of September we focused on RESPECT in our PurposeFull People SEL Lessons. One way to think about Respect is "seeing value in all people and things & treating them with care."

The state of Nevada recognized the Week of Respect last week, and our school did many activities to show our understanding of Respect! We had dress-up days, signed a RESPECT banner, watched and listened to inspirational books, and even saw some short presentations from kids around the world that helped us really think about respecting others.

October is the month of Responsibility, and we're looking forward to learning how to be more responsible in our daily lives.



## P.E. POINTS WITH COACH SISNEROS



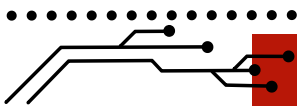
Hello Brown Bear Families! The students are really getting into the routine of HIIT laps and working at their own pace. We have explored some various forms of dance during our bad weather days and will continue to introduce basic ball skills for various activities this month. Football and frisbee are top of the list as they are a great way to introduce and practice throwing and catching. The kids are working hard during their fitness component and we look forward to practicing sport related skills this month.

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



Greetings Brown Bear Families! J.A.W.S. has returned! Jog and Walk Stars is a running program that students have the option to participate in before school starts 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](mailto: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! Thank you again to Intermountain Healthcare for their amazing donation to support our students and staff with this amazing room! Thank you Brown Bears and see you around the school!



## MRS. BENNETT'S MEGABYTES



Hello! It's the perfect time for Autumn to arrive because our computer skills are beginning to "FALL" into place! Students have been busy learning new skills that will help them grow as creators, thinkers, and responsible digital citizens.

We have been focusing a lot on digital citizenship—understanding how to stay safe, respectful, and responsible online. Students are learning about kindness in digital spaces, protecting their personal information, making smart choices while using technology, and what we want our "digital footprints" to look like. Students have been practicing proper keyboarding skills and how to use a mouse through fun games and challenges. Learning to type efficiently helps them build confidence and speed when working on school projects and assignments. The intermediate grades have been introduced to Code.org and are using kid-friendly programs to create their own interactive stories, games, and animations. These projects encourage creativity and collaboration while teaching problem-solving and logical thinking skills.

I am so proud of the creativity and responsibility our Brown Bears are already showing. Technology isn't just about using devices—it's about creating, communicating, and making smart choices! I am excited to see their skills continue to grow throughout the year!



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!](#)