



PACE

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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District E

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

- 09/01/08..... Labor Day (No School)
- 09/15/08-10/15/08..... Hispanic Heritage Month
- 09/22/08..... First Day of Fall
- 10/03/08..... Staff Development Day (No School)
- 10/31/08..... Nevada Day (No School)

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

- September 11, 2008 4:00 p.m.
- September 25, 2008 4:00 p.m.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

- September 3, 2008 9:30 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,

Welcome to the 2008-09 School Year! I hope the first week went well for everyone.

This will be a very exciting year, and I look forward to working with each of you to address the needs of our children in the district.

BUDGET

District staff is closely monitoring the state's budget situation which, in turn, reflects the Clark County School District's budget. We are also watching the enrollment numbers in each one of our schools. Each school started the year staffed at 98% so they could see what their enrollment was on count day. The thought was to be conservative until we saw how many students actually registered for the school year. As we head into another legislative session, I encourage you to contact your Senate and Assembly representatives and speak to them about where they stand on education.

PACE MEETINGS

Please mark your calendars for the PACE (Parent Advisory Committee District E) meetings, which are held each month. September's meeting will be September 17 at Pittman Elementary School, Multipurpose Room, 6333 Fargo Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89107, Telephone Number 799-4213. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Bill Hanlon, Director of the RPDP, Regional Professional Development Program, will speak to us on the math program in the district. He will also offer helpful ways for us to work with our children at home.

If there is a topic you would like to see addressed at a PACE meeting, please email me at janistd@interact.ccsd.net. Thank you for your continued involvement in public education.

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CCSD Continues to Keep an Eye on the CAP

In 2007, Superintendent Walt Rulffes introduced the “Keep Your Eye on the CAP” initiative. This initiative supports many of the district’s current objectives, which include decreasing the number of drop-outs, increasing the number of graduates, increasing the quality of those graduates and reducing the number of students taking remedial college courses following their high school graduation.

CAP stands for Climate, Achievement, Participation... all vital ingredients in ensuring a student’s successful journey to graduation.

Climate, the first portion of CAP, relates to improving the culture in CCSD and creating a more welcoming atmosphere in which parents, students and teachers can work together to build a better learning environment.

The seeds for Academic **Achievement** are planted at the earliest levels of elementary school. Almost every study conducted about high school dropouts indicates that by the third grade it is possible to predict which students are likely to leave school without a diploma. As students advance into middle and high school it is important that CCSD implement curriculum that increases the rigors of learning and further expands students’ post-graduate options.



Finally, CCSD must continue to make a concerted effort to encourage **Participation** and include the community in the process of improving education. At the heart of this effort is increasing parent involvement by inviting conversation and showing respect to the people who serve as education’s biggest allies.

As a new school year lies ahead, we encourage all Clark County residents and students to continue to “Keep Your Eye on the CAP.”

Food Service Serves Thousands

Boasting one of the largest meal programs in Nevada, the Clark County School District Food Service Department began serving 171,000 meals a day when the new school year began on August 25.

The centerpiece of this large-scale enterprise is the Central Kitchen, located at 6350 East Tropical. While some workers package meals on a high-speed production line, others prepare student-tested menu items from scratch, using a state-of-the-art cook/chill system that can cook up to 1,000 pounds of ground beef in 19 minutes.

Well known for its efficiency, Food Service prepares 130,000 lunches every day, along with 41,000 breakfasts and 6,500 after-school snacks, growing to 11,500 in September. Cinnamon rolls, produced in quantities averaging 15,000

per day, are part of a complete breakfast that includes milk and juice.

According to Sue Hoggan, Food Service senior supervisor, the school district’s cinnamon rolls are so popular that when an equipment malfunction last year temporarily halted production of the tasty treats, there was nearly an uprising among CCSD students and employees.

For this upcoming school year, Food Service anticipates greater interest in the free and reduced price lunch program (FRL), primarily due to the troubled economy. FRL applications are available at all schools, and Hoggan reminds parents to complete a new application for each school year.

For more information about the Food Services Department, visit www.ccsd.net.

ParentLink Keeps Parents Connected

Research shows that parent involvement is one of the greatest factors in student success. For this reason, CCSD has implemented ParentLink, a new tool that provides parents an opportunity to monitor their child’s progress at school.

ParentLink is a computer-based online system that displays student information in several areas, including attendance, homework assignments, announcements, grades and more. Most of the information is available in both English and Spanish 24 hours a day. Parents can also communicate with school staff thru ParentLink with on a daily or weekly basis. Information can also be accessed by telephone for those without internet access.

To access ParentLink, visit parentlink.ccsd.net or call 799-4433.

300,000 Students Return to School

Orchestrating the first day of school for a district this large is no easy task. Just take a look at some of the numbers the district boasts this year:

- 314,000 – Projected Enrollment 2008-09
- 19,000 – CCSD teachers
- 11 – New Schools Opened in 2008-09
- 347 – Schools in operation
- 1,400 – School buses in operation
- 19 million – Miles district buses will travel
- 14 – Empowerment Schools
- 2 – Exemplary schools under NCLB
- 17 – High Achieving schools under NCLB

