



# High Desert Montessori WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

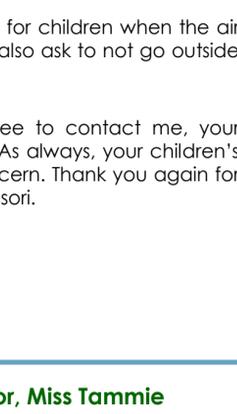
August 18, 2021

## A Message from our Principal, Mr. Eric

Unfortunately, smoke from wildfires in the area seems to have become something we deal with every fall. I felt that in light of the Washoe County School District choosing to delay the start of school this week, it was important to clarify a few things;

When the school district declares a 2-hour delayed start, or a closure for the day **due to inclement weather or some extenuating circumstance**, we follow their lead and close or delay the start of our school. This is not the case with unhealthy air due to fires. **We will not cancel or delay the start of school for air quality issues.**

If the air quality, as measured by the website, AirNow.gov, rises to the level of "Very Unhealthy" which is over 200ppm of smoke particles and in the "Purple" category, we will make it mandatory that all outdoor activities are cancelled, and that aftercare programs will be closed 1 hour earlier than normal. We will make this decision at 11:30am each morning. If we do decide to cancel outdoor recess and close aftercare early, the notification will be sent via text and posted on our facebook page.



Teachers may choose to limit outdoor time for children when the air quality number is below 200. Children may also ask to not go outside if the air quality is a concern for them.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, your teacher, or any of our administrative staff. As always, your children's safety and health are our number one concern. Thank you again for your ongoing support of High Desert Montessori.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Eric Perez  
[Eric@hdmsreno.com](mailto:Eric@hdmsreno.com)  
Reach for the Stars!

## A Message from our Executive Director, Miss Tammie



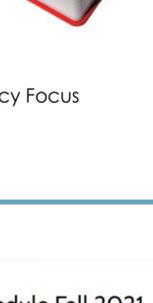
High Desert Montessori is thrilled to begin free meal service on Monday, August 23rd in partnership with Farm Fresh Catering and the Nevada Department of Agriculture. All students are eligible for free breakfast and lunch throughout the 21-22 school year. Students will be asked daily if they will be eating breakfast or lunch. These classroom totals will be communicated to Farm Fresh so they can make the needed amount of food.

As a reminder, please send your child to school with a refillable water bottle, cloth napkin and eating utensils. Please see the menu below. The menu can also be found on our [website](#).

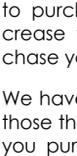
Warmly,  
Miss Tammie Stockton  
[Tammie@hdmsreno.com](mailto:Tammie@hdmsreno.com)

## Upcoming Events

- 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
- 8/30/21: Lower El Fall School Pictures
- 8/31/21: Upper El Fall School Pictures
- 9/1/21: Primary Fall School Pictures
- 9/2/21: Adolescent School Pictures
- 9/6/21: Labor Day—No School
- 9/9/21: Make Up Day Fall School Pictures
- 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
- 9/29/21: 1:00 PM Early Release
- 9/29/21: 5:00 PM HDMS Board Meeting
- 10/1/21: PTO Brews & Bites



## Free Breakfast & Lunch Menu



### HDMS School Breakfast & Lunch Schedule Fall 2021

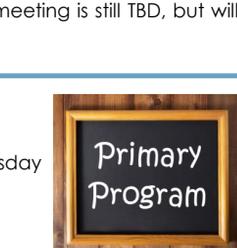
*Vegetarian option available daily when requested in the morning.					
	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
August	23 Bagel w/ plain cream cheese, fruit and milk  Spaghetti with marinara and meat, side of veggies, fruit and milk	24 Fruity Oatmeal, fruit and milk  Bean burrito bowl w/ cilantro sauce, fruit and milk	25 Potato hash, toast, fruit and milk  Cheese pizza, side of veggies, fruit and milk	26 Grilled Cheese, fruit and milk  Chicken Caesar wrap, side of veggies, fruit and milk	27 Homemade granola, fruit and milk  Baked potato w/ sour cream, bacon and chives, side of veggies, fruit and milk

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

## Notes from the PTO

Welcome Kindergarteners! Kindergarten started this week and the PTO would like to welcome all new families and welcome back all returning families with a big congratulations on starting kindergarten!

Our HDMS Wall Calendars adorned with beautiful artwork from our very own students are still on sale. This is the final week to purchase them for \$15 as they will increase to \$20 starting next week. To purchase your calendar just fill out this [form](#).



We have begun dropping off calendars for those that have already purchased them. If you purchased a calendar prior to this week and completed our Google Form, you should already have calendars in your child's classroom waiting to be sent home. We will drop off more calendars this Friday for updated orders.

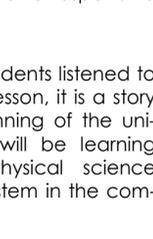
The PTO also has a swag store where you can purchase items with the HDMS logo or the HDMS logo with this year's "reach for the stars" logo. All items are ship on demand, so as soon as you order it, it'll be made and sent directly to you! To purchase items you can go [here](#).

Thank you to all who attended our first PTO meeting of the year. I think we set a new record with our attendance! The next meeting is on September 9th from 3:45 - 4:45 PM. Here is the [Zoom link](#) for the next meeting.

Save the date for our annual Brews and Bites event Oct 1, 2021! This year's event will be held at the new Generator location. More info to come next month. We are looking for parent volunteers to help with planning this event. The first planning meeting is still TBD, but will be starting soon.

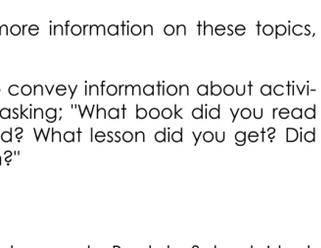
## Notes from the Primary Team

Join us for Primary Back to School Night Tuesday August 24 at 6:00pm!



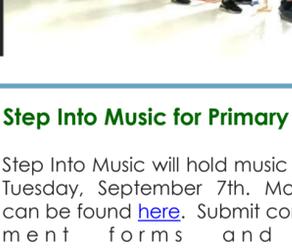
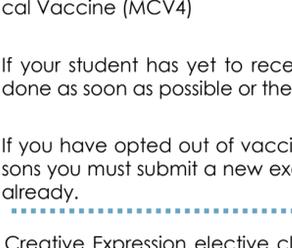
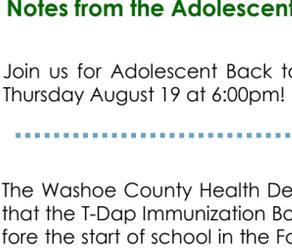
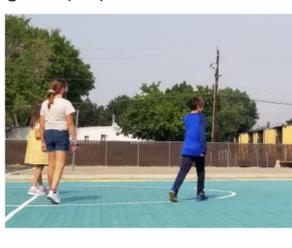
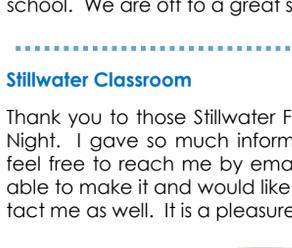
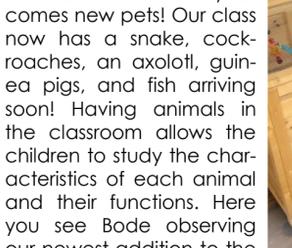
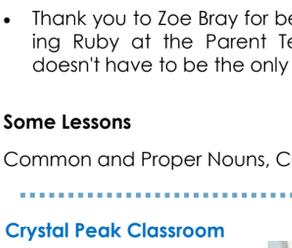
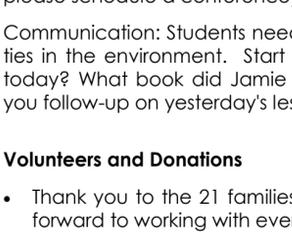
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