



A-TEAM NEWSLETTER



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APRIL 2008

District A

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION
ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- 04/14/08.....Staff Development Day
- 05/26/08.....Memorial Day
- 06/04/08.....Last Day of School
(9 month)
- 06/18/08.....Last Day of School
(modified 9 month)

For a complete list of calendar dates access
[CCSD 2007-2008 School Calendar](#)

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

- April 10, 2008, 4:00 p.m.
- April 24, 2008, 4:00 p.m.
- May 08, 2008, 4:00 p.m.
- May 21, 2008, 4:00 p.m. (Adoption Final Budget)
- May 22, 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
Access the district's website [Clark County School District](#)

SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS:

- April 3, 2008, 8:30 a.m. (Ends Retreat)
- April 7, 2008, 9:00 a.m. (Budget Work Session)
- April 15, 2008, 10:30 a.m. (FCC Requirements)
- Edward A. Greer Education Center, Board Room
2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121

April 4, 2008, 10:00 a.m. (Officer's Meeting)
Administrative Center, Conference Room 466
5100 W. Sahara Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89146

April 30, 2008, 4:00 p.m. (Community Linkage/
Principals Meeting)

The location for the above meeting will be
announced as scheduled.

PROGRESS REPORTS UNSATISFACTORY NOTICES DISTRIBUTED:

In addition to the parent communication system
available on school websites, Progress Reports/
Unsatisfactory Notices will be distributed to
students on 5/2/08. If your child is absent on the
above date, please contact your child's school to
make arrangements to receive the notice.

Please Note: Notices will not be mailed home.

TEACHERS WILL ISSUE QUARTER GRADES FOR THE 2007- 2008 SCHOOL YEAR ON:

Quarter:	Quarter Ends:	Report Cards
Three	March 28	April 16
Four	June 4	June 13-mailed

Happy April! I am enjoying the beautiful desert springtime.

We are carefully monitoring the budget cuts that appear to be imminent. We are grateful that the governor is working to save education from further cuts in the latest revenue forecast of shortfalls. The board will have a budget work session on April 7, at 9:00 in the Board room, where we will have further discussion on how the 4.5% reductions will impact CCSD. The superintendent and board are working to keep the cuts as far from the classroom as possible.

The recent semester math scores that were widely publicized were a great disappointment. The exams were initiated last year to improve mathematics instruction and learning across the district. They were developed by math teachers, administrators, and other experts, and were administered District wide for the first time in January of 2008 in Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II. The tests were aligned to state standards and CCSD's curriculum. I have had many questions raised about the test results and the validity of the exams. I think as a community we are also asking about math preparation in the lower grades. I feel that we need to learn from what happened and improve. Superintendent Rulfes is assembling an expert committee for the purpose of fully investigating the math exam failure and making recommendations. He is also scheduling meetings with all math department chairs in the coming weeks. I appreciate his efforts. We will discuss the exam and results at the next A-Team/Southeast Region PAC meeting on **Thursday, April 10 at 9:30 a.m. at Greenspun Junior High School.**

Thank you for your interest in the education that our students are receiving.

Mary Beth

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

DISTRICT A-TEAM MEETINGS: Plan on joining us for the District A-Team Meeting on Thursday, May 8, 2008, at 9:30 a.m., at Greenspun JHS, 140 N. Valle Verde, Henderson, Nevada. A-TEAM Meetings are not held during the summer months and will resume in September.

2008 GRADUATION CALENDAR: Click on the below link for a complete listing of schools, locations, dates, and times for 2008 Graduation! [2008 Graduation Calendar](#)

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