



DISTRICT G NEWSLETTER



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

- 03/01/08.....Music in Our Schools Month
- 03/01/08.....Youth Art Month
- 03/05/08.....CCSD Librarians' Day
- 03/09/08.....Daylight Saving Time begins
- 03/20/08.....First Day of Spring

SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING DATE:

- 03/14/08.....Spring Break begins
 - 03/24/08.....Classes resume (after Spring Break)
- For a complete list of calendar dates access
[Important Dates 07-08.pdf](#)

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

- March 10, 2008 12:30 p.m.
- March 27, 2008 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

SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS:

Work Session

- March 10, 2008 9:00 a.m.

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DISTRICT G PAC MEETING:

- March 12, 2008 9:15 a.m.

East Region Office
Corner of Eastern/Vegas Valley

Attendance Zone Advisory Commission (AZAC)

For meeting locations and times, visit
www.ccsd.net

Dear PAC Members:

The year is moving on, and as school looks to our final quarter of the year, it is most important that we work diligently to ensure that all our students are prepared for the upcoming assessments and especially attending school each and every day. I am sure you are working to have this happen in your families.

A special thank you to Eva White and to Mr. Mason's PAC members for their attendance at our joint PAC meeting in February. Although there were some changes to the agenda, I believe we all learned more about the challenges and work the district is doing for our Middle School students.

A good part of our February discussion centered on the continuing need to work for the safety of our students as they come and go to school. The latest events of shootings as students leave school is very concerning, and I believe it will take action from our entire community to put our children first and stop this senseless use of weapons on our often innocent children. To further this discussion, I have invited newly appointed CCSD Police Chief, Phil Arroyo to join our March 12th PAC Meeting. We had discussed earlier in the year that we wanted to know more about the legislation that was approved to give our district officers more responsibility, and I believe that all Metro and city officers are coming together to put a stop to the use of weapons on students as they go back and forth to school. Please plan to join Chief Arroyo for this meeting.

I ask myself what I could do to fight this growing problem. One idea that came to mind is when I am home--and I do have several schools in my area--I would walk outside and observe the students, traffic, and anything that looks out of the ordinary. I will also work to have a neighborhood watch organization in my neighborhood, know my neighbors, and their children. I can be a safe haven, with a nearby cell phone, to quickly call authorities when needed. What can/will you do to help protect our children? Bring your thoughts and ideas to our Wednesday, March 12th meeting. It will be held at the East Region office on the Southeast corner of Valley High School at 9:15 a.m. Principals, would you please ensure that a parent from your school attends this all important meeting? I know that strength lies in numbers, and we can ensure the safety of our children if we **ALL** come together and **DO IT!** Parents, community members, bring a friend. Let's have 40 parents at this meeting, and when we leave we will have the resources to make our own neighborhoods safer. **YOU ARE NEEDED!**

The Board of Trustees is accepting applications for the newly formed Audit Committee. Applications and bylaws of the committee are available by calling the Board of Trustees' office at 799-1072 or you can access the information through the CCSD web site, www.ccsd.net.

Thanks to all of you who works so hard to do your part in helping our students learn. Keep up the good work. It is an honor to work alongside all of you. Remember, I am only a phone/email away. Please contact me with questions and concerns.

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Trustee

Parents & Police Help Keep Students Safe

Safety is a community wide issue that requires the participation and cooperation of everyone. Parental involvement is one way to not only improve school safety, but also contribute to the academic success of students. Parents are their children's first teachers and children will learn a lot from them before they enter the classroom. Parents are encouraged to take an active role with their children and talk to them about what is happening at school. Children should be encouraged to become involved in school activities. This helps to not only promote community involvement, but also provides them with a structured outlet.

It is recommended families review safety procedures and emphasize the importance of personal responsibility. Children need established behavioral expectations and made aware of the consequences of behaving inappropriately. Established consequences requirement enforcement in a prompt and fair manner and encourage positive alternatives. Finally, parents have a responsibility to lock up any guns inside the home and keep them out of the reach of children.

If children are experiencing problems at school, parents should never hesitate to contact teachers or school administration. By working with schools early to address behavioral problems, parents can ensure that students receive the support they need to succeed both in and out of the classroom. Watch for any unusual behavior by children and seek assistance from the school or other resources.



Instruct children on how to identify police.

Keeping weapons out of the hands of children and ensuring students have a safe place to learn is of paramount importance to the Clark County School District. Students are asked to report any unusual behavior, acts of violence, threats or other suspicious activity to their school, school police or other law enforcement agencies. All threats are taken seriously and thoroughly investigated. Remind your child to pay attention to details, such as physical descriptions or car license plates, so that the information can be reported in case of an emergency.

The district is working with all local law enforcement agencies to increase police presence in the communities around Clark County schools. These agencies will collaborate to assess any potential threats and respond accordingly. Children should be instructed on how to identify Las Vegas Metropolitan Police, Clark County School District Police and other law enforcement officers by their uniforms and vehicles. CCSD's Police Department is a recognized police agency with more than 100 officers dedicated to providing a safe and secure environment conducive to learning. Two officers are assigned to every high school and one officer is placed at most middle schools in the district.

In addition to school police, a Crisis Management Team is also available to determine threat assessment and provide counseling and other services in the event of a critical incident. The Crisis Management team works closely with community emergency responders and government agencies across the valley to prepare for and prevent against critical events. Threat assessment services are also available through a trained staff that includes school psychologists and counselors. Their primary responsibility is to work with school police and assist schools in identifying those students who have made threats to themselves or others. Training and awareness activities continue in all areas of crisis management and school safety. All CCSD schools have crisis plans on site to provide support for students and staff in the event of a crisis and ultimately, to keep them out of harm's way.

The safety of Clark County students and staff continues to be a priority for the school district. Through on-going communication with local law enforcement and with the help of dedicated community members, CCSD can continue its mission of giving students the knowledge, skills, attitudes and ethics necessary to succeed academically and practice responsible citizenship, at a justifiable cost. Residents are encouraged to organize volunteer efforts at local schools, attend monthly PAC meetings hosted by trustees and attend board meetings to share their opinions and suggestions on student safety. Additionally, district personnel and community volunteers have formed the Look out, Kids About Safety Coalition to ensure student safety while traveling to and from school. For more information about this new community partnership, visit www.lookoutkidsabout.com.