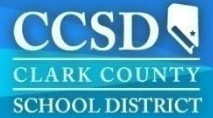




PACE

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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MARCH 2009

District E

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

- 03/01/09.....Music in Our Schools Month
- 03/01/09.....Youth Art Month
- 03/02/09.....Snow Day Make Up
- 03/02-03/09.....Nevada Reading Week
- 03/04/09.....CCSD Librarian's Day
- 03/08/09.....Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 03/20/09.....First Day of Spring
- 04/03/09.....Spring Break Begins

For a complete list of calendar dates access <http://ccsd.net/news/calendar/pdf/Important%20Dates%2008-09%203.pdf>

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

- March 12, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
- March 26, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
- April 2, 2009, 4:00 p.m.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

- March 3, 2009, 5:30 p.m.
- March 13, 2009, 8:00 a.m. at Paul E. Culley Empowerment School, Room 15, 1200 N. Mallard Street, Las Vegas, NV 89108
- March 25, 2009, 9:00 a.m.
- April 1, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

The above Board meetings, except for March 13, 2009, will be held at the Edward A. Greer Education Center, Board Room, 2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121.

Access the district's website at www.ccsd.net

A thank you to Fong Elementary School and Jamie Agresti, Principal, for hosting our February PACE (Parent Advisory Committee District E) meeting. The information on Poverty Awareness was provided by Dr. Ron Lustig, Eldorado High School Principal. Thank you.

Please join us on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, 9:30 a.m. at Garside Junior High School, Library, 300 S. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89107, telephone number 799-4245. Information on Teach For America will be provided by Allison Serafin, Teach For America Executive Director. Dr. Walt Rulfes, Superintendent of Schools, will be at the Wednesday, April 15, 2009, 9:30 a.m. PACE meeting at Katz Elementary School.

BONANZA HIGH SCHOOL COACHES RECEIVE AWARDS

Congratulations to the following Bonanza High School coaches for their leadership roles as coaches for the students at Bonanza! GREAT JOB!

- Joseph Cap – Sunset Regional Wrestling Coach of the Year
- Shawn Dupris – Sunset Regional Football Coach of the Year

PALO VERDE HIGH SCHOOL FLAG RETIREMENT



The Palo Verde ROTC did a wonderful job in the flag retirement ceremony. It was an honor to be invited to watch this very respectful and moving ceremony for the flag of our country.

If there is a topic you would like to see addressed at a PACE meeting, please email me at janistd@interact.ccsd.net.

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WEBCASTING NOW AVAILABLE

All regular school Board meetings are now broadcast live over the internet. Go to www.ccsd.net.

Archived videos will be available a few days after each regular meeting at www.ccsd.net/trustees.

Regular Board meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month beginning at 4 p.m. in the Education Center, 2832 E. Flamingo Rd.

Coming up on the next **School Matters:**

Legislative Updates

Get the latest information on legislative issues affecting K-12 education

Thursday, April 16, 2009
8-9 p.m.
Vegas PBS, Channel 10

Speak Up for K-12 Education

75th regular session of the Nevada State Legislature is under way now

As the Nevada State Legislature moves into its 75th regular session, K-12 education is once again a very hot topic.

While the happenings in Carson City may seem distant and sometimes difficult to follow, the impact of the decisions made there are far-reaching and long-lasting. School districts around the state have already suffered major cut. To date, the Clark County School District has already cut or eliminated funding totaling more than **\$135 million**. These cuts include more than 250 administrative positions being cut or left vacant. While efforts have been made to ensure that these cuts have little effect on our classrooms, this cannot continue to be the case if further cuts are required. For this reason it is important that supporters of K-12 education speak up and share their thoughts and ideas with our elected officials.

There are several ways to get involved and make your voice heard.



Flags fly over the Nevada State Capitol as the 75th regular session of the Nevada State Legislature is under way,

Visit the Nevada State Legislature's website at

www.leg.state.nv.us. There you will find helpful information about your own representatives, bills moving through the Assembly and the Senate, personalized bill tracking, frequently asked questions and more. This website will also allow you to watch live, streaming video of many of the sessions.

Learn more about iNVEST, the plan for improving K-12 education in the state of Nevada. This plan is a collaborative effort between all 17 superintendents in the state and can be found at www.investk12nevada.org.

Find out who your representatives are by visiting www.leg.state.nv.us. Locate the link on the right side of the page that will help you determine not only who your representatives are and how to contact them, but what districts you live in.

Contact your legislator. A well-written letter is one of the best ways to let your legislator know your thoughts and opinions about a particular issue.

Put a message in your own words. Form letters and petitions don't have the same impact as personal, informed opinions.

Testify at a Hearing. One of the most important opportunities to become involved in the debate over a bill is when it's the subject of a hearing before a legislative committee. You can communicate personally with legislators at any time about any bill, but the committee hearing is the occasion when anyone may publicly approve, oppose, or suggest changes to a bill.

While it may not be possible to attend hearings in person in Carson City, the Legislature does make it possible to participate in some hearings by video-conference at locations around Southern Nevada. Announcements and lists of scheduled hearings are posted at www.leg.state.nv.us.

Sign up for weekly legislative updates on K-12 bills. Each week an email is sent from district staff and lobbyists that includes the latest on all bills affecting CCSD. Call the Board Office, 799-1072, to be added to the email list.

As the legislature moves forward it is critical that supporters of K-12 education in Southern Nevada do not go unheard. Together we can ensure that the students of Clark County and the state of Nevada are not forgotten and continue to achieve.

"Discover the Mysteries of the World: READ"

Nevada Reading Week – March 2-6



Trustee Sheila Moulton participates in Nevada Reading Week 2008 activities by reading to students at a local elementary school

In 1987 the Nevada Department of Education began a statewide initiative for Nevada teachers and librarians to celebrate reading through shared literacy-focused activities called Nevada Reading Week.

This year, Nevada Reading Week will be held March 2-6, 2009. This year's theme is **"Discover the Mysteries of the World: Read."** Many local celebrities, parents and community members will participate in the festivities by telling stories and reading to CCSD students. Schools also host exciting literacy-based activities to encourage students to focus on the importance of reading.

The CCSD has long been committed to promoting literacy among students. Each school is equipped with a library and the district employs nearly 300 librarians who provide support to classroom teachers and maintain library services at local schools.

For more information about Nevada Reading Week activities taking place within your community, contact your local school. And remember, reading can be celebrated and enjoyed all year long.

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body."

--Joseph Addison--