



# YOU PAC NEWSLETTER



Dr. Linda E. Young

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District C

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2009 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- 03/02/09\*\* Full Day (snow make-up day)
- 04/03/09 Spring Break Begins
- 04/13/09\*\* Classes Resume\*\* (after Spring Break)
- 05/25/09 Memorial Day
- 06/04/09 Last Day of School (9 month)

For a complete list access [CCSD 2009 School Calendar](#)

### REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

- March 12, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
- March 26, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
- April 02, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
- April 23, 2009, 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:

- March 03, 2009, 5:30 p.m.
- March 13, 2009, 8:00 a.m. (Culley ES)
- March 25, 2009, 9:00 a.m.
- April 01, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

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

**PLEASE NOTE:** Work Sessions are now held on Wednesday mornings.

### UNSATISFACTORY NOTICES DISTRIBUTED:

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

9 month distributed:

10/02/08, 01/16/09, 4/24/09

12 month, tracks 3, 4, 5 distributed:

10/02/08, 02/13/09, 5/22/09

12 month, tracks 1 & 2 distributed:

10/24/08, 03/06/09, 06/19/09

modified 9 month distributed:

09/19/08, 11/26/08, 02/13/09, 05/08/09

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 the distribution date of report cards

### Legislative Updates Available Online

Visit [www.leg.state.nv.us](http://www.leg.state.nv.us) to find your representatives, contact your legislators, keep up on the latest session news, follow specific bills and see a calendar of hearings and opportunities to participate.

Dear District "C" Parents, Principals, CCSD Staff, Students, Community, and Friends:

March is the time that we officially recognize as the beginning of spring: a season of growth and new beginnings. In District C, we are starting our journey of new growth and new beginnings with a renewed and invigorated commitment to victorious achievement for all of our students. I need your ideas, support, and most of all your belief in yourself, your child or students, and the transforming power of education to change positive outcomes in your life, family, school, and our community.

**I am extending a special invitation to each of you: parent, principal, CCSD staff, students, the community, and friends of education, to attend our second YOU PAC meeting scheduled for 9:00 a.m., on Wednesday, March 18, 2009,** at West Prep Preparatory Institute School for Academic Excellence at Charles I. West, (**West Prep School**), **2050 Sapphire Stone Ave., 799-3120.** At this meeting, we will begin a draft of District C's Vision Statement, Mission Statement, Goals, and School/Community Programs and Activities. This planning meeting will begin the process of identifying a calendar for District C school activities, District C committees, school programs and challenges, updated CCSD and District C information, and community organization linkages and programs. The 2009-2010 components of the District C Programs will be finalized by August 2009 and presented to schools and the community in September 2009 in the format of a PowerPoint, brochure, calendar, and websites of educational links and information.

**I am requesting that each District C school sends two parent representatives, one administrator and/or other identified staff to the March 18, 2009, meeting to "Meet and Greet" members from various community organizations who are interested in forming partnerships with schools in District C.** In September 2009, I will be providing all participating District C Schools with special recognition of your administration and staff along with your parent representatives for your commitment to educational excellence and community collaborations at our "2009 District C School Year Kick-Off" Event.

Additionally, Dr. Robert L. Green, author of "Expectations: How Teacher Expectations Can Increase Student Achievement and Assist in Closing the Achievement Gap" will be our keynote speaker and provide a summary of his book and how it can improve student achievement in the home and school. Dr. Green will emphasize the most recent research, best practices, and selected bibliography on this topic of "high expectations."

I continue to be encouraged about the potential for academic success for all students. Education is the key that unlocks our students' academic potential. We all play a significant role in providing the vision, educational techniques, skills, and support to accomplish this important task of student achievement. Please know that I need your leadership in District C so that we will be the change agents of a caring community through commitment, communication, and collaboration for all the children. Those are my 7 C's for District C. I look forward to working with each of you. Thank you.

Yours for Excellence in Education,

Dr. Linda E. Young, School Board Trustee, District C,  
Clark County School District

## CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Operation Crime Free Schools

**TIP HOTLINE: 799-0228**

Call the school police to report suspicious activity at your school.

*You can remain anonymous*

Coming up on the next  
**School Matters:  
Legislative Updates**  
Get the latest information  
on legislative issues  
affecting K-12 education

**Thursday, April 16, 2009  
8:00-9:00 p.m.  
Vegas PBS, Channel 10**

## 2009 YOUPAC MEETING DATE AND HOSTING SCHOOL

### 2009

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 18, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

School: West Prep

Address: 2050 Sapphire Stone Avenue

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 15, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

School: Twin Lakes ES

Address: 3300 Riverside Drive

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 20, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

School: Claude & Stella Parson ES

Address: 4100 Thom Blvd

Date/Time: Wednesday, June 17, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

School: Jay W. Jeffers ES

Address: 2320 Clifford Street

Date/Time: Wednesday, September 16, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

School: Sandy Miller ES

Address: 4851 East Lake Mead

Date/Time: Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

School: Ruth Fyfe ES

Address: 4101 West Bonanza Road

Date/Time: Wednesday, November 18, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

School: H. P. Fitzgerald ES

Address: 2651 N. Revere Street

Date/Time: Wednesday, December 16, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

School: Robert Gibson Middle School

Address: 3900 West Washington Ave.

## Speak Up for K-12 Education

75<sup>th</sup> regular session of the Nevada State Legislature is under way now

As the Nevada State Legislature moves into its 75<sup>th</sup> 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 75<sup>th</sup> regular session of the Nevada State Legislature is under way,

**Visit the Nevada State Legislature's website** at [www.leg.state.nv.us](http://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](http://www.investk12nevada.org).

**Find out who your representatives are** by visiting [www.leg.state.nv.us](http://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](http://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--**