

Week of October 10 – October 16, 2009

Saturday, October 10 - SECTA's Dance Team will be performing a "Cheer for the Cure" to benefit cancer research at the BYU vs. UNLV football game.

Saturday, October 10 - Student members of SECTA's Student Organization of Latinos Club (SOL) will participate in the annual Hispanic Heritage Day Parade. For more information regarding this event visit <http://www.hispanicparadelv.org/inicio.php?history>.

Monday, 12 October - CCSD offices and schools **will be open** on Columbus Day.

Wednesday, October 14 – Robert Taylor Elementary School will celebrate student achievement in meeting federal No Child Left Behind requirements for the first time in five years with a performance from Michael Luongo. The children's stand-up comedian will perform at 8:15 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. at Robert Taylor Elementary, located at 144 Westminster Way, Henderson.

Reminders/Awards/Honors - The National Scholastic Press Association awarded South East Career and Technical Academy's (SECTA) yearbook, "La Mesa," an honor rating of first class, with two marks of distinction in photography and coverage. "La Mesa" was also recognized as a silver medalist from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, based in New York. SECTA's previous yearbook, "Chance," received a first place award from the American Scholastic Press Association.

Valley High School student Zhan Okuda-Lim is the student representative to the Nevada State Board of Education. Zhan also is a Nevada Youth Legislator for Clark County Senate District 5 (appointed by State Senator Shirley Breeden), as well as Valley High School's representative to the CCSD School Board Student Advisory Committee.

Gilbert Elementary School received a \$12,000 grant from the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in conjunction with the Smith Performing Arts Center in Las Vegas. The Smith Center also will provide \$60,000 to allow Gilbert Elementary to bring in artists from the Kennedy Center to train their teachers in arts integration.

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Twenty-eight students at Advanced Technologies Academy (ATA) qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. Thirteen ATA students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. Twenty-seven ATA students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher.

Six students at SECTA have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP Exams. Two students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. Four students also qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher. For more information visit <http://www.webuildfutures.net/PDF/AP%20press%20release,%202009%202.pdf> for more information.

Moapa Valley High School's Future Farmers of America (FFA) members placed first and second in agricultural competitions. The team placed second in the Nevada Soils Competition and individual honors for first, second and fifth place were also attained.

McCall Elementary School teachers, Alma Iniguez and Brenda Reeh have been selected to present at the National Dropout Prevention conference, October 16-20, in San Antonio, TX. They will share how McCall Elementary has improved student behavior and increased student success.

Garrett Junior High School math and science departments received a \$7,000 grant from Sempra Energy to use for innovative and needed resources.

Twelve of the 1,000 teachers nationwide honored to receive donations for "A Day Made Better" by Office Max and Adopt-A-Classroom were from CCSD. Teachers were nominated by principals for innovation and dedication. Visit <http://www.adaymadebetter.com/#> for more information.

Coronado High School received the "2009 Best of Henderson Award" in the Junior or Senior High School category by the U.S. Commerce Association.

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Valley High School teacher Patty Hey was honored as the National Association of Student Councils' State Advisor of the Year for 2009. She will also compete for the national founder's award, the Warren E. Shull Award, in June 2010.

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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