

THE BROWN BEAR NECESSITIES

The Official Newsletter of

Hannah Marie Brown Elementary School (est. 2021)



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

We're kicking off a busy and exciting month! April begins with the celebration of Autism Awareness Month. By recognizing and embracing the unique traits, characteristics, and strengths of every individual, we build a stronger, more inclusive community. In the second week of April, we also begin SBAC testing for our third through fifth graders! We're eager to see all the hard work our students have put in as they demonstrate their knowledge on the state assessment. And just like last year, any student who is present every day of SBAC testing will get a chance to slime Ms. Sumsion and me! We end the month with the BIP Picnic and the Spring Jamboree!

REGISTRATION FOR 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

Online Registration will open on Monday, April 20, 2026. Parents who have children currently registered in a CCSD school will use their Campus Parent account to re-register their children or add a child. Once the Online Registration is complete, please fill out the [returning student Google form](#). You do not have to provide a new proof of address for returning students unless you have moved. If you have a new CCSD student added to your application, you will have to provide the original birth certificate and shot records to our office, 9 am - 1 pm, Monday - Friday.

All information must be completed before your student will be placed in a class for next year. Families will be notified of class placement for next year via email on Friday, July 17. If you have any questions, please contact Julie or Sharon in the front office at 702-799-2250.

MRS. SUMSION'S CORNER!

Spring Testing Season is Here! It is time for our students to show off all the wonderful things they have learned this year! Our 3rd-5th graders will be taking the state-wide SBAC assessments, which measure their progress in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math. Additionally, our 5th graders will take a Science assessment. Later in the month, all K-5th students will take their final MAP benchmark to celebrate the growth they have made over the school year.

Mark Your Calendars:

- April 13-17: SBAC Testing (3rd-5th Grade ELA & Math)
- April 21-22: SBAC Testing (5th Grade Science only)
- April 28: MAP Testing begins (K-5th Grade)

How You Can Help: Please ensure your child gets a full night of sleep before their testing days and arrives at school on time, ready to shine!

Resources:

- Practice: Your child can practice using the SBAC platform by clicking [HERE](#).

Learn More: Additional information about the assessment can be found in this [brochure](#) and [infographic](#). There is also a [video](#) available to explain more about how SBAC connects to college and career readiness.

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

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

4/2/26

World Autism Day: Wear Blue

4/3/26

No School

4/6/26

No School

4/7/26 - 4/10/26

Spring Grams for Sale

4/10/26

Attendance Incentive

4/13/26 - 4/17/26

Math and ELA SBAC for 3rd - 5th Grade Students

4/13/26

Kindness T-Shirt Day

4/17/26

Free Dress Day

4/20/26

Kindness T-Shirt Day

4/21/26 - 4/22/26

Science SBAC for 5th Grade

4/22/26

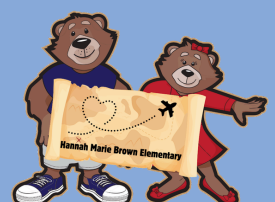
Earth Day Spirit Day: Wear Blue or Green!

4/24/26

PTA Jamboree

4/27/26

Kindness T-Shirt Day





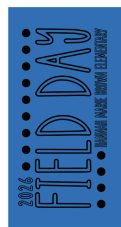
Field Day

Field Day is coming! We are so excited to host Field Day on 5/15/26. Mr. Hanson has been working hard to prepare exciting activities! As a reminder, in accordance with the Hannah Marie Brown ES Parent & Student Handbook, all extracurricular activities for the 2025–2026 school year are tied to student attendance. Students who are identified as chronically absent will not be eligible to participate in events such as the Halloween Parade, Raider’s Day, Field Day, school field trips, after-school clubs, attendance incentives, and other special activities.

A student is considered chronically absent when they have missed 10% or more of their enrolled school days. For Field Day, the attendance eligibility cutoff date is May 7, 2026. By that date, most students will have been enrolled for 164 days, which means that missing more than 16.5 days of school would place a student in the chronically absent category. Tardies and early outs count! Students who have been enrolled for fewer days will have a proportional number of absences allowed. **It is important to note that ONLY absences excused by a medical provider reduce a student’s chronic absence status.** You can review your student’s attendance on Infinite Campus. Absences labeled as MDP are the only absences that subtract from the chronically absent status. Please be sure students are at school, on time, for the entire school day!

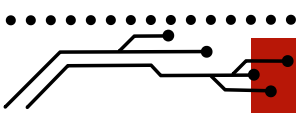
For Field Day, we have designed Field Day shirts aligned with your students’ grade-level colors! Shirts will be on sale from March 23rd to April 19th. Shirts will be delivered the week of May 4th. All shirt sales are final; refunds will not be given for any reason. Grade-level colors are as follows:

- Kinder = Purple
- First = Blue
- Second = Green
- Third = Yellow
- Fourth = Orange
- Fifth = Red
- All Staff = Tie-Dye



ALL FIELD DAY SHIRTS ARE SSA APPROVED AND CAN BE WORN AT ANYTIME!

THE SPECIALIST SPOT



MRS. BENNETT’S MEGABYTES



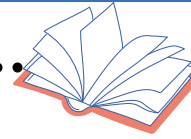
Spring is in full swing, and our computer lab is filled with creativity, curiosity, and exciting new learning! Students are continuing to grow their technology skills while having fun exploring new tools and ideas. This month, we are diving into music creation using Code.org’s Music Lab! Students are becoming digital composers as they experiment with beats, rhythms, and sounds to create their very own songs. It has been so fun to see their creativity shine as they mix technology with music!

We are also continuing to build our troubleshooting skills. Students are learning how to stay calm, think carefully, and try different strategies when something doesn’t work as expected. They are becoming confident problem-solvers who understand that learning often comes from trying again.

Another exciting focus this month is learning about the difference between hardware and software. Students are discovering how physical parts of a computer (hardware) and the programs we use (software) work together to make technology function. From keyboards and screens to apps and programs, they are beginning to understand how all the pieces connect!

I am so proud of the creativity, teamwork, and perseverance our students show every day. They are doing an amazing job becoming thoughtful and skilled technology users! Thank you for your continued support, and happy spring learning!

LIBRARY TID BITS
FROM MRS. GEHLKEN



April Library Days - Please [click here to see the April 2026 Library class schedule](#) so your student will know when their library books are due back to school. Also, looking ahead..... all borrowed books from the 25-26 school year will be due back to the HMB Library on April 30th-May 7th during students' scheduled library class.

Nevada Reading Week Recap - We celebrated our 5th annual Nevada Reading Week March 9-13. Students and staff participated in spirit days, daily reading Bingo, DEAR time and the 'Mystery Reader' and 'Number of Book Pages' contests! The week prior, K-5 students were treated to a visit from award winning children's author, Tammi Sauer. To learn more about Tammi, feel free to visit her website at <https://www.tammisauer.com/>. It was a memorable week full of fun, prizes, and reading!

Nevada Young Readers' Award 2026 Update - Students are taking their job as book judge very seriously as they listen to the newest Nevada Young Readers' Award nominated books. The books read so far are as follows: *Buffalo Fluffalo and Puffalo* by Bess Kalb; *Sal Boat: A Boat by Sal* by Thyra Heder; *This Story is Not About a Kitten* by Randall de Seve and Carson Ellis; *The Kindest Red* by Ibtihaj Muhammad and S.K. Ali; and *Out of a Jar* by Deborah Marcero. Ask your child which book is at the top of their list so far!

Specialist Fundraiser Thanks - The specialist team would like to thank all of the 4 Square tournament participants at the PTA's Family Sports Night held at the end of March. The funds raised from the tournament and snack purchases will be used to purchase items that benefit all students in specials (consumables, equipment, supplies, etc.). A big congratulations to all of the medal winners! Let the countdown to next year's tournaments begin!

Henderson Fun For the Whole Family! - On Saturday, April 25th from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., the City of Henderson will host its 5th Annual Henderson Reads Book Festival. Please [click this link to get more information](#) including the location, event schedule and authors/illustrators to be featured. This FREE event is a perfect way to get out into our beautiful Henderson community. Mark your calendars now!



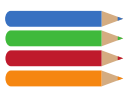
LITERACY NEWS YOU CAN USE WITH MRS.
O'FARRELL



Hello, Families!

As the flowers begin to bloom and the days get longer (and hotter), it's the perfect time to "spring" into some fresh reading habits. This month, we are focusing on keeping the momentum going as we head toward the end of the school year. It can be hard to stay focused when the playground is calling! Here are some fun ways to keep your child engaged with books this month:

- **"Reading Picnic":** Grab a blanket and a basket of books. Head to the backyard or a local park for 20 minutes of outdoor reading time.
- **Flashlight Friday:** Even though it's staying light later, kids still love the novelty of reading in the dark! Let them build a fort and read by flashlight.
- **Spring Poetry Slam:** April is **National Poetry Month**. Encourage your child to write a short poem about spring or record a video of them performing a favorite poem to send to a relative.
- **Garden Reading:** If you are planting seeds this month, have your child read the back of the seed packets or a DIY gardening book to help lead the project.



HIGHLIGHTS IN ART
FROM MRS. PIERCE



I cannot believe it is April already; this school year has flown by! This month, we will continue to find inspiration from nature and spring. 5th Graders will soon begin painting their wearable project. 4th and 3rd Graders will be working on their painting skills using recycled cardboard as their canvases. 2nd, 1st, and Kindergarten students will create landscapes using watercolors. Since everyone will be using some type of paint, please encourage students to not wear their favorite clothes on Art days, especially if they have Art on a free dress day.



GATE UPDATES FROM MRS. ROSAS

GATE students are stepping into the last part of the year by studying their final science units. 3rd graders are experiencing the world of force and motion. They will study the laws of motion and apply them using slides, roller coasters, and GIZMO computer simulations. 4th graders will begin studying the human body systems. They will draw diagrams, complete projects, conduct investigations, and build models to help understand how our body works. And 5th graders will need the help of microscopes to see their final science unit - disease and microlife. Students will learn the difference between infectious and noninfectious diseases, symptoms, treatments, preventions, and more. They will act as epidemiologists and track the spread of diseases in various hands-on activities.



WHAT IN THE WORLD IS UP WITH MR. HANSON: PE AND BEHAVIOR UPDATES!



Greetings, Brown Bear Families!

We have just finished our hockey and lacrosse units, and a special thank-you to **Victory Martial Arts** for visiting our school and demonstrating martial arts! Our last unit will be soccer. I know many students have been waiting all year for this unit. Please do not bring cleats or soccer balls to school.

As the temperatures rise, please remind students to bring their water bottles and wear athletic clothes for PE. They will be working hard and having fun!

Lastly, as we near the end of school, I will be preparing students for the greatest, most fun day of the school year, **FIELD DAY!** Students will practice all the games and activities they will face on field day, so there is no confusion, and everything goes as planned. If you are interested in volunteering for field day, please feel free to email me. A reminder that you need to have a volunteer badge. **Parents who have not been cleared by myself will not be allowed to assist on field day.** Thank you again, and see you around the school!

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



Hello Families! For the month of March, we focused on cooperation. One way to think about cooperation is "working together to reach shared goals." If possible, find a time to sit in a circle together and celebrate all the ways you have seen each other practice cooperation. Take turns sharing responses to the following prompts or make up your own! Remember to practice cooperation as you take turns and listen to each other. What family member(s) do you want to celebrate for their cooperation this month? What is one way you were a leader? What is one way you were a helpful follower?



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!](#)