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September 2015

District A

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

09/07/15...Labor Day (no school)
10/30/15...Nevada Day (no school)

For a complete listing access:
<http://www.ccsd.net/district/calendar/>

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

Thursday, September 10, 2015, 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 24, 2015, 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 22, 2015, 4:00 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 website: [CCSD Board Meetings](#)

BOARD WORK SESSIONS

Wednesday, October 7, 2015, 8:00 a.m.

Edward A. Greer Education Center, Board Room
2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Parent and Community Forum Community Linkage
Tuesday October 6, 2015, 9:30 a.m.
Valley High School, Theater
2839 S. Burnham Avenue
Las Vegas, NV 89169

DISTRICT A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (ACE) MEETINGS

Wednesday, September 9, 2015
10:00 a.m.
Foothill High School
800 College Drive
Henderson, NV 89002

Wednesday, October 14, 2015
10:00 a.m.
Foothill High School
800 College Drive
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Dear CCSD Families and Friends,

We have gotten off to a wonderful start for the 2015-2016 school year. The busses are rolling every day, lunches arrive to feed thousands of students, and we continue to enroll students each and every day. This year we are projected to hit 323,137 students, again hitting record enrollment for the Clark County School District.

Nationally there is a teacher shortage, and we are caught in right in the middle of it. School districts all over the U.S. are in need of qualified, licensed teachers. This is not a problem Clark County School District can solve all alone. We are working with higher education institutions to help build the teacher pipeline as well as grow some of the Alternative Route to Licensure programs.

Please take a few moments to take the online survey in the link below that will help The School Board of Trustees established some building principals for the 2015 Bond rollover plan that we are moving forward with this fall.

<http://capitalimprovementplan.ccsd.net/>

I want to wish everyone a happy and successful school year.

Your School Board Trustee,
Deanna Wright

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Back to School



Useful Links

Report a Bully

ccsd.net/students/bully/

Infinite Campus

ccsd.net/parents/infinite-campus.php

Student Enrollment

ccsd.net/parents/enrollment/

Transportation

ccsd.net/departments/transportation

Regional Professional Development Program (RPDP)

Math Resources are available online.
rdp.net/

freeMATHHELP

freemathhelp.com/algebra-help.html

Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC)

smarterbalanced.org/

Immunizations – Southern Nevada Health District

southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/

Homework Hotline

vegaspbs.org/homework-hotline/

Millennium Scholarship, Prepaid Tuition Program and More

nevadatreasurer.gov

CCSD TV

tv.ccsd.net/

School Board Meetings

ccsd.net/trustees/meeting-agendas/

Legislative Update

On August 10, the Legislative Commission named Assemblywoman Melissa Woodbury Chair of the Legislative Committee on Education and Senator Becky Harris as Vice Chair. Other members are expected to be appointed this fall with meetings planned to begin January 2016.

Infinite Campus

Infinite Campus is the District's Student Information System, electronic gradebook, and parent/guardian and student portal.

The "Campus Portal" provides parents/guardians and students with real-time access to information so they may better understand, monitor, and participate in the educational process.

A mobile app is also accessible for any Apple iOS or Android device.

For more information about Infinite Campus, visit <http://ccsd.net/parents/infinite-campus>

Parents/guardians and students who have a Campus Portal account from the 2014-15 school year will continue to use the same username and password. If you do not have an account, please contact your child's school.

Constituent Services (Parent Concerns)

The level of collaboration between families and educators is an important predictor of student academic achievement. Parents and family members who establish strong, positive relationships with school staff have more opportunities to learn about the education system and become better education advocates.

If there is a concern about your child's school, contact the principal of the school to request an opportunity to address your concerns and have a dialogue about the issue. Concerns that are not resolved at the school level may be addressed by an Ombudsman in the Constituent Services Office at (702) 799-1016. An ombudsman serves as a mediator for parents and the public to communicate education-related concerns.

Community members should contact the office for all questions or concerns. Parents or community members can call the office at (702) 799-1016. For those who would like to meet in person, contact the office for an appointment.

News from the Food Services Department

The Clark County School District (CCSD) Food Service Department welcomes you back to the 2015-2016 school year!

Great news! Meal prices have remained the same for this school year. The prices are as follows: Breakfast will be \$1.25 at the elementary schools and \$1.50 at the middle and high schools. Lunch will be \$2.00 at the elementary schools and \$3.25 at the middle and high schools.

The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) allows parents the opportunity to apply for free and reduced priced meals. One application is all that is needed for the entire family. CCSD will continue to assist families by subsidizing reduced meal prices and pay the difference, so the students can eat for free. Applications can be found at www.applyforlunch.com.

The Food Service Department has a new website <http://www.ccsd.net/departments/food-service/> which contains the following information: The Free & Reduced Meal Program, school lunch menus, making online meal payments at www.myschoolbucks.com, and an opportunity for parents and students to provide feedback, rate our service and contact us. The Food Service Department is active on social media and can be found on Facebook and be followed on Twitter.

Senate Bill 503 (SB 503), *Breakfast After The Bell*, was signed into law on June 12, 2015, and the Clark County School District will have 78 schools that will offer free breakfast after the bell. This bill is intended to increase access to breakfast so that every student in the school has the opportunity to start the day well-nourished and ready to learn. Extensive research has shown that students who consume breakfast score higher on academic tests, have fewer behavioral issues, and fewer visits to the school nurse.

The CCSD Food Service Department pledges to make the difference.

Please call 702-799-8123, if you have any questions.

Did You Know?

CCSD's Transportation Department ran 1,535 bus routes on the first day of school, 94% were on time. The call center took more than 2,000 calls!



Be an Upstander

Per NRS 236.073, Governor Sandoval proclaimed September 28 through October 2, 2015, the “Week of Respect.” As outlined in the Superintendent’s Pledge of Achievement, Clark County School District (CCSD) must ensure consistent implementation of anti-bullying programs and practices in all schools and work environments.

The “Week of Respect” is the launching of an ongoing effort to enhance a safe and respectful learning environment. CCSD’s theme is “Be an Upstander.”

An “Upstander” is an individual who stands up to bullying behavior; however, being an “Upstander” involves more than speaking out and telling a bully “to stop.” Establishing positive and stable relationships with adults, such as parents, teachers, coaches, and/or extended family members, are key for students to “Be Upstanders.”

Stan Davis and Dr. Charisse Brown (2015) have outlined best practices for parents and students to become “Upstanders” and promote a safe and respectful learning environment:

- spend family time together;
- encourage positive relationships with adults outside the immediate family;
- encourage active participation in hobbies and interests;
- encourage service to others and helping youth see that they have made a positive difference by helping others;
- teach young people to understand that some people they meet in life may say or do mean things to others;
- help your child develop problem-solving skills; and
- help your child build friendships and other peer connections outside school through activities and groups.

For additional information on the suggested practices, please visit <http://stopbullyingnow.com/advice-for-parents-and-guardians/>

September 29, 2015, Join CCSD and take the Pledge to “Be an Upstander.” Visit: www.ccsd.net/upstander

October 2, 2015, “Get Your Blue On” – show your commitment to promote a safe and respectful learning environment by wearing blue on October 2, 2015. #CCSDGetYourBlueOn

For more information, you can call Dr. Greta Peay, Director, Equity and Diversity Education Department at (702) 799-8484.

YOUR SCHOOL, YOUR VOICE



Members of the public are invited to a series of public input meetings concerning the Clark County School District’s Capital Improvement Plan. Join trustees and other district leaders to learn more and help determine priorities for new and existing schools.

Monday, August 31, 6p
Basic High School Theater

Thursday, September 3, 3p
Rancho High School Theater

Friday, September 4, 10a
Virgin Valley High School Theater

Tuesday, September 8, 6p
Durango High School Theater

Wednesday, September 9, 6p
Chaparral High School Theater

Thursday, September 10, 10a
Cimarron-Memorial High School Theater

Public can also provide their input by completing an online survey at <http://capitalimprovementplan.ccsd.net/>

Graduates Take the Stage in Summer Commencement Ceremony



The CCSD held its fourth-annual Summer Commencement Ceremony August 18 at the Orleans Arena to celebrate the accomplishments of students who remained dedicated to earning a high school diploma. The students participating in the ceremony chose to stay the course and work through the summer to complete needed course credits and pass proficiency exams. Congratulations to all the graduates!

Partners for Achievement

Your child’s achievement depends on a partnership between you and your child’s teacher. Partners for Achievement newsletters, available for the 2015-2016 school year, provide an overview of what students will learn based on the Nevada Academic Content Standards for middle school and high school and during each semester in reading, writing, and mathematics for kindergarten through fifth grade. These newsletters also offer ideas to help you support your child’s learning at home.

The sample below from the *Grade 3 – Semester 1 Reading* section will give you an idea of what is available for all grade levels:

Reading

At school, students will:

- Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text.
- Describe the traits, motivations, or feelings of characters in a story and how their actions impact the story’s events.
- Explain how illustrations contribute to the mood of a story.
- Determine the main idea and recount details that support the main idea.
- Use information from maps and photographs to support the understanding of the text.
- Recount stories, including fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures; determine the central message, lesson, or moral and explain how it is conveyed through key details in the text.
- Read stories (literature) and informational books and materials. At home, you can:

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- Ask your child to explain the decisions characters make in the story.
- Read together and find details that support the main idea.
- Read informational texts, such as magazines.
- Discuss maps and photographs.
- Read different types of books together including fables, folktales, and myths; discuss the central message, lesson, or moral of the story.
- Read Internet sources together; use text features and search tools to find information.

The Semester 1 and Semester 2 (English and Spanish) newsletters are available online at <http://ccsd.net/parents/>. For more information, you can call Jhone Ebert, Chief Innovation & Productivity Officer, Innovative Teaching and Learning Unit at (702) 799-2939.

Trustee's Parent and Constituent Meetings for September

Trustee Carolyn Edwards, District F
F-Troop Meeting
Wednesday, September 9 at 9:30 a.m.
Southwest Behavior JH/HS, Room 799

Trustee Patrice Tew, District E
District E Parent Meeting
Tuesday, September 15 at 9:30 a.m.
Givens Elementary School, Multi-Purpose Rm

Trustee Chris Garvey, District B
District B Parent Meeting
Thursday, September 17 at 9:30 a.m.
Arbor View High School, room 513

Trustee Linda E. Young, District C
Village Meeting
Wednesday, September 23 at 9:30 a.m.
Elizondo Elementary School, Multi-Purpose Rm

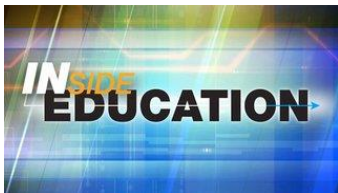
Trustee Erin Cranor, District G
District G Parent Meeting
Wednesday, September 23 at 9:30 a.m.
Vegas PBS, room 122/123

Inside Education

Inside Education airs on Vegas PBS (Channel 10) at 7:30 p.m. every other Tuesday with veteran television journalist Mitch Truswell as host.

The program is a cooperative effort with the Clark County School District (CCSD) to provide increased transparency and accountability to students, parents and taxpayers.

Complete Inside Education episodes and featured segments can be viewed on vegaspbs.org/inside-education/ or the VegasPBS YouTube page.



Budget Update-Year End Closing of the Books

The Clark County School District (CCSD) has a fiscal year end of June 30. "Closing of the Books" ends the annual accumulation of expenditures and revenues, thereby resetting these accounts to begin the new fiscal year on July 1.

Since the end of June, many team members have worked tirelessly to close purchase orders, pay accounts payable outstanding amounts and record final account receivable entries. Year-end accruals are prepared for payroll, interest, and other revenue sources including property taxes and state funding. Recording outstanding liabilities and depreciation of fixed assets are also part of the year-end process. Upon completion of all entries, the subsidiary ledgers for accounts receivables, payables, and fixed assets have to be reconciled to the supporting accounts and cash accounts must be reconciled to the bank statements. Financial statements are then prepared and reviewed along with all footnotes and disclosures.

Once all the above tasks are completed, the hard work of our team members continues as audit schedules are prepared for our third party independent auditors Eide Bailly, LLP. Eide Bailly's accountants review our internal controls, federal grants, financial statements, and disclosures then issue an audit report indicating that our financial statements are accurate and fairly presented. The final result of this process is the end product of our financial statement called the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR), a shortened version of the CAFR. The Accounting team has consistently won awards for the annual CAFR and PAFR, and the expectation is that this year will be no different.

Applications being Accepted for Teacher of the Year Program

The Nevada Department of Education is accepting applications for its Teacher of the Year program. Applications must be submitted by September 28, 2015. For more information, click [here](#) or call (702) 668-4308.

Student Video Contest

Kori Kloberdanz, Strategic Projects Coordinator, Community and Government Relations, provided information on the Student Video Contest and recognized the winners at the August 13 regular board meeting. [Click here](#) to listen to the presentation.

Nevada Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Donations

David Flatt, President, Nevada PTA, Adriane Zaniewski, President-Elect, Nevada PTA, and John Kirley, MORE Chair, Nevada PTA, provided a presentation on the of various donations made by Nevada Parent Teacher Association (PTA) to the Clark County School District for the 2014-2015 school year at the August 13 regular board meeting. [Click here](#) to listen to the presentation.

Law Enforcement Torch Run

Steve Cabrales, Nevada State Director, Law Enforcement Torch Run, Special Olympics, provided information on the Law Enforcement Torch Run which raises funds for the Special Olympics and recognized the CCSD School Police Department for their time to help fundraise the Special Olympics. [Click here](#) to listen to the presentation.

What Nevada Means to Me Art Competition

Joyce Woodhouse, State Senator, Nevada State Senate, present the What Nevada Means to Me Art Competition award to Malia Deramus a fifth grader at James I. Gibson Elementary School last school year. [Click here](#) to listen to the presentation.

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