



F-TROOP

NEWSLETTER



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SEPTEMBER 2011

District F

PARENTS/STUDENTS CLASSES RESUMED:

Monday, August 29, 2011



IMPORTANT DATES

FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- 09/05/11 Labor Day
- 10/28/11 Nevada Day (observed)
- 11/11/11 Veterans Day
- 11/24/11 Thanksgiving Day
- 11/25/11 Family Day
- 12/19-30/11 Winter Break

For a complete list of calendar dates access

[CCSD 2010-2011 School Calendar](#)

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

- September 8, 2011, 4:00 p.m.
- September 22, 2011, 4:00 p.m.
- October 6, 2011, 4:00 p.m.
- October 20, 2011, 4:00 p.m.
- November 10, 2011, 4:00 p.m.
- * November 29, 2011, 4:00 p.m.

Board meetings are held on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month, unless otherwise *noted:

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

Access the District's web site [Clark County School District](#)

WORK SESSION MEETINGS:

- September 7, 2011, 8:30 a.m.
- October 5, 2011, 9:30 a.m.
- November 2, 2011, 8:00 a.m.

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

SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS:

September 1, 2011, 9:00 a.m. (Policy Review)
Edward A Greer Education Center, Board Room
2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121

September 24, 2011, 8:00 a.m. (Board Retreat)
South West Career and Technical Academy
7050 W. Shelbourne, Las Vegas, NV 89113

September 29, 2011, 2:00 p.m.
CCSD Administrative Center, Room 466
5100 West Sahara Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89146

October 13, 2011, 9:30 a.m. (Mega PAC)
Advanced Technologies Academy, Lecture Hall
2501 Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89106

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

As a new school year begins, the Clark County School District is embracing change and school reform. Superintendent Jones is moving forward with the state to introduce a Growth Model that will allow everyone to view how schools are doing across the state and to allow parents to view their children's growth. At this time, only school data is available. To view your school's information, go to: <http://ccsd.net/growth-model/> Click on 'compare', then 'search', 'by school name', type in school's name and select the school, then 'view performance'. We will be discussing the growth model in more detail at our District wide PAC meeting on October 13th. See specific information below, under Special Board Meetings.

With the District's focus on growth and student achievement, the Board and the Superintendent are raising the bar on expectations for our administrators, our teachers, and our students. Parents must join us in raising the bar as well. We all need to expect more from our students. All students can rally to a raised bar for achievement.

The Board successfully came to a conclusion on redistricting. You can view the new Trustee Districts at: http://ccsd.net/trustees/pdf/DZG-95318_2011-12_CCSD-board-of%20trustees-Districts-map.pdf District F is now bonded by Route 159 in the west to Desert Foothills, southeast to Sahara, east to Jones, south to Hacienda, east to Decatur, south to 215, east to I-15, south to the Clark County/California border, north and west along the Clark County border to Mountain Springs and then follows a precinct boundary back to Route 159. In this process, I have lost 14 schools to other trustees. I know these trustees will embrace these schools and will soon be making visits. To those of you remaining in my District, I will continue to represent you to the best of my ability. My door is always open, so feel free to contact me when you need information or have concerns.

My first F-Troop meeting is a joint meeting with Trustee Cole and his PACE group. See meeting information below. At this joint meeting, we will have Deputy Superintendent Martinez and Associate Superintendent Dr. Wallace present to discuss the new areas and performance zones. Also, please plan to attend the District wide PAC meeting on October 13th. We will be discussing scheduling for PAC meetings, the growth model, and Superintendent Jones will be present to take questions.

I will be putting out a list of my meetings for the year shortly after the meeting in October. For now, please know that my December brunch will be on the 9th at my home at 9:30am. Please put that on your calendar. More info will follow in subsequent communications.

I welcome everyone back to school and wish you a very productive and successful school year.

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ADDITIONAL NOTES:

SAVE THE DATE: CALENDAR JOINT SEPTEMBER MEETING WITH DISTRICT E, on Wednesday, September 14, 2011, 9:30 a.m., West Career & Technical Academy HS, Library, 11945 W. Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89135, Phone: 799-4340

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICE DEPARTMENT: Operation Crime Free Schools. Call **Tip Hotline: 799-0228** the school district police to report suspicious activity at your school. You can remain anonymous.

HOMEWORK HOTLINE: 799-5111 Monday – Thursday, 3:30p.m. – 5:30p.m. Assistance in all subjects. Now on Cox Cable and Channels 96 and 111

Clark County School District Board of Trustees Approve New District Boundaries

The Clark County School District Board of Trustees approved a redistricting plan at the August 22, 2011, Board meeting. Click [here](#) to identify the new Trustee District Boundaries.

“Back to School Reporter” is Now Online

A wealth of back to school information can be found in the Back to School Reporter. For more information, visit

[Back to School Reporter \(English\)](#)
[Back to School Reporter \(Spanish\)](#)



Professional Development Days for 2011-2012

The Clark County School District will hold the following staff development days during the upcoming school year. There will be no school for students on these days.

- Oct. 27, 2011
 - Nov. 10, 2011
 - Jan. 23, 2012
 - Feb. 21, 2012
 - Dec. 14, 2011 - PSTAPT for elementary schools (no school for elementary students)
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School Crossing Guards

Remember that school crossing guards are assigned based on traffic studies. The responsibility for assigning locations and monitoring crossing guard personnel is the responsibility of one of the local municipalities: Boulder City, Henderson, Las Vegas, Mesquite or North Las Vegas. For questions regarding crossing guards contact the appropriate municipality in question.

Clark County School District Collaborates with State on Growth Model *District- and school-level data available online*

With the release from the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) of the state's first growth model, the Clark County School District also launched its data on the district's website at <http://www.ccsd.net/growth-model/>.

The statewide growth model represents the collaborative work of the NDE, the Clark County School District (CCSD) and the Washoe County School District.

The Nevada Growth Model will provide the yearly growth results leading up to and including the 2010-2011 school year for each school in the state. The initial results reflect the Criterion-Referenced Tests (CRTs) in reading and mathematics for students in grades 4-8. Later this fall, individual student-level results will be made available to parents and guardians. The District will ensure that individual student records are secure.

“The Nevada Growth Model measures how much a student improves in academic performance over time,” Turner said. “It answers the question, ‘How much progress on statewide assessments did a student or group of students make in one year, as compared to academic peers across the state? Examining student academic growth will help districts and schools plan learning experiences to help students achieve higher levels of academic performance.’ To assist parents and staff in using the growth model, the CCSD website offers online videos that provide an introductory overview and tutorials for viewing the data, as well as an online resource of frequently asked questions. Inquiries to 765-9870 or growthmodel@interact.ccsd.net will be answered within one business day. CCSD will host professional development sessions for staff and demonstration events for parents, businesses and the general community in the coming months.

District Communications

We invite you to receive CCSD news releases to keep you aware of some of the great things happening at CCSD. If you would like to participate, please email lnary@interact.ccsd.net.

Students Have an Opportunity to Reclaim their Future by Graduating

The Clark County School District is joining forces with community volunteers on Saturday, September 10, 2011, to encourage students to reclaim their future by returning to the classroom. Volunteers along with CCSD educators will go door to door to re-engage students who do not return when school begins. Those interested are asked to sign up by Friday, September 2, 2011, by calling the CCSD Partnership Office at 799-6560.

Drive for Excellence Program in the 2011-2012 School Year

The [School-Community Partnership Program](#) will continue the “Drive for Excellence” program in the 2011-2012 school year. AutoNation will offer the winner of the program a choice between several new cars or a \$10,000 scholarship. The culminating event will take place June 7, 2012.

Gibson Middle School Student Attends National Jr. Tennis Camp

[Ainsley Osawa](#), an 8th grade student at Gibson Middle School, attended the National Junior Tennis and Learning Tennis Leadership Camp in July 2011 in Sonoma, California. The week-long camp for 40 students from around the U.S. was presented by U.S. Tennis Association.

School District’s Top Lawyer Selected to Serve as United States Magistrate Judge

The Clark County School District (CCSD) congratulates its top attorney Bill Hoffman for being selected as a United States Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada. Bill Hoffman served as General Counsel for the Clark County School District since 1995.