



# F-TROOP

## NEWSLETTER



*Carolyn Edwards*

### DECEMBER 2016

*District F:  
F-TROOP*

#### IMPORTANT DATES

##### FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

12/19/16-01/02/17	Winter Break
01/16/17	Martin Luther King Day
02/20/17	Presidents' Day
04/10-14/17	Spring Break
05/29/17	Memorial Day

For a complete list of calendar dates access [CCSD 2016-2017 School Calendar](#)

#### PARENTS/STUDENTS

##### CLASS RESUMES:

Tuesday, January 3, 2017

#### REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

December 8, 2016, 6:00 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

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#### WORK SESSION MEETINGS

December 7, 2016, 8:00 a.m.

January 4, 2017, 8:00 a.m. (Reorganization of the Board)

February 1, 2017, 8:00 a.m.

March 1, 2017, 8:00 a.m.

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#### SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

**December 2, 2016, 8:00 a.m. (Board Retreat)**

Vegas PBS, Room 102

3050 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121

**January 3, 2017, 5:30 p.m. (Oath of Office)**

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

Many of you know, by now, Trustee Patrice Tew, representing District E, will be vacating her Board seat after she lost her bid for re-election, in November. I want to thank Trustee Tew for her years of service on the Board and for her leadership and commitment to our CCSD students, families, and community.

Newly elected to the Board for District E and joining us in January is Lola Brooks. I look forward to getting to know Ms. Brooks and to working with her.

Congratulations to my fellow trustees who retained their position on the Board: Trustee Deanna Wright, District A; Trustee Chris Garvey, District B; and Trustee Linda E. Young, District C.

The Spelling Bee Semifinals for the CCSD were held November 16, 2016, at Vegas PBS. Forty two students from across the District competed and the top seven from the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades will now advance to the CCSD Final Spelling Bee that will take place on Tuesday, December 6, 2016, at Vegas PBS.

**The seven students representing the 6<sup>th</sup> grade** are from the following schools: Cadwallader MS, Escobedo MS, Lied MS, Martin MS, Silvestri JHS, Tarkanian MS and Webb MS.

**The seven students representing the 7<sup>th</sup> grade** are from the following schools: Canarelli MS, Cram MS, Guinn MS, Hyde Park MS, Mannion MS, Miller MS, and Webb MS.

**The seven students representing the 8<sup>th</sup> grade** are from the following schools: Becker MS, Gibson MS, Hyde Park MS, Leavitt MS, Martin MS, Miller MS, and Webb MS.

Congratulations and all the best to all our spellers!

**F-TROOP Meeting:** My next F-Troop meeting will be a brunch at my home on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30am. Please join me for good food and good conversation!

The January F-Troop meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 11, 2017, 9:30am, Sierra Vista High School.** F-TROOP meetings are open to everyone and all are welcome to attend. I hope to see you there! Meeting information for the 2016-17 school year is listed on the next page.

I wish you all a joyous and peaceful holiday season, and a Happy New Year!

Carolyn  
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# 2016 – 2017 SCHOOL YEAR

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

### 2016

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, September 14, 2016, 9:30 a.m.

**School:** Grant Sawyer Middle School, Library

**Address:** 5450 Redwood St., Las Vegas, NV 89118

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016, 9:30 a.m.

**School:** Lois & Jerry Tarkanian Middle School, Library

**Address:** 5800 West Pyle Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89141

**Date/Time:** ~~Wednesday, November 9, 2016, 9:30 a.m.~~ - **CANCELED**

**School:** ~~Durango High School, Library~~

**Address:** ~~7100 West Dewey Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89113~~

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, December 14, 2016, 9:30 a.m. *Please note: this is a brunch meeting.*

**Home:** Carolyn Edwards

**Address:** 3275 South Tioga Way, Las Vegas, NV 89117

### 2017

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

**School:** Sierra Vista High School, Library

**Address:** 8100 West Robindale Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89113

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

**School:** Southwest Career & Technical Academy, Ballroom

**Address:** 7050 West Shelbourne Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89113

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, March 8, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

**School:** Roger Bryan Elementary School, Library

**Address:** 8255 West Katie Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89147

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

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

**School:** Mark Fine Elementary School, Library

**Address:** 6635 West Cougar Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89139

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# F-TROOP



## 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.  
[rpd.net/](http://rpd.net/)

Reorganization of CCSD (Information)  
[ab394.ccsd.net/](http://ab394.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/)

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## Reorganization of the Clark County School District – New Web Site

Information and materials regarding the Reorganization of the Clark County School District can be found [here](#). Make sure to frequent the Web site as the information continues to be updated.

## District To Survey Parents, Staff And Students In Preparation Of Reorganization

Academic success, school safety and communication are among some of the topics in this year's Clark County School District (CCSD) survey for parents, students and school-site staff. The survey will be available online from Nov. 14 until Dec. 16, in English and Spanish, at [ccsd.net/survey](http://ccsd.net/survey). The CCSD survey is confidential and part of the district's ongoing efforts to engage the community on important issues facing students and their families.

The results will be posted in January 2017. The student survey consists of 66 questions that take approximately 11 minutes to complete, while the school-based staff and parent surveys feature 20 questions that take approximately five minutes to complete.

For more information, or to take the survey, click [here](#) or visit [ccsd.net/survey](http://ccsd.net/survey).

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## Check Out the Fall 2016 "CCSD Achieves"

AB 394, the School-Community Partnership Program and graduation rate improvements are just a few of the topics in the Fall 2016 edition of CCSD Achieves. Click [here](#) to read the online publication.

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## Magnet School Choice Fair

Parents and students are invited to attend the Winter Choice Fair to learn about Magnet, CTA, and Select Schools, including the Nevada Learning Academy, College of Southern Nevada High School, and Open Enrollment.

Winter Choice Fair  
**Saturday, December 10, 2016**  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Rancho High School  
1900 Searles Avenue  
Las Vegas, NV, 89101

The application deadline for all 2017-2018 school year is Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. For more information click [here](#) or call (702) 799-8492.

## Trustee's Parent and Constituent Meetings for December



Trustee Deanna Wright, District A  
District A Community Engagement Meeting  
Thursday, December 1 at 10:00 a.m.  
Liberty High School, Library  
3700 Liberty Heights Ave., Henderson, NV 89052

Trustee Linda E. Young, District C  
The Village Meeting  
Wednesday, December 14 at 9:00 a.m.  
Reed Elementary School, Library  
2501 Winwood St., Las Vegas, NV 89108

Patrice Tew, District E  
District E Parent Meeting  
Thursday, December 13 at 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.  
Piggott Elementary School, Library  
9601 Red Hills Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89117

Trustee Carolyn Edwards, District F  
F-Troop Meeting  
Wednesday, December 14 at 9:30 a.m.  
3275 S. Tioga Wy., Las Vegas, NV 89117

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## High School Seniors Urged To Apply For Public Education Foundation Scholarships

The Public Education Foundation (PEF) is launching the 23rd year of its Scholarship Program and is urging high school seniors to start the application process now. Last year the Foundation awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships to students pursuing a post-secondary education. Most scholarship application deadlines are Feb. 14, 2017. "These scholarships, in many cases, can make attending college a dream come true," said PEF President & CEO Judi Steele. Students can visit [thepef.org](http://thepef.org) for more information.



## New CCSD Magnet School Will Become The Nation's First Marzano Academy

While the Clark County School District (CCSD) held groundbreaking ceremonies earlier this year to signal the beginning of work on six new elementary schools, the district is also breaking new educational ground by opening one of those new schools as a Marzano Academy, which will be the first of its kind in the nation.

During their Oct. 13 meeting, the CCSD Board of School Trustees spent time discussing the new school with world-renowned education expert Dr. Robert Marzano, cofounder and CEO of Marzano Research and founder of the Marzano Academies.

While there are other schools around the country that use Marzano Academy philosophies, CCSD and Marzano have agreed to work together to open the first full-fledged Marzano Academy on a 19-acre site in northeast Las Vegas across the street from Manuel J. Cortez Elementary School.

This will be CCSD's 12th Magnet School and these students will engage in a technology-based curriculum focusing on the academic, cognitive and meta-cognitive skills that are foundational to computer science, and the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) model.

Although the Marzano Academy will be a Magnet School with 850 students, this location was specifically chosen in order to serve a majority of students that come from low-income households. Enrollment will be based on a lottery system but there will be a graded preference to students residing in that geographical area.

"We will be opening six brand new schools next year and that will create new employment opportunities for many of our existing educators," said Chief Student Achievement Officer Dr. Mike Barton. "We know the level of interest and buzz about working at the Marzano Academy is already growing and we are thrilled to be working directly with Dr. Marzano in opening this new school."

While each of the new schools will develop their own personality and teamwork strategies for high-quality education, the staff members who are chosen to work at the Marzano Academy will have direct contact with Marzano as he will conduct most of the staff training in person or virtually.

## New CCSD Magnet School Will Become The Nation's First Marzano Academy (continued)

Marzano provided a view of what teachers at this school can expect:

- Access to more than 300 research-based, instructional strategies.
- Continuing support (including coaching) in developing expertise through personally selected instructional techniques.
- Professional development which enhances student learning and professional expertise.
- Systematic feedback regarding the areas of strength and the areas of need for each student.
- Support in becoming a certified Marzano High Reliability Teacher and the opportunity to interact with and training others who aspire to become high-reliability teachers.
- A collaborative team approach to personal development and classroom issues as well as opportunities to train others in the Marzano framework.
- A structured emphasis in developing each teacher personally as well as professionally.
- A deep understanding of the nature of learning and teaching.
- A high-energy culture focused on results, professional and personal development, and fun.

Marzano said that he believes the most rewarding aspect of working at this school will include being part of a school that is dedicated to producing positive academic results as well as improving students cognitive, meta-cognitive and social/emotional well-being. He also said that they will be part of a school that is dedicated to helping teachers grow professionally and personally.

"Being a teacher or administrator at the Marzano Academy will automatically provide those individuals with access to an international network of educators who are like-minded in their dedication to breakthrough schools and personal and professional excellence," said Marzano.

Anyone who is interested in applying for a position at this school should watch for the job announcements as they are posted and then indicate an interest accordingly. It is estimated that a principal and assistant principal will be selected in December and then interviews with teachers will begin in Feb. 2017.

## Student Services Division Adapted Physical Education

Since 2003 the Clark County School District (CCSD) and Special Olympics, Nevada, have partnered to provide opportunities for students with disabilities in Grades K-12 to participate in competitive and noncompetitive events that promote positive peer interaction and develop social skills. Both CCSD and Special Olympics recognize that when students with special needs have the opportunity to learn sport-specific skills, participate in athletic activities, and be part of a school team within their school community, the social and emotional skills of students can be enhanced.

The school-based Special Olympics program includes Unified Sports® programs (pairing athletes with disabilities with non-disabled peers) in soccer, basketball, and track and field. Last May, 1,900 students participated in the Unified Sports® Track and Field Championships at Bonanza High School. Three bowling events are held during the year, introducing students to community-based lifetime activities. In addition, specially designed events have been developed, including the Ultimate Challenge, for elementary and secondary students in specific classrooms, to guarantee maximum participation and maximum fun.

The fall schedule of events included:

- Unified Soccer on November 4, 2016, at Thurman White Academy of the Performing Arts with over 600 students from middle and high schools.
- Elementary Ultimate Challenge on November 18, 2016, at Victoria Fertitta Middle School (90 students)
- Elementary Bowling Event, December 9, 2016, at Santa Fe Station Bowling Center (250 students)

For additional information, please call the Adapted Physical Education Department at (702) 799-0104.

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## CCSD Schools Invited To Participate In Henderson's WinterFest Parade

CCSD schools are invited to apply for the City of Henderson's WinterFest Evening Light Parade on Dec. 10, part of the city's annual holiday celebration. Nearly 100 entries march in the parade every year. The theme for this year's parade is "Winter – Silver and Snowflakes." For more information, visit [cityofhenderson.com](http://cityofhenderson.com) or call (702) 267-4050.

## Children Can Attend Winter holiday Day Camp Dec. 19-30

The City of Las Vegas will hold a Winter Holiday Day Camp for children ages five through 12, Dec. 19-30. The camp will be held at the East Las Vegas Community Center from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. There will be no camp on Dec. 26. The camp will feature sports, games, arts and crafts in a supervised environment, the camp will be held at the East Las Vegas Community Center, 250 N. Eastern Ave., Las Vegas. For more information call (702) 229-1515.

## Mark Your Calendar For The Vegas PBS "Pajama Train" On Dec. 9

[Vegas PBS](#) presents the "Pajama Train" on Friday, Dec. 9 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. on the Nevada Southern Railway in Boulder City. Participants can experience the magic of this nighttime train ride complete with hot chocolate, cookies, storytime, a visit by Santa and special gifts on the exclusive Vegas PBS dining car. Pajama attire is recommended. Click [here](#) or call (702) 737-7500 for more information.

## 2017 Graduation Schedule Now Available

The CCSD Class of 2017 graduation ceremonies start May 24, 2017 and run through June 16, 2017. Click [here](#) for the full schedule.

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## Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Presentation to the Clark County School District Board of School Trustees

The Clark County School District (CCSD) Business and Finance Unit recently finalized the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which includes an independent audit of the district's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2016, by Eide Bailly, LLP. The district received an unqualified audit opinion, meaning the financial records and statements were fairly and accurately presented and in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

In accordance with NRS 354.624, prior to October 31, 2016, the CAFR was submitted to the CCSD Board of School Trustees (Board) and the appointed members of the Audit Advisory Committee. The NRS specifies the annual audit should be concluded and the report submitted to the Board not later than four months after the close of the fiscal year for which the audit is conducted.

Further NRS direction indicates the opinion and findings of the auditor, if any, contained in the report of the audit must be presented at a meeting of the governing body held not more than 30 days after the report is submitted. The CAFR was formally presented to the Board at a November 10, 2016, Joint Meeting with the Audit Advisory Committee. At the meeting, Eide Bailly staff presented the Independent Auditor's Reports, Government Auditing Standards Report, Report on Internal Controls Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance, Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and Auditor's Comments while the Chief Financial Officer, Nikki Thorn, presented the CAFR to the Board for approval.

As part of the Joint Meeting, a brief presentation was provided to the Board to explain major changes in assumptions from the Final Budget, approved on May 18, 2016, to the Amended Final Budget. The Amended Final Budget is scheduled for presentation to the Board on December 8, 2016, and is the final budget cycle for this fiscal year.

The CAFR season for fiscal year 2016 has officially closed, the Amended Final Budget is nearing completion, and budget development for fiscal year 2018 is beginning.

## Portfolio Day At Las Vegas Academy Dec. 2

[Las Vegas Academy of the Arts](#) will hold its 12th Annual Las Vegas Portfolio Day for visual arts — including photo, fashion, animation and graphic design — on Friday, Dec. 2, 2016 from 4-6 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call Joel Diamond at (702) 799-7800, ext. 4304.

## Rancho High School To Hold Open House Dec. 3

Rancho High School Academy of Aviation and Medicine will hold an open house on Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to noon. Attendees will have the opportunity to tour the campus, visit with faculty, staff and students, and apply online to one or more of the academy's programs. The school is located at 1900 Searles Ave. in Las Vegas. For more information, call (702) 799-7000 or visit [www.ranchorams.org](http://www.ranchorams.org).

## Direct TV Has Technology Grants For Teachers

CCSD teachers are invited to submit entries for a Direct TV technology grant. Three winners will receive \$1,000 each in the form of a Visa Rewards Card to be spent on classroom technology to facilitate a more constructive learning environment. To enter, submit your essay by completing the [online form](#) no later than Feb. 24, 2017. For more information, contact Mary Kate Outland at [moutland@direct.tv](mailto:moutland@direct.tv).

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