

## Local Resources for Families

### Children's Behavioral Support (CBS)

982-5756

**WC Child Protective Services** 328-2300

**McGee Center for Adolescent Svcs.** 856-4600

**REMSA** 858-6000

**Reno Fire Department** 334-2121

**Reno Police Department** 334-2677

**WCSD Police Department** 348-0285

**Secret Witness** 829-6666

**Washoe County Social Services** 785-8600

**Sparks Fire Department** 353-2231

**Sparks Police Department** 353-2279

**WCSD Student Services** 333-5185

**Suicide Crisis Center** 784-8090

**WC Health Department** 328-2400

**Washoe County Mental Health** 328-2578

**WC Nutrition Services** 328-2575

**Washoe County Child Welfare** 789-7100

**WC Parenting Programs** 325-2000

**Washoe County Early Intervention & Special Education Screening** 333-5035

**Reno Housing Authority** 329-3630

## SNACS Preschool Community

SNACS is known for its motto: Bringing the Small School Community Back to the Neighborhood. Establishing and maintaining a thriving small school community involves participating in many activities, events, and celebrations throughout the school year.

Events are a time of collaborative learning where younger students work with and learn from the older students. Parent volunteers and community organizations are vital to help facilitate activities and participate in events.

### Sponsors & Partners in Education

*The program develops relationships based on the needs of the families served. This includes things like as visits to the charter school library or visits from doctors, dentists, or other community workers. SNACS Preschool Partners in Education are a vital part of the SNACS Preschool community.*

#### Sierra Nevada Academy Charter School

(775) 677-4500

**Reno Tahoe Players** (775) 831-0379

**Nevada Museum of Art** (775) 329-3333

**T.E.A.C.H Nevada** (775) 448-5203

### SNACS PRESCHOOL

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Back to the Neighborhood*

Sponsors,  
Partners, and  
Resources  
Supporting School  
Community

## School Community and Family Events

### **Arts Celebration Days**—SNACS Preschool

Students participate in celebrating the arts with organizations such as the Nevada Museum of Art and Tahoe Players to involve students in art studio, history, theater, music and dance.

**Author's Book Publishing**—Every student publishes a hard cover book. Students create their own stories and fully engage in the writing process as they write, edit, design, and illustrate their work. The world of writing books leaves an open ended opportunity for creativity. The event is culminated at Barnes and Noble where SNACS hosts an Author's Signing Event. Each student has the official unveiling of their publications they sign the first copy of their book.

**Outdoor Lab Experiences**—Bringing the classroom studies to the real world is an exciting way to engage students in expeditionary learning. One way that SNACS teachers do this is through outdoor labs otherwise known as school campouts. Teachers instruct and engage students in classroom activities on habitats, environmental science, art, culture, history, astronomy, and leadership skills. Students then culminate their learning through an outdoor lab expedition where all of their knowledge can be put to the test and experienced in a real world context. Rangers and other outdoor educators come to participate in putting on educational events.

Students participate in canoeing, kayaking, fishing, flower, fauna, and tree identifying, animal observing, hiking, biking, ranger activities, orienteering, rock climbing, and swimming.

SNACS Preschool Community has traveled to places such as Mt. Lassen, Davis Creek, Washoe Lake, Boca Stampede, Mt. Mammoth, Fort Churchill, Fallen Leaf Lake, Point Reyes and Yosemite National Park.

**SNACS Family Breakfasts**—SNACS staff members sponsor monthly themed pancake breakfasts where students and their families come early to school to enjoy a home-cooked breakfast.

**Fire Prevention and Safety**—Onsite visit from local firemen who teach children fire safety and stop, drop, and roll through interactive activities. Students test their abilities to hold the hose and explore the inside of the fire engine.

**Nevada Ranch and Farm Days**—Onsite pumpkin patch, square dancing, petting zoo, roping and saddling, horseback riding presentation, pioneer experiences via baking and mining activities. Local square dance callers and ranchers come onsite to work with children.

**Lattinberry Farms**—Day trip to explore the farm, fruit & vegetable picking, pumpkin patch, farm animal tour, and scarecrow making.

**Harvest Festival**—Onsite carnival activities where every classroom is a fun filled carnival game area—complete with a student created haunted house.

**SNACSGiving Festival**—SNACS students participate in creating baskets of goodies for the local family shelter in Reno. Then, they participate in their own Thanksgiving Festival where all students gather to enjoy a Thanksgiving feast.

**SNACS Multicultural Celebration of Children Around the World**—Every classroom focuses on the life of children in a different country. As a culminating event, each MS classroom is designed and set up as a different country. Students dress up, like the children in the country they are studying, and participate in activities that are representative of their country including food, activities, dance, etc. Countries of focus include: British Isles, China, Egypt, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, and Mexico.

**Winter Celebration**—SNACS students and families participated in making various winter crafts where every classroom was set up to complete a family craft including ornaments, candles, wreaths, pins, and gathering gingerbread houses culminating with a caroling gathering in our circle.

**Scientific Inquiry**—Students explore the scientific process and experience a science fair creation through guided and supported activities in an inquiry based, hands-on-approach.

**Math Game Family Night**—Students and their families come to celebrate learning about mathematics concepts, problem solving through playing games in all of the classrooms. Each room has a different theme or focus through gaming. Children learn a love of mathematics!

**Invention Convention**—Student collaboratively worked to build inventions out of everyday items such as a pair of glasses & spaghetti bridges/structures.

**Celebrating Young Children Through Picture Books**—The NAEYC Week of the Young Child is held during the month of April. Various activities will be held throughout the week to celebrate young children. The week will culminate with students dressing up as their favorite book character or children's book author. Book shares, dioramas, and drama skills will be performed throughout the day to celebrate young children.

**Celebrating Nevada Charter Schools**—National Charter School Week is celebrated across the county. SNACS will hold activities throughout the week to celebrate students, families, educators, and the community.

**SNACS Fun Run & Earth Day Celebration**—Students participate in creating earth awareness artifacts and establish displays to teach other students about earth day. Simultaneously students participate in the annual fun run where they run laps around the school campus to raise awareness on physical education, health, and nutrition.

**SNACS Spring Fling**—Students participate in outdoor carnival activities in a family filled event that includes bounce house, dunk tank and various other games.

**Cinco de Mayo**—SNACS students participate in Cinco de Mayo celebrations with various activities including food, dance, dress, and other celebratory customs. Families and children enjoy music and dance when our guest Mariachi band performs.

**SNACS Field Day**—Students and staff participate in a fun filled outdoor lab of various games and activities such as three legged race, water races, tug of war, long jump, relay races, board races, hula hoop contest, etc.

**SNACS Talent Show**—SNACS staff and students participate in a talent show where the students compete against one another for SNACS Idol winner in various talent skits.

*All of the events are partnered with Sierra Nevada Academy Charter School and other local organizations for the benefit of children and families from birth to eighth grade.*