



DISTRICT B NEWSLETTER



Chris Garvey

June 2014

District B

IMPORTANT DATES

06/04/14 Last day of school, 9-month
08/25/14 First day of school, 9-month

For a complete list of calendar dates,
access

<http://www.ccsd.net/district/calendar/>



REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

June 19, 2014, 4:00 p.m.
June 26, 2014, 4:00 p.m.
July 17, 2014, 4:00 p.m.
August 14, 2014, 4:00 p.m.
August 28, 2014, 4:00 p.m.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

June 16, 2014, 5:30 p.m.
August 6, 2014, 8:00 a.m.

Board meetings will be held at: Edward
W. Greer Education Center
Education Center, Board Room
2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas

[Access the district's website at
www.ccsd.net/trustees/meetings-
agendas/ for Board agendas and
reference materials](http://www.ccsd.net/trustees/meetings-agendas/)

Greetings District B,

As another school year winds down and thoughts turn to summer vacation, please remember learning is a year-round experience. One of the best resources we have to support learning that is available to all families is summer reading programs. Information on library reading programs throughout the valley can be found in this month's newsletter. Research shows reading just 30-minutes day is one of the most effective approaches to help young children develop literacy skills.

Nothing symbolizes the official start of summer more than graduation. Congratulations to all of the graduating students of the class of 2014! Your hard work and determination has paid off. I look forward to honoring our graduates at the following District B High School graduations.

Arbor View High School – June 11
Eldorado High School – June 13
Legacy High School – June 12
Moapa Valley High School – June 4

Shadow Ridge High School – June 12
Sunrise Mountain High School – June 9
Virgin Valley High School – June 5

Please help your graduates celebrate safely and responsibly, so that their futures continue to be successful.

As always, I invite your comments and suggestions. Please feel free to contact me at 279-9831.

Sincerely,
Chris Garvey, Trustee, District B
Clark County School District



Below are photos of some of the outstanding students from District B schools.

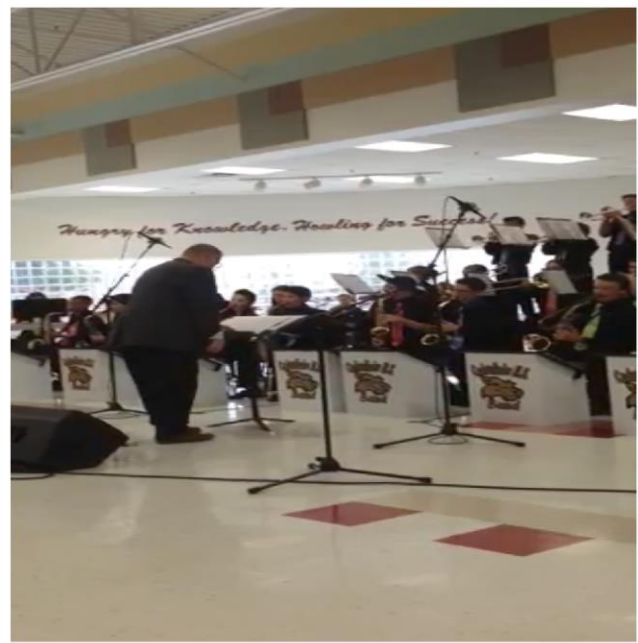
Mia Borges from Guy Elementary School was one of the 65 students who earned the Great American Award.



Mia and other students from Guy Elementary School and Wolf Elementary School, were joined by Governor Sandoval, Trustee Chris Garvey, and other elected officials.



Arbor View High School theater production of Spamalot, David Kelly, Theater Arts Instructor



Students from Cadwallader Middle School Jazz Band, Steven Kellerman, Band Instructor

Staton Elementary School Serves as Host for Naturalization Ceremony



U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) welcomed five of America's newest citizens during a naturalization ceremony at Staton Elementary School on May 14, 2014. The new citizens are from five countries. As Superintendent Pat Skorkowsky, students and others looked on, U.S. District Judge Nancy J. Koppe administered the Oath of Allegiance. Additionally, about 40 fourth and fifth-grade students were recognized for completing the Great American and Great Nevadan programs with Staton Elementary School. For more information, call Sharon Rummery at (415) 248-8873.

"JAG" Program to Continue in the Clark County School District

As reported by the [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#), "A program boasting one of the highest graduation rates among high school students likely to drop out will continue and grow in the Clark County School District next year due to a unanimous approval from the School Board on Thursday, May 8." Jobs for America's Graduates was introduced in three CCSD schools in the 2011-2012 school year. According to the RJ, "It helps struggling students catch up through tutoring and other efforts, also promising career-related jobs to struggling students after they graduate."

Free Summer School Proficiency Tutoring

Proficiency tutoring in Math, Reading, Writing, and Science will be available to 12th-grade students (Class of 2014), June 23-July 3, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. at CPDD Summer School Sites. No registration is required. The tutoring courses do NOT receive credit. For additional information, please call (702) 855-9751. Below are the CPDD Summer School Sites:

Arbor View High School, Cimarron-Memorial High School, Clark High School, Coronado High School, Del Sol High School, Eldorado High School, Legacy High School, Sierra Vista High School and Veteran's Tribute CTA.

Las Vegas Academy of the Arts receives its 11th GRAMMY

The Las Vegas Academy of the Arts (LVA) held a special event to celebrate receiving its most recent GRAMMY award. The latest GRAMMY, which is the eleventh for LVA, is the most for any school in the nation. To celebrate this achievement, the school hosted a special band concert on May 28. The celebration included representatives from the [GRAMMY Foundation](#), CCSD Trustee Stavan Corbett and Superintendent Pat Skorkowsky.

Photography Contest Winners Announced



Pictured, left to right, are winners Terrie Greenlee, Arbor View High School; Ludvig Thomsen, Arbor View High School; Nephi Boren, Moapa Valley High School; Jade Munson, West Career & Technical Academy; Superintendent Pat Skorkowsky; Shaheed Finn, Arbor View High School; Lorraine Avenido, Las Vegas Academy; and Best of Show winner Paulo Felarca, Legacy High School.

CCSD's top student photographers were recently honored during the awards ceremony for the District's 47th Annual High School Photography Contest. During the event at Vegas PBS, winners were announced in the categories of animals, architecture, black, white and shades of gray, nature, people and special techniques. The Best of Show winner was Paulo Felarca of Legacy High School. District photographer Michele Nelson coordinates the annual contest.

Infinite Campus

The Clark County School District will be using a new student information system, [Infinite Campus](#), beginning with the 2014-15 school year. Parents are asked to register their family [online](#) between May 12 and June 6, 2014. You will be asked to provide your current address, the names of all the children in your family, and contact information for the new system. If you have any questions, or would prefer a paper form, please call Student Record Services at (702)799-2487.

Advanced Technologies Academy (A-TECH) Ranked 2nd best Magnet School in U.S. for the 2014-15 School Year

On May 16, 2014, the Magnet Schools of America presented the [Advanced Technologies Academy](#) (A-TECH) with the prestigious Dr. Donald R. Waldrip Magnet School of Merit Award of Excellence. The award designates A-TECH as the number two ranked magnet school in the United States. In both 2012 and 2013, A-TECH was named a Magnet School of Excellence.

White House Advisor Visits Martinez Elementary School



Senior Advisor to the President, Valerie Jarrett (second from right) visits with staff and students at Reynaldo Martinez Elementary School during her visit to Las Vegas.

Valerie Jarrett, a senior advisor to President Barack Obama, made a stop at Martinez Elementary School on May 15, 2014, to visit with staff and students. The purpose of her visit was to observe and learn more about how Communities in Schools functions in Clark County School District (CCSD) schools. Communities in Schools was a featured program for President Obama's initiative "My Brother's Keeper," which is a public-private program focused on ensuring the success of young men of color.

Additional Information

Teacher Appreciation Week

Kirsten Searer, Chief of Staff, Clark County School District and, Beverly Mason, Director, School-Community Partnership Program, Clark County School District, provided a brief overview on the Teacher Appreciation Week activities at the May 8 2014, regular board meeting. [Click Here](#) to view the PowerPoint presentation or to listen to the presentation.

Professionals and Youth Building a Commitment (PAYBAC)

The Board of Trustees recognized the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department officers at the May 8, 2014, regular board meeting for serving as PAYBACK speakers for the Clark County School District. Kurt Arnold, Coordinator, School-Community Partnership Program, Clark County School District, provided information on the program. [Click Here](#) to listen to the presentation.

Review of CCSD Policies and Regulations

At the May 8, 2014, regular board meeting, the Board of School Trustees amended CCSD Regulation 3432, District Claim Resolution. To view the regulation or policy, you can go to <http://ccsd.net/district/policies-regulations/>. You can also [Click Here](#) to listen to the audio clip of the Board's discussion or view the regulation.

At the May 22, 2014, regular board meeting, the Board of School Trustees amended CCSD Policy 4380, Smoking Policy. To view the regulation or policy, you can go to <http://ccsd.net/district/policies-regulations/>. You can also [Click Here](#) to listen to the audio clip of the Board's discussion or view the regulation.

Nevada Learning Academy Presents Informational Nights

CCSD's Nevada Learning Academy, formerly the Academy for Individualized Study and Virtual High Schools, have merged into one school with the addition of a middle school for the 2014-15 school year. These schools are an option for students seeking the flexibility of online classes, controlling the pace of their learning, and working on their own schedule. Full-time students will have the opportunity to learn at their own pace, attend face-to-face instruction (middle school), and interact with their peers by belonging to a club or activity to enhance their overall educational experience. The Nevada Learning Academy has scheduled a series of informational nights through August 10 for prospective students, as well as parents and CCSD employees. For more information, visit <http://nvlearningacademy.net> or call (702) 855-8435.

Task Force Addresses Problem of Bullying

Superintendent Pat Skorkowsky recently appointed an internal task force to examine CCSD policies and procedures involving bullying. The district's top priority is to ensure student safety. In this [video](#), Superintendent Skorkowsky discusses the problem of bullying and the recommendations of the task force.

Student Graduation Schedule 2013-2014

To see the list of the Clark County School District high school student graduation schedule 2013-2014 go to: <http://ccsd.net/students/graduation-schedule/>

Las Vegas-Clark County Library District Summer Program

Registration for the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District's Club Ready begins Sunday, June 1 and continues through Saturday, August 2.

You can stop by any library branch to pick up a reading log or register online at www.lvccld.org. Children from birth to 11 years of age have one log, and teens in grades six and up have a different log. Kids and teens can earn prizes by keeping track of their reading. For more information, [Click Here](#). You may also call 702-734-READ.

North Las Vegas Library District – 2014 Summer Reading Club

The North Las Vegas Library District invites children and teens to participate in its annual Summer Reading Club with a chance to earn fantastic prizes. Participants can register for the reading club at any North Las Vegas library branch. The program dates are June 4, 2014 – July 31, 2014.

North Las Vegas Library District – 2014 Summer Reading Club (continued)

Reading Club Kickoff: Don't miss Ronald McDonald as he helps kickoff their Summer Reading Club with a little magic! All ages are welcome. Ronald will be at the Aliante Library at 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 5 and at the Alexander Library at 4 p.m. on Friday, June 6. [Click Here](#) to go to the North Las Vegas Library District website.

Henderson Libraries Summer Reading Program

The Henderson Libraries Summer Reading Challenge will be from June 7 through August 23. Kick off will be Saturday, June 7 with fun activities at Gibson, Green Valley and Paseo Verde Libraries. [Click Here](#) to see the calendar and more Summer Reading events.

Sophomores and Juniors Invited to Apply for Summer Transportation Institute

UNLV and the U.S. Department of Transportation will present the Summer Transportation Institute for high school sophomores and juniors from July 14-28, 2014. The institute is a free, two-week residential program that will expose students to the new frontiers and adventures of the transportation industry. Approximately 20 participants will receive a scholarship that will cover all expenses related to the Summer Transportation Institute while they reside on the UNLV campus.

Legislative Update

The Legislative Committee on Education's May meeting addressed a number of important topics including the definition of "English Language Learner," teacher preparation programs, educator professional development, charter schools, the creation of a Public Education Stabilization Account, and bullying in schools. The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2014. The Task Force on K-12 Funding also met in the month of May to discuss a new funding formula for public schools. The Task Force will make their final recommendations to be considered during the 2015 Nevada Legislature on June 30, 2014.

If you are interested in attending a legislative committee meeting or viewing it online, please visit <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Calendar/A/> for calendar and agenda information.

Budget Update

The Final budget was presented to the Board of School Trustees on May 21, 2014. The Final Budget reflects the continued financial planning and alignment of expenditures in support of the Board's Strategic Imperatives and the District's Focus Areas in accordance with EL-2: Student Achievement and EL-5: Financial Planning/Budgeting. The following are some program expenditure revisions from the 2014-2015 Tentative Budget:

- 1. A potential issuance of \$34.5 million in medium-term bonds** to fund the purchase of over 90 buses.
- 2. Computer technician and digital learning coach conversion.** Conversions will provide additional support to enhance the District's instructional technology offerings in the classroom.
- 3. Staffing conversion to student information system project (Infinite Campus).** Staffing will provide support to the Student Information System project in design, coordination and testing of cross-functional business processes related to the function and use of the system.
- 4. Support staff reclassification.** Additional funding to support the reclassification of Driving Training Instructors to Transportation Instructors based off of current changes to the Nevada Administrative Code 392.430 and the Department of Transportation CDL permit age requirement.

Numerous significant factors affecting estimated resources were unknown at the time of adoption and have yet to be fully quantified. Until a more complete estimate of property tax collections becomes available, the official student enrollment count is reported in September, and the annual audit for fiscal 2013-2014 is finalized in October. Estimated revenues remain unchanged from the Tentative Budget projections.

Facebook and Twitter

The Clark County School District's official Twitter and Facebook pages:



Below is a list of feeds we provide so you don't have to find them within the site. You may subscribe to each one from the feed itself.

- [CCSD @ClarkCountySch](#)
- [Clark County School District Facebook](#)