



# F-TROOP

## NEWSLETTER



Carolyn Edwards

**FEBRUARY 2009**

District F

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2009 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- 02/16/09 Presidents' Day
- 03/02/09 Staff Development Day
- 04/03/09 Spring Break Begins
- 04/13/09\*\* **Classes Resume\*\*** (after Spring Break)
- 05/25/09 Memorial Day
- 06/04/09 Last Day of School (9 month)

For a complete list of calendar dates access [CCSD 2009 School Calendar](#)

### REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

- February 12, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
- February 26, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
- March 12, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
- March 26, 2009, 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:

- February 04, 2009, 9:00 a.m.
- March 04, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

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

PLEASE NOTE: Work Sessions are held on Wednesday mornings.

February 03, 2009, 8:00 a.m. Special Board Meeting  
(Audit Committee)  
Administrative Center, Room 466  
5100 W. Sahara Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89146

### UNSATISFACTORY NOTICES DISTRIBUTED:

In addition to the parent communication system available on school websites, Trimester Progress Reports/Unsatisfactory Notices for students will be distributed on:

- 9 month distributed:  
10/02/08, 01/16/09, 4/24/09
- 12 month, tracks 3, 4, 5 distributed:  
10/02/08, 02/13/09, 5/22/09
- 12 month, tracks 1 & 2 distributed:  
10/24/08, 03/06/09, 06/19/09
- modified 9 month distributed:  
09/19/08, 11/26/08, 02/13/09, 05/08/09

If your child is absent on the above date, please contact your child's school to make arrangements to receive the notice.

PLEASE NOTE: Notices will not be mailed home.

**REPORT CARDS:** Contact your child's school regarding the distribution date of report cards.

Dear District F Constituents:

The '09 Legislative session starts this month and I know we will all be watching closely to see what direction our legislators take with regard to the serious budget shortfall the state is facing. Many of you know that the Governor has proposed that all state workers (this includes teachers and staff) forego 6% of their salary, give up a step increase and accept increases in benefit costs. This expectation does not take into account the state statutes which hold the district legally bound by our negotiated contracts. The Governor's budget, if passed, will require sacrifices; and the largest sacrifices will be made by our children who will cope with larger class sizes and reduced services. Nonetheless, the financial situation in the state is dire and will require tough decisions to resolve. I will continue to do everything I can to protect and preserve funding to adequately and fairly fund education.

In the meantime, I want to thank all of our employees for your hard work and dedication to the children of Clark County. Even as anxiety levels rise within the district and within families, your focus has remained on doing your best to help children learn and achieve. Please know that as a board member, I recognize your commitment and your accomplishments and am grateful to you.

Please let me know of your concerns and thoughts as we move through this legislative session. Stay in touch with your legislators, as well.

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### ADDITIONAL NOTES:

#### SAVE THE DATES:

2009 F-TROOP Meetings are:  
February 18: Frank Kim ES; March 11: Marion Earl ES; April 15: Pat Diskin ES;  
May 13: Helen Jydstrup ES. All meetings start at 9:30 a.m.  
Additional meeting information is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page!

### 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**

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3:30p.m. – 5:30p.m.

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## 2009 F-TROOP MEETING DATE AND HOSTING SCHOOL

### 2009

Date/Time: Wednesday, February 18, 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 Duneville Street

## Day In and Day Out

### Trustees work hard to serve the students of CCSD

One peek into the day planner or schedule of a member of the CCSD Board of School Trustees will quickly show that the work of a trustee is never slow, never dull and never done.

While the board's main responsibilities include the hiring and firing of the superintendent, overseeing of the budget based on available resources and setting of policy, their involvement and influence reaches far beyond the boardroom.

Board members regularly serve on separate committees that include Attendance Zone Advisory Commission, Bond Oversight, Council of Great City Schools, Parks and Recreation, Student Council Advisory, and more.

"Part of the school board's responsibility is reaching out to the community," says Trustee Terri Janison, board president. "We realize the importance of finding out what the pulse of the community is before we make decisions that affect our students and staff and by extension the community."

Trustees also belong to several national organizations, including the Council of Great City Schools, a group of urban school districts who gather to address the unique issues facing larger school districts, the National Intercollegiate Athletics Association and the National Association of School Boards. Membership in these organizations gives the trustees access to other districts and resources that only serve to improve the function of the CCSD.

Trustees also spend countless hours communicating with citizens, parents and students within their respective districts.

Each trustee hosts a monthly Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) or Community Education Advisory Board (CEAB), which allows parents and citizens to become more informed about district programs and to voice their opinions and suggestions on issues facing schools in their communities and the district as a whole.

"Students and parents are our customers and PAC and CEAB meetings give them the opportunity every month to have one-on-one discussions with trustees about what is happening with their child's education," says Janison.

Despite busy schedules and the initiatives and responsibilities that come



*Trustees serve on important community committees to address issues such as student safety, zoning and parent and community involvement.*

with overseeing the fifth largest school district in the nation, trustees also find time to visit the schools within their districts. Whether it is visiting with teachers and parents on the campus or reading and speaking with the students, the visits allow them to keep in touch with those they serve.

Serving a diverse, large school district during an economic crunch is not an easy task, and overseeing that is by no means without challenges.

"There's a lot of misinformation within our community about all the good things taking place in the district. I know what an incredible education you can receive in the CCSD because I work with it every day and trying to communicate that is difficult," says Janison. "As a board, we would like to encourage more people to get involved and get the facts and then work together with us to find solutions."

And yet despite any challenges that come with serving as a trustee, the rewards are certainly great.

Janison says, "It is always such a joy to see children in our schools engaged, happy and leaning. And of course the ultimate reward comes at the end of year when we are handing out those graduation diplomas."

For more information on the CCSD Board of School Trustees, to find out which trustee represents you or to see a calendar of board events, visit [www.ccsd.net](http://www.ccsd.net).

## SNOW DAY MAKEUP

### Monday, March 2

will be the makeup date for the December 18 Snow Day.

(This applies to all schools except track 5 students at elementary schools on a 12-month calendar.)

## Get Involved

### Board provides forums for information and participation

The Board of School Trustees encourages citizens to get involved in, participate in and support education in the Clark County School District. The board provides several ways for parents and citizens to do this.

**BOARD MEETINGS:** All board meetings are open to the public. Regular meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month in the Edward A. Greer Education Center, 2832 E. Flamingo Road. Special meetings are held when necessary. All board meetings feature a time for public comment. Interested citizens may present comments, suggestions or concerns in writing to the board office or in person at the meeting or may submit their name to speak in person by calling 799-1072. Calendars and agendas are available at [www.ccsd.net](http://www.ccsd.net).

**PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** Board members hold regular Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) or Community Education Advisory Board (CEAB) meetings to solicit public input and to discuss education issues. CCSD staff members are frequently invited to the meetings to update parents on new programs, curriculum, initiatives and more. Your presence is welcomed and encouraged at these meetings. For dates and times in your district, call 799-1072 or visit [www.ccsd.net](http://www.ccsd.net).

**COMMUNITY LINKAGE:** Community linkage events occur several times throughout the year and focus on specific topics and issues facing CCSD. Community members are invited to attend to learn more about the topic and then to voice their opinions or concerns. Community Linkage dates and times are listed when applicable at [www.ccsd.net](http://www.ccsd.net).

## School Matters

Four times a year the board hosts a live call-in show on Vegas PBS to provide information and discuss education-related topics. Viewers are invited to call-in and submit questions related to the topic for live discussion on air.

The next School Matters will take place in April 2009. Watch the CCSD website for details and an opportunity to submit questions in advance..