



# DISTRICT C: THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



**Dr. Linda E. Young**

**“Students First: It Takes a Village to Educate a Child.”**

## MAY 2010

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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 listing 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

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

### 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.

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

May is often seen as the month of new growth following the formal introduction of spring. The Clark County School District (CCSD) is potentially in the process of new growth, not in numbers, but perhaps in other ideas and processes. With our severe budget cuts for the past two years, challenge of obtaining a new superintendent, and lower student and staff projections, we are at a crossroad of a new journey.

A major challenge for the Superintendent and the Board of Trustees is to have a balanced budget for final approval this month. Information is posted on the CCSD Web site in an effort to keep parents, employees, taxpayers, and students apprised of the budget preparation process. (Go to [www.ccsd.net](http://www.ccsd.net))

It is also important for you to be aware that the Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCBs) have been authorized by the federal government through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA – the federal stimulus program). The CCSD has received a total allocation of \$110,245,000 for QSCBs for calendar years 2009 and 2010, and a sale of these bonds is planned for summer 2010. In the fall of 2009, the Bond Oversight Committee and Board of School Trustees approved a list of modernization projects totaling \$104 million, to be funded through the sale of QSCBs. In March 2010, the District was notified that it was being allocated over \$6 million more for QSCBs. A proposed project list in the amount of \$6,245,000—which continues to address the unfunded portion of the previously approved projects list – will be submitted for future approval by the Bond Oversight Committee and Board of School Trustees.

The Board of Trustees has begun the process of hiring a replacement for Superintendent Rulfes. We will be hiring an executive search firm to assist the Board in:

1. Establishing a profile of the ideal superintendent
2. Identifying prospective candidates from around the nation and locally
3. Submitting a list of finalists to the Board for its consideration

Public input from school staff and community will be critical to the superintendent search process. See the schedule of upcoming events below: May (ongoing) - [Public input meetings, survey, etc.](#)

May 21 - Deadline for search firms to submit proposals

May 27 - Search firm finalists selected

June 1 - Board interviews finalists and hires search firm

June 9 - Search firm presents timeline for Board consideration

If needed, Superintendent Rulfes has agreed to extend his tenure for a few months, until a new superintendent is identified. No decisions on this timeline or the possible need for an interim superintendent have been made at this point.

Join us at the next Village meeting as we discuss 2010 -2011 budget updates, Superintendent search, summer and other school programs, graduation updates, career education issues, and school exams results. Remember: **“It Takes A Village to Educate A Child.”** **Also a part of The Village success format, our next meeting is scheduled on** Wednesday, May 19, 2010, 9:00 a.m., Myrtle Tate Elementary School, Library, 2450 N. Lincoln Road, Las Vegas, NV 89115 Las Vegas, Phone: 799-7360. Looking forward to seeing you at the May 19<sup>th</sup> Village Meeting. Please come and bring a family member and a friend. **YOU ARE THE KEY TO OUR SUCCESS!**

Yours for Excellence in Education,

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

### 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

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## Teachers at Space Camp

Three Clark County School District (CCSD) teachers, Cara Heck, Knudson Middle School; Diane Albright, Del Webb Middle School and Jeff Buchbaum, Monaco Middle School have been selected to attend a program sponsored by Honeywell and to be held at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama (otherwise known as Space Camp).

The purpose of the program is to further the training of teachers who are involved in Math and Science instruction. This year, 220 teachers were selected from an International pool to participate in this program.



*Pictured above is Dakota Jones*

## Nevada State Spelling Bee

The Nevada State Spelling Bee was held at Faith Lutheran High School on March 20, 2010. Dakota Jones, 7th grade student at Hyde Park Middle School, is Nevada's top Speller.

Dakota will travel to Washington DC to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

The championship word was dandiacal and was preceded by rheological, concomitance, apothem and baryon (to name a few!!) Congratulations to Dakota.



## Clark County School District Graduation Schedule

CCSD graduations will be held from May 26 through June 11, 2010.

Congratulations to all of the graduating seniors!

To view the graduation schedule, please visit the website at <http://www.ccsd.net/news/pdf/20100419-1061294060.pdf>.

## Top Ten Finalists in Environmental Essay Contest

*High school winner receives 12-day eco-tour of Australia*

The CCSD School-Community Partnership Program, in conjunction with America's Schools Program and NV Energy, announced the 10 finalists in its 2010 Environmental Essay Contest:

Matthew Brueckmann, Green Valley HS  
James Bui, Del Sol HS  
Amanda Burns, Foothill HS  
Sharon Fang, Clark HS  
Lidiya Kilchenko, ATA  
Philip Mercurio, Northwest CTA  
McKenna Murray, ATA  
Marcela Rodriguez, Foothill HS  
Alex Thistlethwaite, Green Valley HS  
Alyse Williams, ATA

The winner will be announced on May 22, at the Environmental Youth Summit at the Las Vegas Springs Preserve. The contest, which was open to ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students, was launched last December with the grand prize winner being named as the America's Schools Program Environmental Youth Ambassador for Nevada and will receive an all-expense paid 12-day eco-tour of Australia in June.

The purpose of the contest is to inspire and influence students to learn more about the protection of the environment and wildlife, with a focus on sustainability, conservation and education.

## Public input sought for Superintendent Search

Several meetings have been planned throughout the month of May to allow members of the community the opportunity to provide input on the Superintendent Search.

An **online survey** will be available to give your opinion beginning on May 10 and running through May 31 by accessing [www.ccsd.net](http://www.ccsd.net).

**Four town hall meetings** have been scheduled as follows:

May 17, 2010, at 9:30 a.m.  
Cimarron Memorial HS  
2301 N. Tenya Way, Las Vegas

May 22, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.  
West Prep  
2050 Sapphire Stone Ave., Las Vegas

May 25, 2010, at 9:00 a.m.  
Del Sol HS  
3100 E. Patrick Lane, Las Vegas

May 26, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.  
Mojave HS  
5302 Goldfield St., North Las Vegas

More information regarding the superintendent search can be found at [www.ccsd.net/search](http://www.ccsd.net/search) or by contacting the Board Office at 799-1072.



Harmon Elementary School teacher Jim Dolan made his annual skydive at the April 16 PTA Carnival. Dolan, a professional skydiver, has made over 4000 jumps.

## 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

### DISTRICT C: "THE VILLAGE" MEETING DATE AND HOSTING SCHOOL

#### 2010 – 2011

<b>Date/Time:</b> Wednesday, May 19, 2010, 9:00 a.m.	
<b>School:</b> Myrtle Tate ES, Library	<b>Phone:</b> 799-7360
<b>Address:</b> 2450 N. Lincoln Road, Las Vegas, NV 89115	
<b>Date/Time:</b> Wednesday, June 16, 2010, 9:00 a.m.	
<b>School:</b> Fay Herron ES, Library	<b>Phone:</b> 799-7123
<b>Address:</b> 2421 N. Kenneth, N. Las Vegas, NV 89030	
<b>Date/Time:</b> Wednesday, September 15, 2010, 9:00 a.m.	
<b>School:</b> Jim Bridger MS, Library	<b>Phone:</b> 799-7185
<b>Address:</b> 2505 N. Bruce Street, North Las Vegas, NV 89030	
<b>Date/Time:</b> Wednesday, October 20, 2010, 9:00 a.m.	
<b>School:</b> Ira Earl ES, Library	<b>Phone:</b> 799-7310
<b>Address:</b> 1463 Marion Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89110	
<b>Date/Time:</b> Wednesday, November 17, 2010, 9:00 a.m.	
<b>School:</b> Ed Von Tobel MS, Library	<b>Phone:</b> 799-7280
<b>Address:</b> 2436 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89115	
<b>Date/Time:</b> Wednesday, December 15, 2010, 9:00 a.m.	
<b>School:</b> Theron Swainston MS, Library	<b>Phone:</b> 799-4860
<b>Address:</b> 3500 W. Gilmore Avenue, North Las Vegas, NV 89032	
<b>Date/Time:</b> Wednesday, January 19, 2011, 9:00 a.m.	
<b>School:</b> Jo Mackey ES, Library	<b>Phone:</b> 799-7139
<b>Address:</b> 2726 Englestad, North Las Vegas, NV 89030	
<b>Date/Time:</b> Wednesday, February 16, 2011, 9:00 a.m.	
<b>School:</b> Ann Lynch ES, Library	<b>Phone:</b> 799-8820
<b>Address:</b> 4850 Kell Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89115	
<b>Date/Time:</b> Wednesday, March 16, 2011, 9:00 a.m.	
<b>School:</b> Elbert Edwards ES, Library	<b>Phone:</b> 799-7320
<b>Address:</b> 4551 Diamond Head, Las Vegas, NV 89110	
<b>Date/Time:</b> Wednesday, April 13, 2011, 9:00 a.m.	
<b>School:</b> Ollie Detwiler ES, Library	<b>Phone:</b> 799-1830
<b>Address:</b> 1960 Ferrell Street, Las Vegas, NV 89106	
<b>Date/Time:</b> Wednesday, May 18, 2011, 9:00 a.m.	
<b>School:</b> Hyde Park MS, Library	<b>Phone:</b> 799-4260
<b>Address:</b> 900 Hinson Street, Las Vegas, NV 89107	
<b>Date/Time:</b> Wednesday, June 15, 2011, 9:00 a.m.	
<b>School:</b> Ruben P. Diaz ES, Library	<b>Phone:</b> 799-2120
<b>Address:</b> 4450 E. Owens Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89115	