

Week of May 18 - May 22, 2009

Monday, May 18 - As additional local cases of swine flu are confirmed, the safety of students and staff continues to be the top consideration of the Clark County School District (CCSD). The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) have adopted new criteria with regard to reporting new cases, and only cases requiring hospitalization will be reported, particularly since this strain of flu is behaving in much the same way that seasonal flu occurs each year. CCSD urges people to practice good health habits to limit or avoid the spread of swine flu, seasonal flu and other illnesses. For the most recent fact sheet, visit the CCSD homepage and the CDC Web site for additional information.

Monday, May 18 - A Valley High School Grant Celebration Ceremony will be held at Valley High School Theatre, 2839 S. Burnham Ave., Las Vegas, at 10 a.m. This celebration is made possible by "We R Community," a new program from The Public Education Foundation that introduces teens to service-learning. Valley, Basic, Green Valley and Palo Verde High Schools are the first schools to participate in the We R Community program. The We R Community students at these schools spent the year operating much like a mini-foundation in order to experience the different facets of community service, philanthropy and volunteerism. For more information regarding this event, visit <http://www.thepef.org/>.

Monday, May 18 - Griffith Elementary School will celebrate a grant-funded gift of \$10,000 in library books at Griffith ES, 324 Essex Dr., Las Vegas, at 11 a.m. The public is invited to attend. The grant-funded gift was made possible by the Reading First Targeted Assistance program. Call 799-8497 for more information.

Tuesday, May 19 - A book reception will be held at the new Vegas PBS building for "Education in the Neon Shadow - The First 50 Years of the Clark County School District." The book is the result of an effort by the district in 2006 to gather mementos for its 50th anniversary. Additionally, interested media will also have the opportunity to tour Vegas PBS' new building, located at 3050 E. Flamingo Rd.

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Wednesday, May 20 - Las Vegas Athletic Club will recognize the top female high school athletes at a special awards luncheon at the Northwest Career and Technical Academy, beginning at 12 p.m. Students from 37 Clark County School District high schools that achieve the highest levels of excellence both in the classroom and on the sports field will be honored in front of their peers, parents and principals. Northwest CTA is located at 8200 W. Tropical Parkway, Las Vegas.

Wednesday, May 20 - The Board of School Trustees will hold a special meeting at 5:30 p.m., at the Edward A. Greer Education Center, board room, 2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas. The public is invited to attend. Visit <http://ccsd.net/trustees/pdf/agendas/20090520SpecialBoardM.pdf> to view the agenda.

Wednesday, May 20 - Vegas Verdes Elementary School will celebrate a grant-funded gift of \$12,790 in library books at Vegas Verde Elementary School, 4000 El Parque Ave., Las Vegas, at 9 a.m. The public is invited to attend. The grant-funded gift was made possible by the Reading First Targeted Assistance program. Call 799-8497 for more information.

Thursday, May 21 - Wasden Elementary School will celebrate a grant-funded gift of \$13,090 in library books at Wasden Elementary School, 2831 Palomino Lane, Las Vegas, at 9:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend. The grant-funded gift was made possible by the Reading First Targeted Assistance program. Call 799-8497 for more information.

Thursday, May 21 - The Board of School Trustees will hold their regular meeting at 4 p.m., at the Edward A. Greer Education Center, Board Room, 2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas. The public is invited to attend.

Reminder: Students and parents are invited to Centennial Day at the Clark County Museum, 1830 S. Boulder Hwy., Henderson. Centennial Day activities take place on Saturday, May 23, at 10 a.m. Admission is free.

“Do the Write Thing” awards ceremony will be held Wednesday, May 27, at 5:30 p.m., at the Nevada Partners Events Center, 711 W. Lake Mead Blvd., North Las Vegas. This national essay challenge for middle school students empowers youth to reflect on actions they can take to reduce violence in the home, school, and community.

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Nation's top honor awarded to the Jr. Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Centennial High School. A recognition ceremony will be held Thursday, May 28, at 1 p.m., at Centennial High School theatre, 10200 W. Centennial Pkwy, Las Vegas. Centennial High School is the #1 Navy JROTC program in the country following a recent competition held at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Florida. The top 25 schools in the nation were invited to the event, which consists of academics, physical fitness and drill competitions.

Bailey Middle School science department in partnership with the National Park Service - Lake Mead National Recreation Area, presents, The Park in Your Backyard film festival. The film festival will be held at Bailey Middle School gym, 2500 N. Hollywood Blvd., Las Vegas, Wednesday, May 27, at 7 p.m. This special presentation of student-made films is about the Lake Mead National Recreation Area.

CCSD currently has opportunities for students to apply at a magnet school or career and technical academy. The newest career and technical academy, Veterans Tribute CTA, will open in August. The school will prepare students for opportunities in areas such as law enforcement, crime scene investigation, computer forensics, 911 dispatch and EMT. To enroll, visit <http://ccsd.net/ssonline> or call 799-8492 for more information.

For more information about any of the above events, please call the Clark County School District's Communications Office, 799-5304, or visit www.ccsd.net.

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