



August 2008

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

08/25/08	First Day of School
09/01/08	Labor Day
10/03/08	Staff Development Day
10/31/08	Nevada Day Obs.
11/04/08	Staff Development Day
11/10-11/08	Veterans Day Obs.
11/27/08	Thanksgiving Day
11/28/08	Family Day
12/19/08	Winter Break Begins
01/01/09	New Year's Day
01/05/09	Classes Resume (after Winter Break)

BOARD MEETINGS

Edward A Greer Education Center, Board Room
2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121
Access the district's website at www.ccsd.net
for board agendas and reference material
or contact the Board of School Trustees Office at
799-1072 for further information.

August 14, 2008, 4:00 p.m.
August 18, 2008, 9:00 a.m. Work Session
August 28, 2008, 4:00 p.m.
Adoption of Calendar of Board Meetings

September 3, 2008, 9:00 a.m. Work Session
September 11, 2008, 4:00 p.m.
September 25, 2008, 4:00 p.m.

October 1, 2008, 9:00 a.m. Work Session
October 2, 2008, 4:00 p.m.
October 23, 2008, 4:00 p.m.

November 5, 2008, 9:00 a.m. Work Session
November 6, 2008, 4:00 p.m.
November 20, 2008, 4:00 p.m.

December 3, 2008, 9:00 a.m. Work Session
December 11, 2008, 4:00 p.m.

January 5, 2009, 4:00 p.m. Oath of Office
January 8, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
Organization and Regular Board Meeting
January 22, 2009, 4:00 p.m.

A Year End Note from The Board Of School Trustees

This June over 13,000 diplomas were awarded to high school seniors who met all CCSD requirements for graduation and passed all portions of the Nevada State High School Proficiency Exam. Of those, more than 5,000 were honors and advanced diplomas. We would like to congratulate all those students and their parents and families for achieving this life goal. We wish you continued success in your future endeavors.

This year has brought many successes to the district and its students and staff. The CCSD was one of only 10 large districts in the United States to make adequate yearly progress under the Federal No Child Left Behind. Sandy Miller Elementary School was named the top magnet school in the nation and six CCSD high schools were listed by U.S. News & World Report as some of the best high schools in America. Throughout the year, hundreds of teachers were honored on national, state, local and school levels for their commitment to providing a quality education to Clark County students. We applaud everyone for their efforts over the last year and look forward to the successes the coming school year will bring.

YOUR OPINION MATTERS ON "SCHOOL MATTERS"

Join us for the Back to School Edition of the School Matters Program. This live one hour, call-in television show allows parents, teachers, students and community members to call in and have their questions answered on air by the trustees, and their guests.

Vegas PBS Channel 10
Thursday, August 14, 2008, 8:00 p.m.
799-5111

Find out about important Back to School issues regarding safety, student attire, new teachers and more!

Safety Reminder

For 82 year-round CCSD schools, class is still in session thru July.

We remind all Clark County community members to be mindful of those students still in class and to continue to obey all traffic and school signs.



CCSD RAVES About Outstanding District Employees

As part of the district's ongoing customer service program, the RAVE Review campaign provides the public, district employees, parents and students an opportunity to recognize outstanding employees who provide outstanding customer service beyond the normal requirements of their job description.

RAVE stands for Recognize a Valued Employee.

This year, more than 1,600 employees received recognition for going above and beyond the call of duty. Employees who received RAVE Reviews during the past year were invited to the annual reception.

This year's event was held at Valley High School on May 14. More than 300 employees attended. Superintendent Walt Rulffes and several School Board Members congratulated the recipients and presented them with a gold CCSD "Committed to Courtesy" pin.

RAVE Review recipients in attendance were also treated to two tickets to see "Defending the Caveman" at the Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino. Additionally, Tropicana Hotel and Casino along with "Bodies the Exhibition" and "Titanic the Artifact Exhibition" provided ticket packages for a raffle held at the end of the ceremony.



Trustees and Superintendent Rulffes honor outstanding employees for their commitment to customer service at the annual 2008 RAVE Review Ceremony

Special thanks to Kirvin Doak Communications, Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino, Defending the Caveman, Tropicana Hotel and Casino, Bodies the Exhibition and Titanic the Artifact Exhibition for generously providing prizes for the district's outstanding employees.

Submitting a RAVE Review is simple. Just fill out a RAVE Review card available at any district office, school or region location. Each employee receives a copy of the RAVE card and a certificate from the District signed by the Superintendent as recognition for going the extra mile.

Audit Committee Members Selected

At the May 22 meeting of the Board of School Trustees the following individuals were named to the board's Audit Committee:

Craig Bilotta, Erlinda B. Penafior, Warren Kim, Donald R. Layton and Joe R. Sucedo, Jr. Committee members will serve as volunteers for two years.

The committee was formed by the school board to review the elements that go into district audits and to advise trustees on how they can serve the needs of the community. The trustees hope to receive

input from the committee on how the district ensures fiscal accountability and maintains accurate accounting principles and feedback that will enable them to strengthen the community's trust in the honesty and integrity of public officials.

The new committee members were selected from a pool of applicants. They come with varied and impressive skills and experience in finance and financial reporting and possess credentials in one or more of the following areas; business finance, law, accounting, auditing, government finance and/or corporate finance.

Summer Learning Guide Available for Parents

When school is out and summer begins, student learning doesn't have to stop.

In order to help CCSD parents reinforce the importance of learning during the summer months, the district has put together a "Fun Learning: Summer Activities" guide.

The guide also includes summer reading lists for several grades, suggestions for encouraging your child to read, a letter from the Superintendent and more.



The guide will arrive in your mailbox in the next few weeks. It can also be found at

ccsd.net/learn. More resources on helping students stay on course during the summer can be found at www.growparents.net.

Clark County School District Board of School Trustees Mission Statement:

Clark County School District students have the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and ethics necessary to succeed academically and practice responsible citizenship, at a justifiable cost.

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