



F-TROOP

NEWSLETTER



Carolyn Edwards

MARCH 2017

*District F:
F-TROOP*

IMPORTANT DATES

FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

04/10-14/17 Spring Break
05/29/17 Memorial Day

For a complete list of calendar dates access

[CCSD 2016-2017 School Calendar](#)

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

March 9, 2017, 5:00 p.m.
March 23, 2017, 5:00 p.m.
April 6, 2017, 5:00 p.m.
April 27, 2017, 5:00 p.m.
May 11, 2017, 5:00 p.m.
May 25, 2017, 5:00 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

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WORK SESSION MEETINGS

March 1, 2017, 8:00 a.m.
April 5, 2017, 8:00 a.m.
May 3, 2017, 8:00 a.m.

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

May 17, 2017, 5:30 p.m. (Adoption of Final Budget)

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

The district continues to move the work of the reorganization of the school district forward at the same time as we continue to work to make some important regulation changes. We are appreciative of the work session with the State Board of Education earlier this week, but there is still more to do. On March 1, the board considers whether to file a new lawsuit, having dismissed our previous suit last week.

I have heard good reports about the work of schools' SOTs (School Organizational Team). If any of you have concerns about your SOT, please email me and apprise me of those concerns. My email address appears below.

This week is Nevada Reading Week. I always enjoy reading to students and this year is no exception. But reading is critical for students, so their reading and your reading with them needs to be a daily activity. Thank you for all you do to encourage daily reading.

Board Of Trustees Approves Names Of Seven New Elementary Schools

During a regular meeting on January 26, the Clark County School District (CCSD) Board of School Trustees approved the names of seven new elementary schools to open during the next school year. The buildings are being named for outstanding community members who serve as a positive role model to children and who have demonstrated exceptional leadership toward the advancement of education in Clark County as well as former CCSD personnel who have demonstrated exceptional leadership locally in the field of education.

The seven new schools will be named as follows:

- Shelley Berkley Elementary School at Maule Avenue and Grand Canyon Drive
- Jan Jones Blackhurst Elementary School at Chartan Avenue and Pioneer Way
- Lomie G. Heard Elementary School at Lamb Boulevard and Kell Lane
- Dr. Beverly S. Mathis Elementary School at Arville Street and Mesa Verde Lane
- Don and Dee Snyder Elementary School at Ford Avenue and Riley Street
- Josh Stevens Elementary School at Dave Wood Circle and East Galleria Drive
- Billy and Rosemary Vassiliadis Elementary School at Antelope Ridge Drive

Click [here](#) for more information.

REMINDER: I have **canceled** my **March F-TROOP Meeting**. Please adjust your calendar.

My next F-Troop meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 9:30am, at Mark Fine 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 2016-17 school year is listed on the next page.

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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, Library

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

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

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

F-TROOP



Useful Links

Report a Bully
ccsd.net/students/bully/

CCSD TV
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/

Infinite Campus
ccsd.net/parents/infinite-campus.php

Millennium Scholarship, Prepaid Tuition Program and More
nevadatreasurer.gov

Newsroom
newsroom.ccsd.net/

Regional Professional Development Program (RPDP) Math Resources are available online.
rpd.net/

Reorganization of CCSD (Information)
reorg.ccsd.net

School Board Meetings
ccsd.net/trustees/meeting-agendas/

Student Enrollment
ccsd.net/parents/enrollment/

Transportation
ccsd.net/departments/transportation

Zoning
ccsd.net/schools/zoning/

Summer Science Institute Science 8

The K-12 Science Department Summer Science Institute for Science 8 and Physics teachers will be held June 13-16 at Palo Verde High School. The institute is designed to prepare teachers for the new curriculum that will be implemented during the 2017-2018 school year. For details, call (702) 799-2348. Click [here](#) for more information.



Children's Week at the Nevada State Legislature will be held March 13-16, 2017. It will address issues including school readiness, child safety and mental/behavioral health. For more information, click [here](#).

Call For Nominations Underway To Name Five New Elementary Schools

A call for nominations is being held through May 31, 2017, to name five new elementary schools slated to open in the fall of 2018. Applications are due May 31, 2017. Please email SNC@ccsd.net to request a fillable PDF form. Click [here](#) for more information.

School Organizational Teams Hit The Ground running

All 351 schools have a School Organization Team (SOT) and more than 1,000 parents serve in a position to voice their opinion regarding how their child's school allocates its funds.

Legislative Updates

Sign up to receive weekly updates on the 2017 Legislative Session by linking to the Legislative Updates section on the [CCSD homepage](#).

Nevada Moves Day Is March 15

The 7th Annual Nevada Moves Day — a statewide celebration of walking, biking and rolling to school — is set for Wednesday, March 15. For more information, call (702) 799-6560.

Budget Update

Members of the Clark County School District (CCSD) budget staff are preparing the first in a series of three scheduled budgets for the upcoming 2018 fiscal year which starts on July 1, 2017. The budget staff is currently gathering and analyzing information sources necessary to prepare a tentative budget for submission to the Board of School Trustees in April for consideration and approval. New to the process this year is the completion of online strategic workbooks for each local school. The workbooks were released to the individual precincts on January 17, 2017 and are to be completed by each School Organization Team (SOT) and submitted by February 22, 2017. The 79th (2017) Session of the Nevada Legislature began on February 6, 2017. Various proposals will be introduced in the form of bills by the legislative members that may have potential impact on the budgeting process.

K-5 Teachers Invited To Attend Summer Science Institute June 13-16

The K-12 Science Department Summer Science Institute for K-5 teachers will be held June 13-16, 2017, at Palo Verde High School. The institute aims to prepare teachers for the new curriculum that will be implemented during the 2017-2018 school year. For more information, click [here](#) or call Sheryl Colgan at (702) 799-2348.

Trustee's Parent and Constituent Meetings for March



Trustee Kevin L. Child, District D

Chatting with Child
Monday, March 2 at 9:15 a.m.
Sunrise Elementary School, Multipurpose Room

Trustee Chris Garvey, District B

District B Parent and Constituent Meeting
Monday, March 9 at 9:30 a.m.
Shadow Ridge High School, Room 200

Trustee Linda E. Young, District C

The Village Meeting
Wednesday, March 15 at 9:00 a.m.
W. Williams Elementary School, Parent Center

Trustee Erin Cranor, District G

District G Parent Community (PAC) Meeting
Wednesday, March 22 at 9:30 a.m.
Vegas PBS, Multipurpose Rooms 122/123

Trustee Kevin L. Child, District D

Chatting with Child
Tuesday, March 28 at 5:00 p.m.
Valley High School, Parent Center

Trustee Kevin L. Child, District D

Chatting with Child
Monday, March 29 at 3:30 p.m.
Cambeiro Elementary School, Library

CCSD Celebrates Nevada Reading Week Through Friday, March 3

Students throughout the Clark County School District will "Read, Explore And Discover" as they celebrate Nevada Reading Week, February 27 to March 4. Parents, community members and even local celebrities will be visiting schools this week to engage students in fun reading activities and promote learning through literacy. Nevada Reading Week is a statewide initiative that was started in 1987 by the Nevada Department of Education for Nevada teachers and librarians to celebrate reading through shared thematic activities. Members of the public are encouraged to highlight their Nevada Reading Week experiences by using #NVReadingWeek. For more information, click [here](#).

2017 Graduation Schedule

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

The Assessment

The Assessment, Accountability, Research, and School Improvement (AARSI) Division's Assessment Department continues to provide schools with guidance and training opportunities to support State and District-mandated assessments. Beginning in March 2017, elementary and middle schools will begin administering the State administered standardized assessment known as the Smarter Balanced Summative (SBAC). The online assessment is given to students in Grades 3-8 during a 12-week testing window. The SBAC determines students' progress toward college and career readiness in the areas of English Language Arts/Literacy, math, and science (Grades 5 and 8 only).

Please visit with your child's teacher(s) to learn more about how testing is being implemented at your child's school, how to best support your child during the testing window, and how the results will be used. Additional SBAC resources can be accessed on the Clark County School District's Assessment website:

<http://ccsd.net/divisions/assessment-accountability-research-school-improvement-division/assessment>.

Scroll to the bottom to find parent and student guides and videos to understand the format of the test, how to help your child, and what the SBAC results mean.

Students in Grades 6-12 will take End of Course (EOC) examinations beginning the end of April 2017. The Nevada State Board of Education has established the *Nevada End of Course Assessment Transition* model to assist with understanding Nevada's high school graduation requirements. For students in the Class of 2017 and 2018, the End of Course graduation requirement is to participate in four EOC exams and pass four courses aligned to the EOC exams. Students in the Class of 2019 and beyond must pass all four of the EOC exams and participate in four courses aligned to the EOC exams. End of Course exams will occur in the following areas:

- Math I and Math II
- English Language Arts I and English Language Arts II
- Science (2020 and beyond graduating class)
- English Language Arts Combined (2020 and beyond graduating class)

Please speak to your child's teacher or an administrator at the school for additional details on graduation requirements and which assessments need to be taken.

26 CCSD Schools To Participate In USA Sevens Adopt a Country Program

For the seventh consecutive year, USA Sevens Rugby is partnering with CCSD for the USA Sevens HSBC Adopt A Country Program, which builds a curriculum centered around the international cultures of the participating teams in the USA Sevens International Rugby Tournament. The tournament will be held March 3-5 at Sam Boyd Stadium. According to the Las Vegas Informer, 26 CCSD schools are participating in the program this year, "adopting" one of the countries competing in the tournament while integrating hands-on lessons surrounding their individual countries.

Top Spellers To Compete In Nevada State Spelling Bee March 18

According to the Vegas PBS Source, "The spellers who participated in the Clark County Spelling Bee have proven themselves at several levels of competition. After earning a spot as one of the top seven spellers from grades 6, 7 and 8, two students from each grade – one champion and one runner-up – spelled their way to the top during the Final Spelling Bee hosted by Vegas PBS on December 6." This event, which was hosted by local broadcaster Nate Tannenbaum, aired Jan. 22 on Vegas PBS. The winning contestants will compete in the Nevada State Spelling Bee at Bishop Gorman High School on March 18. For more information, call (702) 799-1010.

Nominations Sought For Excellence In Education Hall Of Fame

For 30 years, the Clark County School District (CCSD) has honored its revered teachers and community members with its Excellence in Education Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame legacy will grow again this year with a new roster. Nominations for the distinction are due on March 17 and may be made in the following categories: CCSD employees; programs, departments, schools or events; and citizens, community agencies or parent groups. Nominations will be reviewed and up to 10 recipients will be selected for recognition. The recipients will be invited to be recognized at an upcoming CCSD Board of School Trustees meeting and as part of the 2017 Heart of Education Awards Ceremony on April 29. Click [here](#) for the nomination form and additional information.

Celebrate School Librarians Day

The Clark County School District celebrates School Librarians Day today (March 1), honoring the district's certified school librarians. School librarians are teachers with an additional endorsement from the state to be a school library media specialist. They play a vital role in the education of students. Among other things, they promote student reading for information and for fun, collaborate with classroom teachers on ways to utilize information resources in both print and digital formats, and maintain a diversified library collection of print and digital materials to support curricular needs.

CCSD Announces Four New Turnaround Schools, Three Successfully Exit

Arturo Cambeiro Elementary School, Clyde C. Cox Elementary School, Tom Williams Elementary School and William E. Orr Middle School will join the district's Turnaround Zone beginning in the 2017-18 school year.

The new Turnaround Schools were carefully selected for this additional support by district officials after a review of Nevada School Performance Framework results, student proficiency data over the past three school years and the results of one-on-one interviews with staff members about the structures, functions, processes and climate at the schools.

Cimarron-Memorial High School, Sunrise Mountain High School and Elizabeth Wilhelm Elementary School will be exiting Turnaround status after demonstrating increased academic achievement, better student attendance, a renewed sense of school pride, lower rate of incidents requiring student disciplinary action and higher graduation rates for the two high schools.