



A Message from our Principal, Mr. Eric

T-minus 5 days until "Lift Off." I am so excited for school to start, and our staff is working hard to get things ready.

I just wanted to remind everyone that there is important information regarding drop off and pick up procedures outlined in last week's newsletter and repeated below in this newsletter. It is important that you read through that information so that our "Lift Off" can go smoothly with as little "Turbulence" as possible.



Thank you and I look forward to seeing you next week.

Sincerely,
Mr. Eric Perez
Eric@hdmsreno.com

Reach for the Stars!

A Message from our Executive Director, Miss Tammie

Dear HDMS Community,



High Desert Montessori is thrilled to be part of the Nevada School Lunch Program through the Nevada Department of Agriculture. Just like last school year, Farm Fresh Catering will be providing free breakfast and lunch to all students throughout the 21-22 school year. **Meal service will begin on Monday, August 23rd. Please make sure your child receives breakfast at home and brings a cold lunch the first two weeks of school.** Our current food policy can be located in the Parent Student Handbook, which is located on the website.

We look forward to starting this program soon!

Warmly,
Miss Tammie Stockton
Tammie@hdmsreno.com

Upcoming Events

- 8/6/21: 12:00-3:00 HDMS Open House
- 8/6/21: 12:00-4:00 PTO "Lift Off" Back to School BBQ
- 8/9/21: First Day of School (Pre-K, 1st-8th grade **no kinders**)
- 8/9/21-8/13/21: Kindergarten Assessments
- 8/12/21: 5:30 PTO Meeting
- 8/16/21: First Day of Kindergarten
- 8/17/21: 6:00 PM Elementary Back to School Night
- 8/19/21: 6:00 PM Adolescent Back to School Night
- 8/24/21: 6:00 PM Primary Back to School Night
- 8/25/21: 1:00 PM Early Release
- 8/25/21: 5:00 PM HDMS Board Meeting
- 9/6/21: Labor Day—No School
- 9/9/21: 3:45 PTO Meeting
- 9/15/21: 1:00 PM Early Release
- 9/22/21: 6:00 PM Montessori Through My Eyes—Literacy Focus
- 9/25/21: PTO Brews & Bites
- 9/29/21: 1:00 PM Early Release
- 9/29/21: 5:00 PM HDMS Board Meeting



Notes from the PTO

The PTO would also like to send a big welcome to all of our new families starting this school year! We know you're eager to get started and so are we.

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Save the date! HDMS and the PTO proudly bring you The Lift Off Fair on Friday August 6th from 12:00-4:00 PM. Immediately following the Open House, you and your children are invited to a fair at the Orovada Campus Playground.

Featuring: Food, Drinks, Games, Activities, School information, Vendor fair to learn more about school activities and local businesses.

More info on our Facebook page and you can use #HDMSReno to post about the event or ask questions!

High Desert Montessori
HDMS & PTO PRESENT...
The Lift Off Fair
Friday August 6, 2021
1:00 - 4:00 PM
Orovada Campus Playground
2590 Orovada St, Reno, NV 89512
FEATURING:
• FOOD
• DRINKS
• GAMES
• VENDOR FAIR
• KID FRIENDLY

Please join us at our next PTO meeting on Thursday August 12th at 5:30 PM. The Zoom link can be found [here](#). We will be discussing the upcoming year and planning big events. Email us at pto@hdmspto.com if you have any questions or would like more information.

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Check out the HDMS swag store and pick up some great HDMS apparel [here](#)! New this year, we've added hats to the mix!

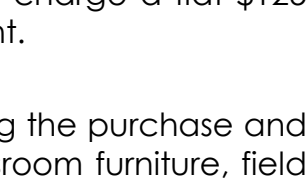
Community Connection

We are a very dynamic and exciting school. *In addition to the Weekly Newsletter*, we offer the following communication links for your convenience:

Blackboard Connect We use the "Blackboard Connect" phone messaging and text messaging quite frequently to inform parents of important information and upcoming events. **If you are a returning family who has accidentally unsubscribed, send a text to 23177 and type START 1136102**

School-Wide Email Watch for school-wide emails from HDMS INFO at hdmsinfo@hdmsreno.com. Please make sure the school has a current email for you. Reach out to Stephanie at stephanie@hdmsreno.com with any changes.

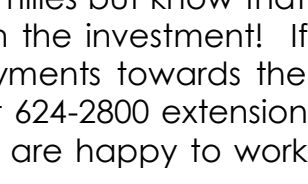
Our Website www.hdmsreno.com is full of helpful information like an [Events Calendar](#), the [Parent Student Handbook](#), [Blog Posts about the ongoing Building Remodel](#), [Lunch Menus](#), [Arrival & Dismissal Information](#), [Current & Past Newsletters](#), [School Calendar](#), and so much more!



Our Public Facebook Page @hdmsrenoschool contains important announcements and information.

Our Private Facebook Group (link on the Facebook page at @hdmsrenoschool) This is a great place to connect with other HDMS families! Ask your questions, let people know about family events in the community, pass along items you no longer need that someone might find useful, get recommendations and more!

Transparent Classroom Many of our teachers use Transparent Classroom. This is a great way to stay involved with what is happening in your child's classroom. If your teacher does not use Transparent Classroom, you can expect regular classroom updates via email from your child's teacher.



Arrival & Dismissal Procedures

Arrival and Dismissal procedures have changed for ALL LEVELS! Even if you are a returning family, please take the time to familiarize yourself with the updated procedures located on our [website](#) before the first day of school.

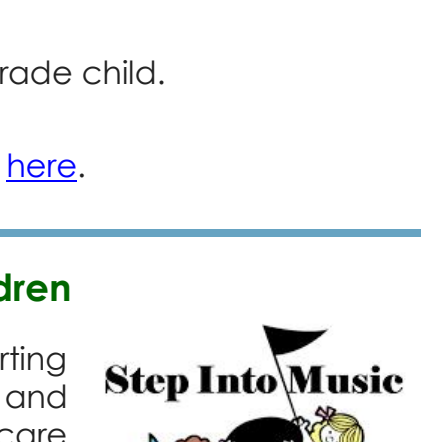
Primary Program Arrival & Dismissal informational [video](#)

Elementary Program Arrival & Dismissal informational [video](#)

Adolescent Program Arrival & Dismissal informational [video](#)

Key Changes to look for:

- Changes in drop off and pick up time windows
- Changes in drop off and pick up locations
- Changes in sibling pick up procedures



Yearly Supply Fee Information

High Desert is a tuition-free school for all students in grades K through 8th grade. Comparable Montessori tuition-based programs can cost thousands of dollars a year per child. We charge a flat \$125 supply fee per student.

Supply fees are used for many purposes, including the purchase and replacement of costly Montessori materials, classroom furniture, field trips, and renewable classroom supplies.

If you have not made a payment by September 7, you will receive an invoice from the school for a supply fee. Your payment can be run via credit card, can be mailed in, or dropped off with the front desk at either building.

We understand that times are tough for many families but know that the price of a Montessori Education is well worth the investment! If you need to work with the school to make payments towards the supply fee, please contact our Business Office at 624-2800 extension 6 or email Sherrie at sherrie@hdmsreno.com. We are happy to work with families needing this assistance.

Before and After School Enrichment Program

High Desert Montessori School offers programs for 1st-8th grade students who need care for hours outside of the regular school day. Advance registration is required and rates are due monthly for a one month block of time or daily as a drop-in fee.

Due to Social Services ratios and regulations, we are unable to accommodate Primary aged students on a drop in basis. All Primary aged students who need before or aftercare must be registered for the "Extended Day Program".

Please use this [link](#) to register your 1st-8th grade child.

Please fill out the credit card form located [here](#).

Step Into Music for Primary Age Children

Step Into Music will hold music classes starting Tuesday, September 7th. The class is \$10 and is open to all Primary children in the after care program. Enrollment form can be found [here](#). Submit completed enrollment forms and payment to steven.stepintomusic@gmail.com.

Soccer Shots for Primary Age Children

Registration for Primary aged students has been opened for fall session at HDMS! We have opened two class times (3:30-4:00 and 4:10-4:40pm) that parents can choose from. The costs is \$104 for 8 sessions plus a \$20 registration fee (covers Fall '21 – Summer '22) and includes a jersey. The payment can be split into two installments at checkout if desired.