



PACE

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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District E

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

08/08/08.....Last Day of School (12-Month Track 1-4)
08/25/08.....First Day of School

For a complete list of calendar dates, access <http://ccsd.net/news/calendar/pdf/Important%20Dates%2008-09%2003.pdf>

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

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

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

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

The above board meetings will be held at the Edward A. Greer Education Center Board Room
2832 E. Flamingo Road
Access the District's website at www.ccsd.net



Dear District E,

As many of you have probably heard, the Board of School Trustees voted to suspend activities related to the school bond ballot question proposed for November 2008. We made this decision after receiving the latest projections showing little or no growth in enrollment for the coming year coupled with the local and national economic conditions. At our next regular Board meeting on July 24, 2008, there are three items relative to this topic that will be discussed: (1) Resolution to ratify the repeal of the 2008 election resolution, (2) Extension of the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, and (3) Planning for the 2010 Capital Improvement Program. As always, I invite your input as we move forward. Please know we will be watching enrollment closely and continue to address the seats we currently have available in our schools.

CCSD has been recognized locally and nationally for our building program and wise use of bond funds. It has been through sound management and fiscal vigilance that our bond rating has continued to improve, and we have been able to deliver even more facilities and renovations than was originally promised in the 1998 bond. Separate audits and national recognition have proven time and again that CCSD is a careful guardian of these monies. We will continue to work on your behalf and especially on behalf of the students in Clark County.

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Congratulations to Conners Elementary School Staff!

The Teachers Health Trust office announced that Conners Elementary School won the WellFit for Life team competition, organized by school nurse Kathy Richter and FASA Deb Hagen. The team consisted of over 38 participants including teachers, support staff, and administrators. The PTA supported the team by providing each participant with an inspirational message and a healthy snack at the beginning of each week. Sherri Gilman won the intermediate category; Robyn Cuccia and Catherin Eisner (Joseph) were the weight loss champs.

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 Road-eo 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!