



F-TROOP NEWSLETTER



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District F

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2008 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION:

- 05/26/08...Memorial Day
- 06/04/08...Last Day of School (9 month)
- 06/18/08...Last Day of School (modified 9 month)
- 07/04/08...Independence Day
- 07/17/08...Last Day of School (track 5)
- 08/08/08...Last Day of School (tracks 1-4)

For a complete list of calendar dates access [Important Dates_07-08.pdf](#)

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

- May 08, 2008, 4:00 p.m.
- May 22, 2008, 4:00 p.m.
- June 26, 2008, 4:00 p.m.

The above board meetings are held at: Edward A Greer Education Center, Board Room 2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121
Access the district's website [Clark County School District](#)

SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS:

- May 12, 2008, 9:00 a.m. (Work Session)
- May 21, 2008, 5:00 p.m. (Adoption Final Budget)
- June 16, 2008, 9:00 a.m. (Work Session)

Edward A. Greer Education Center, Board Room 2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121

DIRECTIONS

For directions access [MapQuest](#)

PROGRESS REPORTS UNSATISFACTORY NOTICES DISTRIBUTED:

In addition to the parent communication system available on school websites, Progress Reports/ Unsatisfactory Notices will be distributed to students on 5/2/08. If your child is absent on that date, please contact the school to make arrangements to receive the notice.

PLEASE NOTE: Notices will not be mailed home.

TEACHERS WILL ISSUE QUARTER GRADES FOR THE 2007- 2008 SCHOOL YEAR ON:

Quarter:	Quarter Ends:	Report Cards
Four	June 4	June 13-mailed

Dear District F Constituents, Parents, Staff, Students and Friends:

I am seeking people interested in serving on AZAC. If you are interested, or if you know someone who is, please contact me. I am looking for an individual who can be impartial and unbiased and who is professional and courteous.

On May 12, the board will be having a work session. Mr. Jeremy Aguero will be doing a presentation on the Las Vegas area economic outlook and its implications for education. Following Mr. Aguero's presentation, Mr. Dale Erquiaga will have a presentation on the strategic plan. Both of these presentations will be very interesting. Please plan to attend: May 12, 9am, 2832 E. Flamingo in the board room.

My last F-Troop meeting for the 07-08 school year is May 14th at Canarelli Middle School. Dr. Karlene McKormick Lee will be doing a presentation on the fast pace of technology and its implications for education, entitled "Future Trends in Education".

Reminder: Last call: please bring gently used paperback books appropriate for young adults to the F-Troop meeting for donation to the Youth Correctional Facility.

Thank you for all you do for children.

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ADDITIONAL NOTES:

SAVE THE DATES:

F-TROOP Meetings are not held during the summer months and will resume in September. The remaining 2008 F-TROOP Meetings are:
September 10: Dondero ES; October 8: Fertitta MS; November 12: Forbuss ES

PLEASE NOTE: The May F-Troop Meeting will be held:

Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2008

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Lawrence & Heidi Canarelli Middle School

Topic: Future Trends in Education

2008 GRADUATION CALENDAR: Click on the below link for a complete listing of schools, locations, dates, and times for 2008 Graduation! [2008 Graduation Calendar](#)

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Partnerships Play Important Part in Educating CCSD Students

Since 1983, the School-Community Partnership Program has served as the link between the community, local businesses, and the Clark County School District. What began as a small partnership between seven local businesses and seven CCSD schools has now expanded to affect each of CCSD's 308,000 students. Last school year, close to \$8 million of in-kind and cash donations were donated to CCSD through the Partnership Program by local businesses and agencies.

The mission of the School-Community Partnership Program is to connect business and community resources with school resources to enrich the educational experience and increase student achievement.

The Focus School Project is one of the largest programs the Partnership office supports with 144 businesses partnered with 90 at-risk schools. The Project matches any business, agency, organization, or individual who participates with a school. Together, the school and the Focus Partner(s) work to best meet student needs based on each school's School Improvement Plan.

"Partners involved in the Focus School Project gain personal satisfaction from helping students," says Bridget Bilbray-Phillips, School-Community Partnership Program Executive Director. "There is a great reward to be found when you help shape the future that lies within our students."

The Partnership Program also sponsors programs that allow individuals to donate time and talents to local schools. This includes the Stay in School Mentoring Project and Professionals and Youth Building a Commitment (PAYBAC), which give community members the opportunity to affect the lives of students inside a CCSD classroom.

The Mentoring Project fosters a one-on-one relationship between a committed, caring adult role-model and a deserving middle school student. These mentors



A PAYBAC volunteer encourages middle school students to stay in school and prepare for a bright future.

serve as a positive example and encourage a young person to focus on future education and career goals. PAYBAC provides another opportunity for community members to connect directly with students.

PAYBAC volunteers visit CCSD classrooms to share their life experiences and their passion for education, all in an effort to encourage students to continue their education, set goals and plan for the future.

"When we invite the community into our schools, we enrich the lives of students," says Bilbray-Phillips. "The 'Stay in School' message can have an even greater impact when it comes from someone who has lived it and truly believes it."

Over the last 25 years, the School-Community Partnership Program has touched the lives of hundreds of thousands of CCSD students. With the continued help of the Southern Nevada community, the lives and education of students will continue to be enriched.

For more information on the School-Community Partnership Program or to volunteer, visit partnership.ccsd.net or call 799-6560.

Celebrate those who Educate

May 6 marks an important education celebration, National Teacher Appreciation Day 2008.

Consider this... when the CCSD was first organized in 1956, it employed under 1,000 teachers. Since that time, more than 18,000 teaching professionals have joined the team and focus daily on meeting the needs of over 308,000 students. While the numbers have changed, the amount of dedication and commitment it takes to be an educator continues as a legacy within the District.

For more than 15 years, the District has recognized teachers who are new to the profession for their outstanding contributions to the classroom by naming several New Teachers of the Year. This year the following individuals received the honors:

- Specialist** – Heidi Lee
Boulder City High School; Elementary
- Primary Level** – Sabrina Moe
Judith Steele Elementary School
- Elementary, Intermediate Level** –
Donald Backner, Dusty Dickens
Elementary School
- Middle School Level** – Krista Donnelly
Clifford J. Lawrence Junior High
School
- High School Level** – Suzan Kypriotis
Del Sol High School

Each winner is chosen by a selection committee consisting of CCSD administrators as well as personnel from UNLV, Sierra Nevada College, and Nevada State College. Each winner emulates what one Japanese proverb states: Better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a great teacher.

For ways in which you can honor and celebrate the great teachers in your student's life, visit www.nea.org.