



DISTRICT A

NEWSLETTER



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2010 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

05/31/10	Memorial Day
06/02/10	Last Day of School (9 month)
07/05/10	Independence Day (observed)
07/08/10	Last Day of School (track 5)
08/03/10	Last Day of School (track 1)
08/04/10	Last Day of School (track 2)
08/05/10	Last Day of School (tracks 3 & 4)

For a complete list of calendar dates access

[CCSD 2010 School Calendar](#)

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

- May 13, 2010, 4:00 p.m.
- May 27, 2010, 4:00 p.m.
- June 24, 2010, 4:00 p.m.
- July 8, 2010, 4:00 p.m.
- July 22, 2010, 4:00 p.m.

Board meetings are held on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month, unless otherwise *noted:

Edward A Greer Education Center, Board Room
2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121

Access the district's website [Clark County School District](#)

WORK SESSION MEETINGS:

- May 05, 2010, 9:00 a.m.
- June 02, 2010, 2:00 p.m.
- July 07, 2010, 9:00 a.m.

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PLEASE NOTE Work Sessions are held on Wednesday morning or afternoon; alternating meeting dates.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING:

May 19, 2010, 5:30 p.m. *Adoption of Final Budget
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UNSATISFACTORY NOTICES DISTRIBUTED:

In addition to the parent communication system available on school websites, Progress Reports/Unsatisfactory Notices for students will be distributed on:

- 9 month distributed:
10/01/09, 01/14/10 and 4/22/10
- 12 month, tracks 1, 2, distributed:
10/23/09, 03/05/10 and 6/18/10
- 12 month, tracks 3, 4, 5 distributed:
10/02/09, 02/12/10 and 5/14/10
- modified 9 month distributed:
10/16/09, 03/01/10 and 05/12/10

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.

REPORT CARDS: Contact your child's school regarding distribution date of report cards.



In April, my A-TEAM meeting was at Mannion Middle School. It was my pleasure to have Dr. Walt Rulfes (CCSD Superintendent, NV Superintendent of the Year and one of four finalists for the national title of Superintendent of the year) speak to us. He spoke about some of the budget challenges we will be facing as well as some of the programs we are moving forward without additional funding because they have been so successful.

As a Board, we hosted a Community Linkage meeting at Liberty High School in April as well. Trustees Edwards and Moulton lead the discussion. The group that attended came away with a better understanding of Policy Governance for the information that was shared that night.

In May, my A-Team meeting was the second public input on what the new Superintendent qualities and characteristics should be. You can still voice your opinion on <http://ccsd.net/search/> by filling out an online survey or by attending one of the public input meeting we have scheduled. For a list of times and dates see the same web site.

In the news, we have seen and heard about so many tragic accidents lately. The loss of life so young is a hard pill to swallow. I would encourage each family to sit down and talk about the safety rules that each of us needs to follow to stay safe each day. As drivers we need to SLOW DOWN and watch for pedestrians in all the forms and fashions. Getting to a destination 5-10 seconds sooner is not worth a life. Visit <http://www.lookoutkidsabout.org> for more information on what you can do to help your school and community become safer.



MARK YOUR CALENDERS –

6/30/10 - Keeping Kids in School, Community Linkage Meeting,
5:00 pm Del Sol High School

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ADDITIONAL NOTES:

2010 GRADUATION CALENDAR: Click on the below link for a complete listing of schools, locations, dates, and times for 2010 Graduation! [2010 Graduation Calendar](#)

SUMMER SCHOOL INFORMATION: Sessions begin June 14, 2010 – July 1, 2010 and July 6, 2010 – July 23, 2010. Call 855-9751 or on the web at [2010 SUMMER SCHOOL](#)

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICE DEPARTMENT: Operation Crime Free Schools. Call **Tip Hotline: 799-0228** the school district police to report suspicious activity at your school. You can remain anonymous.

HOMEWORK HOTLINE: 799-5111 Monday – Thursday, 3:30p.m. – 5:30p.m. Assistance in all subjects. Now on Cox Cable and Channels 96 and 111

LOOK OUT KIDS ABOUT

Mission:

Kids About-A Safety Coalition is a community coalition formed to change the culture of poor driver behavior in school zones, along school walking/biking routes, and near school bus stops in Clark County by:

- Educating drivers to improve driving habits;
- Educating kids to instill safe walking and biking habits; and
- Creating a mutual respect between pedestrians and drivers.

Background:

During the 2005-06 school year, at least 36 documented accidents, three resulting in fatalities, were reported near Clark County School District campuses. Such staggering numbers prompted our community to join forces to reduce the traffic dangers our children face on their way to and from school. Several factors contributed to these accidents: poor driver habits, over crowded schools, road construction, limited crosswalk visibility and poor pedestrian habits.


Community Partners:

Kids About has been working with the following community partners to make the streets of our community safer for kids:

- AAA Nevada
- City of Henderson
- City of Las Vegas
- City of North Las Vegas
- Clark County
- Clark County School District
- Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
- Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles
- Nevada Department of Transportation
- Nevada Highway Patrol
- Nevada Office of Traffic Safety
- Nevada PTA
- Regional Transportation Commission
- Safe Community Partnership (UNLV)
- Southern Nevada Health District
- University Medical Center (UMC)

Accomplishments:

Since December 2005, **Kids About** has developed or supported several initiatives to improve the safety of our children on their way to and from school. The following are just a few of our accomplishments:

- NRS 484.399 Change (20ft Parking Restriction at **all** Crosswalks) *Signed into Law in 2007*
 - NRS 391.275 Change (Expanded School Police Jurisdiction) *Signed into Law in 2007*
 - School Crosswalk Stencil Project
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- School Zone Safety Toolkit
 - NV Safe Routes to School Grant (\$185,688)

Goals:

During every school year, **Kids About** will attempt to raise awareness of traffic safety near our schools through media campaigns and educational programs. Principals and school parent groups will be encouraged to form traffic safety committees. These traffic safety committees will “proactively” work on making our routes to and from school safer for children utilizing the principles outlined in the Federal Highway Administration’s Safe Routes to School Program.

Safety Message:

Please help us make this school year safer for our students.

- Slow down in school zones.
- Do not park close to school route crosswalks.
- Refrain from using cellular phones while driving near schools or school bus stops.
- Know the condition of the route your children take to and from school.



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Do you know Nevada's traffic laws?

- No stopping or parking on crosswalks
- No parking within 20 feet of "all" crosswalks
- No backing up onto a crosswalk
- No parking on the sidewalks
- No parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant
- No parking in the fire lane
- The speed limit on ALL CCSD campuses is 5 mph



Do you know your child's route to school?

Construction projects within school zones, on school routes or near school bus stops have a serious impact on the safety of our children. Lack of communication between developers, local governments, school staff and parents puts our children at risk every day.



Teach your children traffic safety.

- Cross within the crosswalks
- STOP, LOOK, and LISTEN for traffic
- LOOK LEFT, LOOK RIGHT and then LOOK LEFT again
- Always walk with a "buddy"
- Never talk to strangers on your way to and from school
- Walk bikes, scooters & skateboards in crosswalks
- See and be seen near high profile vehicles

Are your kids listening?

A child does not stand a chance against any vehicle no matter how invincible our kids believe they are. When crosswalks are provided, our kids need to be encouraged to use them. Drivers also need to learn patience and yield to pedestrians; it's the law!

