



F-TROOP

NEWSLETTER



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*District F:
F-TROOP*

IMPORTANT DATES

FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

11/10/17	Veterans Day
11/20-22/17	Thanksgiving Day
11/23-24/17	Family Day
12/25/17-01/05/18	Winter Break
01/21/18	Martin Luther King Day

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

- November 9, 2017, 5:00 p.m.
- November 30, 2017, 5:00 p.m.
- December 14, 2017, 5:00 p.m.
- January 11, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
- January 25, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
- February 8, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
- February 22, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
- March 8, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
- March 22, 2018, 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
Access the District's web site [Clark County School District](#)

WORK SESSION MEETINGS

- November 1, 2017, 8:00 a.m.
- December 6, 2017, 8:00 a.m.
- January 10, 2018, 8:00 a.m.
- February 7, 2018, 8:00 a.m.
- March 7, 2018, 8:00 a.m.

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

November 14, 2017, 5:30 p.m.

(Joint meeting with the Audit Advisory Committee)
Edward A. Greer Education Center, Board Room
2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121

November 27, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

Community Linkage Meeting (Paiute Community)
Moapa River Indian Reservation, Administrative Building
1 Lincoln Street, Moapa, Nevada 89025



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

As many of you know, I have been participating in a [gender diverse working group, preparing to bring information and discussion to public meetings](#) shortly. Recently, there was an article in the Review Journal that was misleading and left important information out of the article that is critical to understanding the process we are following. I have submitted a letter to the editor to correct this information, but that letter has yet to be published. I share it with you, my constituents:

To the editor,

I am disappointed that Mr. Victor Joecks did not provide the full story in his recent column about efforts by the Clark County School District (CCSD) to consider a possible policy or guidelines for students who are gender diverse.

Mr. Joecks failed to mention why I asked CCSD staff members and the community to examine the possibility of formalized guidance: Our principals have asked for help with the growing number of students who are identifying as transgender or gender diverse. Right now, CCSD works out plans on a case-by-case basis for students. Not only is this becoming increasingly time-consuming, there is also a concern that students will not be treated equitably.

Other districts around the country, such as Washoe County, have guidelines or policies in place regarding gender diverse students, and we are examining many of those existing documents.

The working group currently meeting will make a recommendation on whether CCSD should pursue a policy or guidelines, and, if so, what general topics should be addressed. This group includes pastors, and advocates on both sides of the issue. It includes parents, educators, and two high school students. To characterize these meetings as private is misleading. It is common to have a working group to have honest, detailed discussions about an issue before taking possible recommendations to the public.

Mr. Joecks also omitted this key point: We will take the working group's recommendations to the public in a set of five public meetings that you can find at [ccsd.net/genderdiverse](#). All families, students, and community members are invited to provide their input. Ultimately, CCSD staff will compile the input from the working group and the community meetings to make a final recommendation to the Superintendent, who can choose to forward the recommendation to the Board of School Trustees for a vote.

We designed this process to be transparent and thoughtful. We sent out a [press release](#) about the process in September, and we have continued to talk about it on our social media.

We know that our gender diverse students are among our most vulnerable. National studies have shown they deal with high rates of bullying, suicidal thoughts, rejection, and violence, including, sometimes, by their own families. We have only one goal with this discussion: To ensure that all students feel safe and respected at school.

Carolyn Edwards
Trustee, Clark County School District

REMINDER: My November F-Troop meeting will be held **Wednesday, November 15, 2017, 9:30am**, at Frank Kim 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.

I hope everyone has had a safe and fun Halloween and that you all enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving!

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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: Carolyn Edwards

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

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

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/

Clark County School Achieves
<http://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/



There will be no school for CCSD students and licensed employees November 20-22. CCSD will be closed November 23 and 24 for Thanksgiving Day and Family Day.

CCSD Celebrates Record High Graduation Rate of 82.71 Percent

CCSD's preliminary graduation rate for the Class of 2017 is a record high 82.71 percent, according to data compiled by the Nevada Department of Education. "Our students, staff, parents and community have worked incredibly hard for this graduation rate increase over the course of many years," said Board of School Trustees President Deanna L. Wright. Superintendent Pat Skorkowsky said, "We set a goal to obtain a graduation rate of 82 percent by 2018-19, I couldn't be more proud that we reached our target, and did so two years earlier than projected." Along with the graduation rate increase, the number of graduates also has risen. The Class of 2017 was CCSD's largest ever, with 20,030 graduates. [Click here for more information.](#)

CCSD Students Shine in Pleistocene Art Contest

Shadow Ridge High School and Southeast Career and Technical Academy students were among the big winners in the "Southern Nevada during the Pleistocene" art contest, sweeping the high school and digital categories, respectively. The contest, which was presented by the Las Vegas Natural History Museum in partnership with the Las Vegas Science and Technology Festival, Protectors of Tule Springs and the CCSD School-Community Partnership Program, was open to students in grades K-12. They were invited to submit original art depicting how Southern Nevada may have looked during the Ice Age. Almost 170 entries were received and reviewed by a panel of 13 judges. A student art exhibit and awards ceremony will be held at the Las Vegas Natural History Museum on October 14th at 10 a.m. Select artwork will be on display in the Grand Hall at the museum through November 10th.

Finance Friday

Finance Fridays is a weekly feature from the Clark County School District to help answer your budget questions. Follow the Clark County School District on Twitter at @ClarkCountySch or on Facebook @ClarkCountySchoolDistrict. Check out the video clips for Finance Fridays that are available on Open book within the Useful Links tab or click here:
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLotfXIJUeAr72wlfC3ymld5ll8wwnGhfD>

Salute to the Troops

On October 12, 2017, students from Canyon Springs and Valley High Schools welcomed wounded warriors and their families at the fifth annual Salute to the Troops event at The Mirage Hotel and Casino that afternoon. Cheerleaders, band and choir members provided the music and brought a positive presence from our community and schools to all the veterans, while JROTC cadets served as the color guard and the Valley High School Saber Team formed a Saber Arch for the veterans and their families, as part of a "Walk of Gratitude."

Trustee's Parent and Constituent Meetings for November



Trustee Carolyn Edwards, District F
F-Troop Meeting
Wednesday, November 15 at 9:30 a.m.
Frank Kim Elementary School, Library

Trustee Linda E. Young, District C
The Village Meeting
Tuesday, November 14 at 9:30 a.m.
Dr. Claude G. Perkins Elementary School, Cafeteria

Trustee Lola Brooks, District E
District E Parent/Constituent Meeting
Tuesday, November 28 at 5:00 p.m.
Darnell Elementary School, Library

Trustee Deanna L. Wright, District A
ACE Meeting
Wednesday, November 29 at 10:00 a.m.
Elise Wolff Elementary School, Library

Liberty High School Choir Performs a Song of Hope in Wake of Tragedy

In the wake of the October 1st shootings, the Liberty High School Choir sang a song of hope at their Fall Concert, held October 5th at the LHS Theater. As reported by [Inside Edition](#), the choir "performed a touching rendition of Burt Bacharach's 'What the World Needs Now Is Love,' arm-in-arm as a tribute to the victims of the massacre." Choir Director Lamont Russell told Inside Edition, "People forget that there are actual residents of Las Vegas who call it home and aren't just visiting. Those people are hurting – especially the kids. "They don't know how to react to this type of violence, so the song was a way for them to express themselves during this difficult time." LHS student Jesse Miron said, "There is still love and beauty. We are all still here together and we can make beautiful things happen together." The LHS Choir also performed at a candlelight vigil held October 9th on the school's campus.



In observance of Veterans Day, CCSD will be closed on Friday, November 11, 2017.

News from The Public Education Foundation

A Tribute to the Arts Concert Series will present its annual Holiday Extravaganza concert at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 29 in Reynolds Hall of The Smith Center. The concert series is a partnership among Clark County School District (CCSD), The Smith Center and The Public Education Foundation.

Holiday Extravaganza will showcase the considerable talent found in CCSD while expressing the joy of the season. More than 300 student musicians, representing more than 40 schools, will perform alongside teachers and professionals in a world-class venue.

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. Contact The Public Education Foundation at (702) 799-1042 or info@ccpef.org for more information.

Food Service

The month of October began with the kick-off of National School Lunch Week Oct. 9-13. The Food Service Department mascot, Sporky, visited Manch, Lunt, Guy, Snyder and Booker Elementary Schools to promote the importance of eating school lunches that are balanced with all five food groups. In addition, the Traveling Elementary School Salad Bar debuted at Lunt Elementary School on Oct. 10 and Snyder Elementary School on Oct. 12. Students were eager to pile their plates high with a variety of fresh fruits, veggies, whole grain croutons and dinner rolls.

The November featured items will be the Blazin' Buffalo Drumsticks and the Sliced Turkey with Mashed Potato Thanksgiving Meal. The next in a series of monthly Food Service tours will take place Nov. 13 at 9:30 a.m. To RSVP, call 702-799-8123, ext. 5122.

CCSD asks Parents for Opinions and Suggestions

Safety, academics and school climate are among the many topics that are the focus of the 2017 Clark County School District (CCSD) [Parent Survey](#), available online from Oct. 30 – Dec. 22, 2017, at ccsd.net/survey. The 10-minute survey, available in English and Spanish, is confidential and part of the district's efforts to engage the community on important issues facing students and their families.

Support a School

Did you know that any community member can help the Clark County School District by supporting a school with items they need? The School-Community Partnership Ambassador at each school and principals at CCSD schools upload a "wish/needs-list" to the Support-a-School site. Community Members can visit this site to see what schools want or need. To donate items, please go to www.ccsd.net/schools/support-a-school. You can find your school to see if they have needs listed, or, if you have an item to donate, you can find a school that is asking for that item.

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Legislative Update

On October 12, 2017 the Nevada State board of Education held a meeting to discuss several important topics including a review of the statewide Read by Three program and an update on the Achievement School District. Unfortunately, due to technical issues the Board was unable to get through their entire agenda delaying the discussion on several topics to the November Board meeting. You can review the material for the meeting here

http://www.doe.nv.gov/Boards_Commissions_Councils/State_Board_of_Education/2017/October/Support_Materials/.

The Interim Finance Committee met this month on October 19, 2017. Several topics were discussed during the meeting including funding for Full Day Kindergarten programs in the Clark County School District. To view the meeting or review its agenda, please visit

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/InterimCommittee/REL/Interim2017/Meeting/4818>.

The Nevada Department of Education held a Regulation Workshop hearing on October 26, 2017 in order to take public comment on several regulations that they are proposing including one on the reorganization of the Clark County School District. If you would like to review the regulations that were discussed at the meeting, please visit http://www.doe.nv.gov/Boards_Commissions_Councils/Workshops_Hearings/Meeting_Materials/.

CCSD Renames One School and Announces Namesakes for Four New Schools

During a regular meeting on Oct. 5, the Clark County School District (CCSD) Board of School Trustees voted to [rename one school and name four new school facilities](#) to open during the 2018-2019 school year. One of the highest honors bestowed upon an individual who has made an everlasting impact in the local community is to become a school namesake. The motivation for this naming opportunity is to honor people of the highest character while providing students with role models and a sense of the rich history and diversity of the Southern Nevada community.

The four new schools will be named as follows:

- Shirley A. Barber Elementary School, at South Spencer Street and East Pyle Avenue
- Kenneth Divich Elementary School, at Farm Road and North Jensen Street
- Robert and Sandy Ellis Elementary School, at Beltrada Avenue and Via Italia
- Dennis Ortwein Elementary School, at Dean Martin Drive and Interstate 15

Steve Cozine Elementary School was renamed Steve and Linda Cozine Elementary School. When the school was originally named 15 years ago, Linda Cozine could not be included as a namesake with her husband because she was working for the school district at the time. As Ms. Cozine has retired more than two years ago, now meeting policy requirements, the school requested to add her as an official part of the school namesake.

Nevada Department of Education Names Shining Star Schools

Following the announcement of the record-setting preliminary graduation rate for the Class of 2017, the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) has released its list of Shining Star and Rising Star Schools, which include Clark County School District (CCSD) schools. Of the 30 schools named by NDE as Shining Star Schools, 27 of them are CCSD schools. A Shining Star School is one that has significantly outperformed the state average in serving all students, with an emphasis on closing the opportunity gap. These schools are also high-performing schools serving a high percentage of students in poverty. To see the list click [here](#).