



F-TROOP NEWSLETTER



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JULY 2008

District F

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2008 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION:

- 07/04/08...Independence Day
- 07/17/08...Last Day of School (track 5)
- 08/08/08...Last Day of School (tracks 1-4)
- 09/01/08...Labor Day

For a complete list of calendar dates access
[Important_Dates_07-08.pdf](#)

STUDENTS CLASSES RESUME:

August 25, 2008
9 month, modified 9-month and
12 month tracks 2,3,4,5

September 15, 2008
12 month track 1

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

July 24, 2008, 4:00 p.m.
August 14, 2008, 4:00 p.m.
August 28, 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:

July 16, 2008, 9:00 a.m. (Work Session)
August 18, 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](#)

2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR INFORMATION

[Registration for the 2008-09 school year](#) will be held during August at local schools. Specific registration information is available from the child's school. Call the Zoning Office, 799-6430 for information or access the website at: <http://ccsd.net/parents/enrollment.phtml>

[CCSD Transportation Department](#) has an automated bus registration system. If your address information is up to date and there has not been a school attendance or zone change that affects your student, then there is no need to fill out transportation forms or call the transportation department. When students register for school, they may register for bus transportation with one simple check mark. However, if the above information does not apply to you or if you are new to the district, access the transportation department at www.ccsd.net/transportation for bussing information.

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

The 24th Special Session was a whirlwind of activity. Congratulations should go out to all legislators for working together to achieve the \$275 million in cuts to balance the budget. Even more incredible is that this was done in only one day! Please remember to thank your legislators for a difficult job done well. In the next legislative session, I hope that legislators will look into a broad based tax structure that will stabilize our state's funding and have it less susceptible to the ups and downs of the tourism industry.

The result of the special session on Clark County School District is that further cuts were made to education, but that the employee COLA's were spared. The DSA was reduced another 3%. This equates to approximately another \$26 million that will need to be cut for the 08-09 school year. I have no information yet on how that will be achieved. In addition to the 3%, the second year (of the biennium) of text book funding was reduced in half to about \$48 million from \$96 million. What this means for Clark County is that we will delay for a year the renewal or updating of current textbooks. The textbook money could increase if the economic outlook improves.

Graduations went very smoothly and were very exciting. Congratulations to the families of our proud graduates and to the graduates themselves. Well done!

Attached you will find the dates for my F-Troop meetings next year. For those of you unfamiliar with these meetings, I hold a monthly meeting throughout the school year with constituents and community members to share information and to have open dialogue. These meetings are called F-Troop for my trustee district which is District F. They are open to anyone to attend. Please consider coming to one or all!

I hope you all have a very safe and enjoyable summer.

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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

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICE DEPARTMENT

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2008 – 2009 F-TROOP MEETING DATE AND HOSTING SCHOOL

2008

Date/Time: Wednesday, September 10, 2008, 9:30 a.m.

School: Harvey N. Dondero ES

Address: 4450 S. Ridgeville St.

Date/Time: Wednesday, October 8, 2008, 9:30 a.m.

School: Victoria Fertitta MS

Address: 9905 West Mesa Vista Avenue

Date/Time: Wednesday, November 12, 2008, 9:30 a.m.

School: Robert L. Forbuss ES

Address: 8601 S. Grand Canyon Drive

Date/Time: Wednesday, December 10, 2008, 9:30 a.m.

Home: Carolyn Edwards

Address: 3275 S. Tioga Way

2009

Date/Time: Wednesday, January 14, 2009, 9:30 a.m.

School: John R. Beatty ES

Address: 8685 Hidden Palms Parkway

Date/Time: Wednesday, February 4, 2009, 9:30 a.m.

School: Frank Kim ES

Address: 7600 Peace Way

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 11, 2009, 9:30 a.m.

School: Marion Earl ES

Address: 6650 West Reno Avenue

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 15, 2009, 9:30 a.m.

School: Pat A. Diskin ES

Address: 4220 Ravenwood Drive

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 13, 2009, 9:30 a.m.

School: Helen Jydstrup ES

Address: 5150 Dunes Ville Street

19 Million Miles... and Counting

Transportation puts safety of students and drivers first

As you drive the highways and byways of Clark County, you can expect to come across several yellow school buses on your way. With more than 1,400 buses in the fleet, the Clark County School District Transportation Department operates more buses than Nevada's Regional Transportation Commission. Even in the summer, the buses continue to transport the students who attend the 82 year-round schools back and forth safely to school.

Just last year Transportation drove a collective total of more than 19 million miles to ensure that nearly 100,000 students arrived safely at school. It is truly a big job!

With looming budget cuts, rising fuel costs and increased focus on "green" solutions, the Transportation Department is looking ahead to the future. Altered bell-times, consolidation of runs/routes and bus-stops, reduced idle times, and lower highway speeds have all been implemented to save money. CCSD uses biodiesel fuel in all buses and newer bus models come with special filters to reduce emissions into the air. The remainder of the fleet is being retro-fitted with similar technology to reduce environmental impacts.

CCSD Transportation takes the safety of each student, employee and driver very seriously and sports an impressive safety record. In a comparative study of the Council of Great City Schools, a group that represents large school districts throughout the United States, the median miles between accidents is twice as long in our district as compared to other districts and the majority of incidents are small and rarely result in injury. There has also never been a fatality aboard any CCSD bus.

Transportation attributes their record to excellent driver training, heavy duty buses designed to meet rigid standards, outstanding maintenance and ongoing random safety inspections by Nevada Highway Patrol.



CCSD operates nearly 1,400 buses during the school year and drivers take special care to ensure the safety of every student

Transportation drivers, mechanics, investigators and staff are among the best you'll find anywhere in the Clark County. Many drivers are involved in extracurricular and volunteer activities within the community when they are not working at the bus yards. A team of drivers recently participated in the annual State School Bus Safety Roadshow and walked away champions. Another group of drivers has gathered to grant a mini yard makeover to a deserving family within the valley.

For more information about the CCSD Transportation Department, including routing and scheduling information, please visit transportation.ccsd.net or call 799-8110.

Goodbye, Thank You and Good Luck

Retirement is when you stop working for a living and start working at living.
-A wise man

Retirement marks an important milestone for any employee. With 38,000 employees, district retirements can be expected each year. This year, nearly 280 employees retired from the district with 25 years of service or more.

In an effort to recognize employees for their many years of dedicated service, the first annual Retirement Reception was held Wednesday, June 25 at the Northwest Career and Technical Academy. Nearly 100 honorees attended, along with trustees and other CCSD officials.

Honorees received a catered luncheon, a distinguished service certificate as well as a crystal paperweight as a small token of appreciation for their combined 7,000 years of service to the District.



Deputy Supt. Lauren Kohut-Rost and Trustees Terri Janison and Sheila Moulton congratulate newly retired teacher Terry Brummett at the first annual Retirement Reception.

A special thank you to the NW Career and Technical Academy for hosting the reception, Sammy's Woodfired Pizza for providing the luncheon and Freed's Bakery for providing the desserts.

Finally, a special congratulations to all retirees, including those who have served the students of Clark County for any amount of time. We thank you and wish you the very best of luck!