



# F-TROOP

## NEWSLETTER



*Carolyn Edwards*

**APRIL 2018**

**District F:  
F-TROOP**

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:  
04/02/18 No School for Students  
and Licensed Employees  
05/28/18 Memorial Day

For a complete list of calendar dates access  
[CCSD 2017-2018 School Calendar](#)

### PARENTS/STUDENTS

Thursday, May 24, 2018 (Last day of School)

**REMINDER: First day of class for all CCSD schools  
will be Monday, August 13, 2018**

### REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

- \*April 11, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
- April 26, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
- May 10, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
- May 17, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
- June 14, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
- June 28, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
- July 12, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
- August 9, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
- August 23, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
- September 13, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
- September 27, 2018, 5:00 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 web site [Clark County School District](#)

### WORK SESSION MEETINGS

- April 4, 2018, 8:00 a.m.
- May 2, 2018, 8:00 a.m.
- June 6, 2018, 8:00 a.m.
- July 11, 2018, 8:00 a.m.
- August 1, 2018, 8:00 a.m.
- September 5, 2018, 8:00 a.m.

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### SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

**May 21, 2018, 5:30 p.m.** (Adoption of Final Budget)  
Edward A Greer Education Center, Board Room  
2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121

Dear District F Constituents, Parents, Staff, Students and Friends:

This Wednesday, April 4th, is an important milestone in our search for a new superintendent. This meeting will be live web streamed and I hope many of you will attend or watch. We will be discussing with the search firm the quality of the candidates and hopefully narrow the field to finalists. Interviews will be held on April 12th, with community meetings on the 13th and 14th. Times and locations for the community meetings will most likely be firmed up during our meeting on the 4th. I am happy to say we have a deep, broad candidate pool including internal and external candidates.

On March 22nd, the board heard public comment on whether to move forward with a gender diverse policy. After 5 hours of public comment, the board voted 4-3 to move forward in developing a policy. Trustees Brooks, Cavazos, Wright and myself voted in favor. Trustees Child, Garvey and Young were opposed. Staff will develop a process for putting the policy together. There will be multiple opportunities for further public input on the specific policy language.

Last month, VegasPBS hit their 50th year in operation. We will celebrate their success this month. Happy 50th, VegasPBS!

### Canarelli Middle School students take part in "No One Eats Alone" Day

About 600 sixth-grade students at Canarelli Middle School were among the first in Nevada to take part in the "No One Eats Alone Day" program, held at the school on March 9. The CCSD Equity and Diversity Education Department and the school partnered with Centene Charitable Foundation on the initiative, which aims to help end social isolation as a way to combat bullying by focusing on positive and inclusive activities on campus. Students were challenged to sit with someone new at lunch. Additionally, they took part in conversations, games and other activities. They also signed a banner pledging to make sure no one feels alone in school.

### CCSD earns 26 Merit Awards from Magnet Schools of America

Twenty-three Clark County School District (CCSD) Magnet Schools are recipients of 26 Magnet Schools of America (MSA) Merit Awards for 2017-18. Thirteen Magnet Schools were awarded Schools of Excellence and 11 schools were awarded Schools of Distinction. "We are honored to continuously be recognized, year after year, by MSA for our Magnet Schools' outstanding achievements," said CCSD Superintendent Pat Skorkowsky. "Having four first-time winners on the list is a testament to the impact our Magnet Schools are having on student achievement, and the dedication of those who are in the classroom with our students every day, preparing them for college and career."

**REMINDER:** My next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 9:30am, at Kathy L. Batterman Elementary School. F-TROOP meetings are open to everyone and all are welcome to attend. I hope to see you there! Meeting information for the 2017-18 school year is listed on the next page.

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## 2017 – 2018 SCHOOL YEAR

### DISTRICT F: F-TROOP MEETING DATE AND HOSTING SCHOOL

#### 2017

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

**School:** Charles & Phyllis Frias Elementary School, Library

**Address:** 5800 Broken Top Avenue, Las Vegas, 89141

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, October 11, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

**School:** Judith D. Steele Elementary School, Multi-purpose Room

**Address:** 6995 West Eldorado Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89113

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, November 15, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

**School:** Frank Kim Elementary School, Library

**Address:** 7600 Peace Way, Las Vegas, NV 89147

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, December 13, 2017, 9:30 a.m. *Please note: this is a brunch meeting.*

**Home:**

**Address:** 3777 West Flamingo Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89117

**CANCELED**

#### 2018

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 9:30 a.m.

**School:** M. J. Christensen Elementary School, Library

**Address:** 9001 Mariner Cove Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89117

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, February 14, 2018, 9:30 a.m.

**School:** Wayne N. Tanaka Elementary School, Library

**Address:** 9135 West Maule Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89148

**March:** **\*\*No F-TROOP Meeting held this month.**

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 9:30 a.m.

**School:** Kathy L. Batterman Elementary School, Library

**Address:** 10135 Quail Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89148

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, May 9, 2018, 9:30 a.m.

**School:** Harvey Dondero Elementary School, Library

**Address:** 4450 S. Ridgeville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89103

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## Useful Links

Report a Bully  
[ccsd.net/students/bully/](http://ccsd.net/students/bully/)

CCSD TV  
[tv.ccsd.net/](http://tv.ccsd.net/)

F.A.C.E.S  
<http://faces.ccsd.net/>

Food Services  
<http://ccsd.net/departments/food-service/>

Immunizations – Southern Nevada Health District  
[southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/](http://southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/)

Infinite Campus  
[ccsd.net/parents/infinite-campus.php](http://ccsd.net/parents/infinite-campus.php)

Millennium Scholarship, Prepaid Tuition Program and More  
[nevadatreasurer.gov](http://nevadatreasurer.gov)

Newsroom  
[newsroom.ccsd.net/](http://newsroom.ccsd.net/)

Regional Professional Development Program (RPDP) Math Resources are available online.  
[rpdp.net/](http://rpdp.net/)

Clark County School Achieves  
<http://reorg.ccsd.net/>

School Board Meetings  
[ccsd.net/trustees/meeting-agendas/](http://ccsd.net/trustees/meeting-agendas/)

Student Enrollment  
[ccsd.net/parents/enrollment/](http://ccsd.net/parents/enrollment/)

Transportation  
[ccsd.net/departments/transportation](http://ccsd.net/departments/transportation)

Zoning  
[ccsd.net/schools/zoning/](http://ccsd.net/schools/zoning/)

## Nominations being accepted for New Educator of the Year awards program

Here's your chance to nominate an outstanding teacher for the New Educator of the Year Awards program. Each school year, the Clark County School District (CCSD) recognizes new educators. A new educator is defined as someone who has no prior contracted experience and was hired during the 2017-18 school year. The purpose of the award is to recognize and celebrate outstanding new educators who have demonstrated excellence and dedication to students and the school community. Each recipient will have their picture displayed in the lobby of the Edward A. Greer Education Center. New educators can be nominated by an administrator, colleague, community member, parent or student. The deadline for nominations is April 13.

### 36 CCSD schools take part in Junior Varsity Quiz Tournament

341 students from 36 middle and junior high schools took part in the Junior Varsity Quiz Tournament, held March 17 at Harney Middle School. Becker and Miller Middle Schools will compete in the championship match at Vegas PBS on April 13. Below are the other winners:

#### Blue League room winners:

Cortney MS  
Cram MS  
Mannion MS  
O'Callaghan MS  
White MS

#### Silver League room winners:

Becker MS  
Hyde Park MS  
Miller MS  
Silvestri JHS

For more information, call Kristin Grimm at (702) 799-8474.

### CCSD Student Spaceflight Experiments Program (SSEP) Mission 12 Patch Design Competition

The CCSD Partnership program coordinated a district-wide, two-patch design competition for Mission 12 of the Student Spaceflight Experiments Program. One division of the competition was for K-5, with 1,750 students taking part. The second division of the patch design competition was for grades 6-12, and had 1,100 participants. Students were asked to design a patch representing our community and to include a short written description of their design. The elementary winner was Nevaehrae Lambert, a 5th grade student at Estes McDoniel Elementary School. The secondary winner was Franz Rhanico Domingo, a senior at Chaparral High School.

## New website focuses on superintendent search

What are the desired traits of the next Clark County School District (CCSD) superintendent? What should candidates know about the Las Vegas area? What's the timeline for the superintendent search process?

These are just a few of the highlights of the superintendent search website at [superintendentsearch.ccsd.net](http://superintendentsearch.ccsd.net). The site aims to keep area residents as well as potential candidates informed about the process of choosing a superintendent for the nation's fifth-largest school district. Information is also available on the website of the search firm, Ray and Associates.

The superintendent search website is updated regularly, and includes helpful resources including Fast Facts, the Pledge of Achievement – CCSD's five-year strategic plan, links to meetings during which trustees discussed the superintendent search, and the Ray and Associates job posting.

Below is the timeline for the superintendent search:

April 4: Board to decide during work session on how many candidates will be interviewed on April 12.  
April 12: Board to conduct candidate interviews; Vegas PBS will stream the interviews live on [ccsd.net](http://ccsd.net)  
April 13 and 14: Community meetings  
April 18: Board will vote on the person to whom an offer will be extended.  
June (tentative): New superintendent starts.

Wright discussed the qualifications that the Board of School Trustees would like in the new superintendent. "We are looking for a good communicator, someone who will put students first." Wright said she hopes the new superintendent will expand on current initiatives to improve student achievement that have yielded increases in CCSD's graduation rate and Advanced Placement scores, as well as the number of students attending Magnet Schools.

Wright also noted that the new superintendent will direct staff on and stay abreast of a variety of other issues, from CCSD's capital building program to monitoring education issues throughout Nevada and around the nation. The new superintendent should also be aware of and address concerns expressed by students, employees and the community at large, she said. Wright added, "It's a significant role."

### CSN 15th Annual Science & Technology Expo slated for April 27

The College of Southern Nevada (CSN) 15th Annual Science & Technology Expo is the kickoff for the week-long Las Vegas Science & Technology Festival. The event is scheduled for Friday, April 27, from 9-1 on CSN's North Las Vegas Campus. The expo will expose more than 2,500 middle school and high school students to a variety of high-demand, high-tech and high-wage STEM careers. For more information, call (702) 651-4959.

### Call for entries: High School Photography Contest

The 2018 High School Photography Contest is now accepting digital submissions in five different categories. This is the 51st year of the Clark County School District's High School Photography Contest. Students must enter using their CCSD email address. The entry deadline is April 16. Students must be logged into their CCSD Google account to enter. A direct link to the photo contest submission form can be found at <http://bit.ly/2oQLBZB>. For additional information, contact Cade Cridland at 702-799-5304 or [cridlcm@nv.ccsd.net](mailto:cridlcm@nv.ccsd.net).

## CCSD students help Nevada lead the nation in AP participation & performance gains

Once again, the Clark County School District (CCSD) is being honored nationally for its work to improve college readiness through Advanced Placement (AP) courses and exams – and for its work to improve college readiness for traditionally underserved minority student groups. CCSD students played a large role in helping Nevada earn the largest five-year increase and three-year increase in the percentage of public high school graduates earning a 3 or higher on an Advanced Placement (AP) exam in the nation, according to new data released by The College Board.

- Nevada's five-year increase in the number of students earning a 3 or higher on an AP exam: 8.2 percent points (from 16.5% in 2012 to 24.7% in 2017)
- Nevada's three-year increase in the number of students earning a 3 or higher on an AP exam: 6.6 percent points (from 18.1% in 2014 to 24.7% in 2017)

The percent of public school students in Nevada's graduating class of 2017 scoring a 3 or higher on an AP exam was 24.7 percent, compared to the national average of 22.8 percent. Overall, Nevada ranked 14th in the nation this year.

In the 2016-17 school year, 30,837 CCSD students enrolled in an AP course across all advanced subjects, and students took 25,201 AP exams. Of those total number of exams taken, students scored a 3 or higher on 11,929 exams.

To learn more about AP, visit [exploreap.org](http://exploreap.org).

## Eight CCSD schools receive literacy grants from City National Bank

Eight CCSD schools are among the recipients of City National Awards Literacy Grants, awarded to educators in four states. The CCSD schools receiving the funds are:

Bass Elementary School  
Bracken STEAM Academy  
Eisenberg Elementary School  
Fong Elementary School  
Garehime Elementary School  
Jydstrup Elementary School  
Fong Elementary School  
West Career and Technical Academy

Through its "Reading is The way up" program, City National Bank awarded nearly 60 literacy grants totaling more than \$53,000 to support literacy-based projects as well as financial literacy to elementary, middle and high schools in Nevada, California, New York and Georgia.

The grants range from \$500 to \$1,000 and will help augment or expand literacy projects that were judged to be creative and engaging, and that would have a tangible effect on student achievement.

## Clark County School District Adopt-a-Country Program

On March 3, 1,480 students, teachers and chaperones attended the USA Sevens International Rugby tournament in Las Vegas. The CCSD Partnership program worked with partners at USA Sevens Rugby and HSBC to select 16 schools to participate in the 2017-18 Adopt-a-Country Program. Each school learned about one of the 16 countries competing in the tournament. Winners of the essay contest also participated in the USA Sevens Rugby Parade of Nations with the Rugby teams on March 1 in downtown Las Vegas.

## News from The Public Education Foundation

A Tribute to the Arts Concert Series will present its fifth Sousa Concert at 6:30 p.m. on April 11 in Reynolds Hall of The Smith Center. The concert is a partnership among Clark County School District (CCSD), The Smith Center and The Public Education Foundation.

In addition to the concert, there will be a pre-show in Symphony Park during which theatre students will perform, starting at 5:15 p.m. There also will be a student art exhibit in the Grand Lobby of The Smith Center. The event showcases the considerable talent found in CCSD.

Tickets for the concert are \$12 each. Proceeds from ticket sales support arts programs in public schools and the Artists 4 Kidz program, an initiative of The Public Education Foundation. Call (702) 799-1042 or email [info@ccpef.org](mailto:info@ccpef.org) for more information about purchasing tickets or being a sponsor of the concert series.

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