



F-TROOP NEWSLETTER



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District F

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2008 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION:

- 08/08/08.....Last Day of School (tracks 1-4)
- 09/01/08.....Labor Day
- 10/03/08.....Staff Development Day
- 10/31/08.....Nevada 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:

August 14, 2008, 4:00 p.m.

August 28, 2008, 4:00 p.m.

September 11, 2008, 4:00 p.m.

September 25, 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:

August 18, 2008, 9:00 a.m. (Work Session)

September 3, 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:

As August arrives, I hope that those of you on 9 month schedules are enjoying your summer. Those of you on a year round schedule are approaching the end of the school year and I hope you enjoy your time off.

Many of you may already know that the board has postponed the new school building bond program to 2010. Please see the article further on in this newsletter.

AYP results are out and the Clark County School District made AYP for the second year in a row. Please see the article in this newsletter for more details.

District F will see 2 new schools opening in the Fall. Reedom Elementary School (799-5702), in Mountain's Edge, will relieve overcrowding at Wright Elementary School. Desert Oasis High School (799-6881), near Southern Highlands, will relieve overcrowding at Sierra Vista High School. Both schools will open on time. Many concerns have been expressed about the railroad tracks near Desert Oasis HS. Everyone should be aware that it is illegal to cross the railroad tracks. All children west of the tracks will be bused to the school. The school will also have a presentation for all students regarding safety near railroad tracks. Parents, please advise your children not to go near the railroad tracks for any reason.

Budget concerns for the state are still impacting school districts across the state. Governor Gibbons is talking about possible future cuts of up to 14% in each year of the next biennium. This level of cuts will be extremely difficult to achieve given the cuts that have already been made last year and next year. I will be giving reports on the budget concerns every month in my monthly F-Troop meetings.

The School Board will soon be live webcasting their regular board meetings. More information will be forthcoming on this, but for now, the 'go live' date will be sometime in September, barring any unexpected delays or problems.

I am looking forward to the beginning of a new school year and invite you to attend my monthly constituent group called F-Troop (because I represent District F). My first meeting is September 10th. The information for the meeting is below. I hope to see you then.

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BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR INFORMATION:

Saturday, August 09, 2008

Meadows Mall
10:00am – 4:00pm
Sears Court, Dillard's Court
and Play Area

Saturday, August 16, 2008

Boulevard Mall
10:00am – 4:00pm
Boulevard Mall

Saturday, August 23, 2008

Galleria Mall
10:00am – 6:00pm
Lower Level,
Dick's Sporting Goods
and Center Court

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Operation Crime Free Schools

TIP HOTLINE: 799-0228

Call the school police to report suspicious activity at your school.

You can remain anonymous.

HOMEWORK HOTLINE

799-5111

Monday – Thursday
3:30p.m. – 5:30p.m.

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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

PARENTS – Set a Goal and Get Involved

Parent involvement increases student achievement

Back to school time is the perfect time to set goals with your children for the coming year. But don't forget to set a goal for yourself – to become more involved in your children's education.

Why Is Parent Involvement Important?

Research shows when parents are involved in their children's education, the students do better in school.

In study after study, researchers discover how important it is for parents to be actively involved in their child's education. Here are some of the findings of major research into parental involvement:

- When parents are involved in their children's education at home, they do better and go farther in school.
- A home environment that encourages learning is more important to student achievement than income, education level or cultural background.
- Reading aloud to children is the most important activity that parents can do to increase their child's chance of reading success.
- When children and parents talk regularly about school, children perform better academically.
- The earlier that parent involvement begins in a child's educational process, the more powerful the effects.
- Positive results of parental involvement include improved student achievement, reduced absenteeism, improved behavior, and restored confidence among parents in their children's schooling.



How Can Parents Get Involved?

Ways to get involved in your child's education include:

- Reading to your child
- Checking homework every night
- Discussing your children's progress with teachers
- Voting in school board elections
- Helping your school to set challenging academic standards
- Limiting TV viewing on school nights
- Becoming an advocate for better education in your community and state.
- Asking your children, "How was school today?"

Some parents and families are able to be involved in their child's education in many ways. Others may only have time for one or two activities. Whatever your level of involvement, do it consistently and stick with it because you will make an important difference in your child's life.

Source: www.nea.org

School Bond Postponed

After careful consideration, the Clark County School District Board of School Trustees voted Friday, July 18 to withdraw the 2008 bond question from the November ballot. Based on staff recommendations, the board also approved extending the 1998 bond to continue planned school construction and renovation for two more years and to prepare for a bond question on the ballot in 2010.

The decision came after a review of latest growth projections and considerable input from the public. The opportunity to extend the current bond-funded building

efforts results from expert management of the program, careful planning and fiscal responsibility by the district and bond related committees.

The 1998 bond provided for construction of more than 100 schools and countless renovations at existing campuses. Projects identified under the previous bond **will still take place**, and the revenue generated by the bond, as with similar programs, will continue in the coming months, although at a diminishing pace.

A progress report on the 1998 bond program is available online at www.ccsd.net.

GOOD NEWS & CONGRATULATIONS

to the Clark County School District for making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as a district for the SECOND year in a row under the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB).

Each spring, students across the nation participate in tests in accordance with mandates established by NCLB. AYP reflects achievement in meeting the specific state-defined standards that increase over time. Schools must meet all 37 targets – for proficiency as well as participation in English, mathematics and other indicators for nine subgroups – to earn AYP status. If even one subgroup does not meet the targets, the entire school does not make AYP.

Highlights from this year's assessment include:

- Overall, the district met 94.2% of the targets – an "A" grade
- 186 schools made AYP and all schools improved in at least one area.
- All targets increased over last year, some more than 12%
- Two schools achieved Exemplary status and 17 schools reached High Achieving

Preliminary results by school are available at www.ccsd.net.

LOOK OUT! It's Coming!

Watch for the annual

Back to School Reporter

to arrive in the mail in the next few weeks.

Inside you'll find everything you need to know about the start of school.

To see the Reporter in English and/or Spanish, go to www.ccsd.net.

