



# DISTRICT C: THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



**Dr. Linda E. Young**

**“Students First: It Takes a Village to Educate a Child.”**

## JULY 2013

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### IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

09/02/13	Labor Day
10/25/13	Nevada Day
11/11/13	Veterans Day
11/28/13	Thanksgiving Day
11/29/13	Family Day
12/23/13-01/3/14	Winter Break

For a complete list of calendar dates access

[CCSD 2013-2014 School Calendar](#)

### PARENTS/STUDENTS

Monday, August 26, 2013 (First day of School)

### REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

July 18, 2013, 4:00 p.m.  
August 8, 2013, 4:00 p.m.  
August 22, 2013, 4:00 p.m.  
September 12, 2013, 4:00 p.m.  
September 26, 2013, 4:00 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:

August 7, 2013, 8:00 a.m.  
September 4, 2013, 8:00 a.m.  
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### SPECIAL BOARD MEETING:

August 9, 2013, 9:00 a.m.  
Board Retreat

VEGAS PBS, Room 122/123  
3050 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121

Dear District C, “The VILLAGE”: Parents, Principals, CCSD Staff, Students, Community, and Friends:

“Somewhere along the line of development we discover what we really are, and then we make our real decision for which we are responsible. Make that decision primarily for yourself, because you can never really live anyone else’s life, not even your own child’s; the influence you exert is through your own life and what you become yourself.” Eleanor Roosevelt

Welcome officially to the summer of 2013. We encourage the time that some students will be out of school to engage in educationally related activities, such as, visiting their local library, tour of our museums, get involved in organized youth program through churches YMCA or the Boy & Girls Club. Every day is an opportunity for student and parents to find quality education programs to fill the summer days with fun events and memorable learning activities.

The School Board Trustees offered Superintendent Skorkowsky a three year contract to direct the Clark County School District to meet the educational needs of all students. My no vote was to only offer a one to one and a half year contract to Mr. Skorkowsky that would provide the trustees and constituents with an opportunity to check the progress of student achievement goals and to honor my word to those constituents of not going too fast and to welcome their voices to review the improvement of district priorities. Congratulations to Mr. Skorkowsky. It is all of our responsibility to help him and our total staff in the CCSD to make our school district one of the best in the nation.

[The Clark County Association of Elementary School Principals \(CCAESP\) Scholarship Awards](#) The CCAESP presented scholarships from the CCAESP to Clark County School District and/or full time university students at the May 23, 2013, regular Board meeting. [Click Here](#) to listen to the presentation.

[Clark County Association of School Administrators and Professional-Technical Employees \(CCASAPE\) Scholarship Awards](#) The CCAESP presented scholarships from the CCAESP to Clark County School District students at the May 23, 2013, regular board meeting. [Click Here](#) to listen to the presentation.

[Latin Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Awards](#) The Latin Chamber of Commerce presented scholarships from the Latin Chamber of Commerce to Clark County School District students at the May 23, 2013, regular Board meeting. [Click Here](#) to listen to the presentation.

[Two High Schools Receive \\$500,000](#) According to the [Las Vegas Sun](#), the football programs at Chaparral and Western High Schools received private donations of \$500,000 "to upgrade everything from the weight room to field equipment and new uniforms."

## ADDITIONAL NOTES:

### Students have Until August 1 to Enter Writing Contest

CCSD students and others are invited to enter a writing contest, the winners of which will have their work published as part of a book to be sold at Amazon.com. According to the [View newspaper](#), aspiring authors 14-22 have until August 1, 2013, to apply for the Gateway Arts Foundation's Helen Hearne Literary Scholarship. The story must focus on Nevada or any town in Nevada. For more information visit: [www.gatewayartsfoundation.org/literary\\_scholarship](http://www.gatewayartsfoundation.org/literary_scholarship)

**Kindergarten Students** Kindergarten students must be five years of age on or before September 30. Per NRS 392.040, there are no exceptions! Official state birth certificate, records of immunization, parent/guardian picture ID, and one (1) utility bill (no phone, no cable) must be presented at the time of registration for kindergarten students and other students who are new to the Clark County School District. If you know of a child of Kindergarten age or new to the area, please communicate the above information so they may contact the school regarding registration.

**2013-2014 Nine-Month Calendar** The Nine-Month Calendar for the 2013-2014 school year is now available online at <http://www.ccsd.net>. [The first day of school for the 2013-2014 school year is August 26, 2013.](#)



**HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY TO YOU  
AND YOUR FAMILY**

## CONTINUED MESSAGE FROM DR. LINDA E. YOUNG

### State of Nevada Plan Helps you save for your Child's College Education

The State of Nevada's SSgA Upromise 529 Plan was created to help parents save for their children's college education. According to ParentsGuide of Las Vegas, it's easy to get started in this program. Learn more at <http://parentsguidelv.com/magazine/3367/a-way-for-nevadans-to-save-for-college-ssga-upromise-529>.

**Review of CCSD Policies and Regulations** At the June 20, 2013, regular Board meeting, the Board of Trustees revised the CCSD Policy 5136 Personal Technology and Communication Devices. Please link to <http://www.ccsd.net/district/policies-regulations/>.

**Legislative Update** The Nevada's 77th Legislature concluded earlier this month at midnight on June 3rd only to resume in the 27th Special Session at 7:00 a.m. on June 4. The Legislature still had five key measures to consider in the waning hours of the 2013 session including bills on economic development, class size reduction reporting, the Millennium Scholarship, Clark County Scales and Use Tax Act of 2005 (More Cops), and a loan account for charter schools. These five bills were all voted on and passed in the early morning hours of the special session. You can view these bills at: <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/27th2013Special/Reports/>.

Legislators passed a number of key bills benefitting education, here are just a few for your review:

**AB288** - eliminates the NHSPE and transitions to end of course exams for graduation.

**SB58** - allows all students to participate in distance education courses and eliminates certain barriers to enrollment.

**SB164** - changes the definition of bullying and provides for training of administrators and board members.

**SB269** - requires proof of school attendance to receive a driver's license.

**SB407** - extends the time period for full implementation of the new teacher and school administrator evaluation system and providing for validation studies.

**SB504** - provides the first state allocation for English language learners in Nevada and creates Zoom schools that will have preschool, full-day kindergarten, summer school, and reading skills development programs.

**SB522** - allocates state funding to Nevada's school districts and provides \$200 per pupil in additional funds to CCSD.

A full list of the bills tracked by the District can be found here:

<http://ccsd.net/departments/community-government-relations/government-affairs-legislation>

**ALWAYS REMEMBER: "YOU ARE THE KEY TO OUR SUCCESS!"**

Yours for Excellence in Education,  
Dr. Linda E. Young, School Board Trustee, District C  
Clark County School District, Las Vegas, Nevada



**2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR**

**DISTRICT C: "THE VILLAGE" MEETING DATE AND HOSTING SCHOOL**



**2013**

- Date/Time:** Wednesday, September 25, 2013, 9:00 a.m.  
**School:** Twin Lakes Elementary School, Library **Phone:** 799-4790  
**Address:** 3300 Riverside Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, October 16, 2013, 9:00 a.m.  
**School:** Vegas Verdes Elementary School, Library **Phone:** 799-5960  
**Address:** 4000 El Parque Ave., Las Vegas, Nevada 89102
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, November 20, 2013, 9:00 a.m.  
**School:** Western High School, Library **Phone:** 799-4080  
**Address:** 4601 W. Bonanza Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89107
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, December 18, 2013, 9:00 a.m.  
**School:** John S. Park Elementary School, Library **Phone:** 799-7904  
**Address:** 931 Franklin Ave., Las Vegas, Nevada 89104



**2014**

- Date/Time:** Wednesday, January 15, 2014, 9:00 a.m.  
**School:** Paul Culley Elementary School, Library **Phone:** 799-4800  
**Address:** 1200 N. Mallard, Las Vegas 89108
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, February 19, 2014, 9:00 a.m.  
**School:** Clyde C. Cox Elementary School, Library **Phone:** 799-4990  
**Address:** 3855 Timberlake Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89115
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, March 19, 2014, 9:00 a.m.  
**School:** John C. Freemont Middle School, Library **Phone:** 799-5558  
**Address:** 1100 E. St. Louis Ave., Las Vegas, Nevada 89104
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, April 23, 2014, 9:00 a.m.  
**School:** J.T. McWilliams, Library **Phone:** 799-4770  
**Address:** 1315 Hiawatha Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, May 21, 2014, 9:00 a.m.  
**School:** Marvin M. Sedway Middle School, Library **Phone:** 799-3880  
**Address:** 3465 Englestad St., N. Las Vegas, Nevada 89032



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## Learn about the New Statewide School Ranking System

On June 7, 2013, the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) launched its new Nevada School Performance Framework ranking system to compare Nevada's public schools. The new, statewide ranking system should not be confused with the Clark County School District (CCSD) School Performance Framework that has been used to rank Southern Nevada schools for the past two years. Heather Caputo of Vegas PBS' "Inside Education" provides a [report](#) on the new system.

### Trustee Erin Cranor Praises "Reclaim Your Future"



An event at the MGM Grand Convention Center on May 30, 2013, recognized 540 students who overcame a variety of obstacles to qualify for graduation this year. In an [interview](#) prior to the event, CCSD Trustee Cranor praised the CCSD "Reclaim Your Future" initiative. The celebration that followed included remarks by Trustee Cranor, Superintendent Skorkowsky and MGM Resorts International Senior Vice President of Human Resources Michelle DiTondo. The event highlighted the impact of initiatives implemented by CCSD through the support of community partners, volunteers, and staff to assist students whose attendance, credits or proficiency exam results put them at risk not to graduate.

### Student Jayvone Simms Credits Reclaim Your Future Initiative for Helping him Graduate

"You have to be very dedicated to graduate," says Jayvone Simms, who graduated from Cheyenne High School on June 8, 2013. In an [interview](#), Simms said he overcame many obstacles in order to earn his diploma. He says his main challenge was math proficiency, but the tutoring he received through the "Reclaim Your Future" program not only boosted his math skills but also his self-esteem.

### Graduate Marcos Ramirez says Reclaim Your Future pushed him to Succeed

"My mentor pushed me to graduate and never gave up on me," says Marcos Ramirez, who graduated from Cheyenne High School on June 8, 2013. In an [interview](#), he said his Reclaim Your Future mentor was "always there" for him. Ramirez is now looking toward a successful future that includes attending college.

## Four CCSD Students Receive USAA Scholarships

Four CCSD students are among the top 200 scholars selected throughout the nation as 2012-2013 [United States Achievement Academy](#) scholarship recipients. In order to receive this coveted scholarship, the students had to show academic success, extracurricular involvement, achievements and awards, community service, and leadership abilities. Congratulations to:

- Brenda Bravo, Roy Martin Middle School
- Alexandra Dumitru, Clark High School
- Michelle Lai, Clark High School
- Samantha Lai, Canarelli Middle School

### Rancho High School Students take Part in Aviation Academy



While CCSD Trustee Patrice Tew looked on, model airplanes filled the air over Rancho High School on June 12, 2013, as students took part in the Aviation Career Education (ACE) Academy. The week-long program is sponsored by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals. The ACE Academy encourages minority students to become involved in aviation related careers. Click [here](#) to view Michele Nelson's video essay of the June 12 event.

### Natasha Greene Never Missed a Day of School

It seems unbelievable, but for her entire K-12 education, Natasha Greene never missed a day of school. The 18-year-old Las Vegas High School graduate is profiled in a [Las Vegas Sun](#) story.

### Vegas PBS Viewers See Space Shuttle Up Close

More than 40 people toured the California Science Center and the Griffith Observatory, both in Los Angeles, during a Vegas PBS-sponsored bus tour the weekend of June 8, 2013. The highlight of the tour was the opportunity to see the Endeavour Space Shuttle at the science center. The tour group left Vegas PBS the morning of June 8 and returned the evening of June 9. Susan Johnson and Gail Knowles of Vegas PBS coordinated the trip.

## Millennium Scholarship Good through at least 2018



State Treasurer Kate Marshall announced on June 10, 2013, that the addition of \$15 million into the Gov. Guinn Millennium Scholarship program (GGMS) during the 2013 Legislative Session will keep the program financially stable through at least the 2017-2018 school year. Marshall added that no changes in the GGMS eligibility requirements were made during the 2013 session. Marshall said, "Restoring GGMS funding provides Nevada high school graduates, who meet the qualifications, the opportunity to take advantage of the program's benefits in upcoming years." For more information about the Gov. Guinn Millennium Scholarship program, visit [www.nevadatreasurer.gov](http://www.nevadatreasurer.gov).

### Summer School Information Phone: (702) 855-9751

Session One: June 17-July 5 and Session Two: July 8-25, which are 7:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. The courses are \$100 per one-half credit for original credit or \$50 per one-half credit for credit recovery and can be taken at designated CPDD high school sites. <http://www.ccsd.net/schools/summer-school>

Virtual High School (VHS) Online also offers summer school to make up credits or take courses for the first time. The summer session takes place June 17 - July 25 and is also \$100 per one-half credit. Honors courses are also available for students during the summer sessions at VHS. Visit [Virtual High School Online](#) for course offerings, registration, and additional information.

The Academy for Individualized Study (AIS) also offers summer sessions from June 17-July 25 and an enrollment fee of \$100 plus a \$100 refundable book fee where applicable, is required. Visit the Academy of Individualized Study [website](#) for course offerings, registration, and additional information. <http://schools.ccsd.net/ais/>.

### Back to School Fairs set for August at Area Malls

Cox Communications has scheduled its 2013 back-to-school fairs as follows: August 10 at Meadows Mall, August 17 at Boulevard Mall and August 24 at the Galleria at Sunset. The free events feature a variety of community agencies and organizations, including the Southern Nevada Health District. CCSD also will have a major presence at the events, which are free and open to the public.