

DISTRICT C: THE VILLAGE

NEWSLETTER

CCSD
CLARK COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT



Dr. Linda E. Young

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

MAY 2012

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2012 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION
ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

05/28/12 Memorial Day
06/07/12 Last Day of School

For a complete list of calendar dates access
[CCSD 2011-2012 School Calendar](#)

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

May 10, 2012 4:00 p.m.
May 24, 2012, 4:00 p.m.
* June 4, 2012, 4:00 p.m.
June 21, 2012, 4:00 p.m.
July 12, 2012, 4:00 p.m.
July 26, 2012, 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 web site
[Clark County School District](#)

WORK SESSION MEETINGS:

June 6, 2012, 8:00 a.m.
July 11, 2012, 8:00 a.m.

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

SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS:

May 2, 2012, 8:00 a.m.
Reconvened Special Board Meeting
of April 26, 2012

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

May 3, 2012, 5:30 p.m.
Community Linkage Meeting

Roy W. Martin Middle School, Theater
200 N. 28th Street, Las Vegas, NV 89101

May 16, 2012, 5:00 p.m.
Adoption of Final Budget

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

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

One hundred years from now it will not matter,
What kind of car I drove, what kind of house I lived in,
How much money I had in my bank account,
Nor what my clothes looked like.

But one hundred years from now the world may be a little better,
Because I was important in the life of a child.

Graduate Advocate Initiative Program Recognition The Workforce Connections and United Way of Southern Nevada were recently recognized at the April 12, 2012, Board meeting for the implementation and support of the Graduate Advocate Initiative Program. With a partnership between the Clark County School District, Workforce Connections, United Way of Southern Nevada and the Nevada Public Education Foundation, the Graduate Advocate Initiative Program is helping to increase Southern Nevada’s High School Graduation Rate.

Graduation Requirements Students in the Clark County School District must complete 22.5 units of approved course work, pass all portions of the Nevada High School Proficiency Examinations (NHSPE) and meet other District and state requirements. Below is information on the various types of diplomas graduating students can receive. Additional Information regarding graduation requirements and the types of diplomas can be found at the Nevada Department of Education, http://nde.doe.nv.gov/Resources_GradRequirements.htm.

Types of Diplomas Certificate of Attendance. This certificate is awarded to students who complete their course requirements, but do not pass all sections of the Proficiency Exams.

Standard Diploma. This diploma is given to students who earned four credits of English, three credits of math, two credits of science, two credits of physical education, one credit each of world history, US government, US history, and one-half credit of health and computers. The remaining courses are electives.

Advance Diploma. Students must earn 24 credits, including the requirements of the standard diploma, plus one additional credit in math, science, and arts/humanities or occupational education. Students must also achieve a minimum unweighted cumulative grade point average of 3.25.

Advance Honors Diploma. Students who receive this diploma are required to fulfill the 24 credit as the Advance Diploma stated above, and must complete the Honors, International Baccalaureate (IB), or Advance Placement (AP) courses required of the Honors Course Program. They must also achieve a minimum of a 3.25 unweighted GPA and 3.84 weighted GPA

CONTINUED MESSAGE FROM DR. LINDA E. YOUNG

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

SAVE THE DATE: Calendar the upcoming VILLAGE Meeting: May 16, 2012, Quannah McCall Empowerment Elementary School. Additional meeting information is listed on the next page.

2012 GRADUATION CALENDAR:

Click on the below link for a complete listing of schools, locations, dates, and times for 2012 Graduation! [2012 Graduation Calendar](#)

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CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Operation Crime Free Schools. Call the school police to report suspicious activity at your school.
You can remain anonymous.

Tip Hotline: 799-0228

2013-2014 and 2014-2015 School Calendars. The Board of Trustees recently approved the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school calendars. The calendars are available on the District's website at <http://www.ccsd.net/district/calendar/>.

Budget Update The Board of Trustees adopted the Tentative Budget for 2012-2013 at their April 11, 2012 work session and, as required by state law, authorized the Superintendent to submit it to the state Department of Taxation. This Tentative budget was built with the assumption that the District will have \$35.6 million less in resources (revenues and fund balance) than it had this year. Thus, additional budget cuts and/or employee concessions will be needed to balance the budget. The Board will meet again on May 16, 2012, at 5:00 pm, to adopt its Final Budget for 2012-2013, at which time more will likely be known about possible employee concessions.

Legislative Update The committee to study a New Method for Funding Public Schools met on April 20, 2012, to consider the proposals submitted by several consultants to conduct the study. Presentations were given by the American Institutes for Research; Augenblick, Palaich and Associates; Cross and Joftus; and Picus and Associates. After some deliberation, the committee chose the American Institutes for Research who will include staff members from both UNLV and UNR on their team to conduct the study.

The Legislative Committee on Education held its fourth meeting of the 2012 interim on April 26, 2012. The agenda included discussion items on the Nevada System of Higher Education, the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship, a study on the relationship between eighth grade achievement test performance to high school graduation, the P-16 Council, Nevada's labor market, the College and Workforce Readiness definition, career and technical education, and early childhood programs.

Policies At the April 12 School Board meeting, the Board of Trustees adopted CCSD Policy 4110, Employment Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Harassment: All Employees. To view this and other District Policies and Regulations, please link to <http://www.ccsd.net/district/policies-regulations/>. For policies and regulations under the Notice of Intent process please access <http://ccsd.net/district/policies-regulations/> for all of the proposed changes.

A special thank you to Principal Pam Sowards Hays and the Vail Pittman Elementary School staff for hosting the District C, VILLAGE Meeting on Wednesday, April 18, 2012. Remember: "It Takes A Village to Educate A Child." Looking forward to seeing you at 9:00 a.m., on Wednesday, May 16, 2012, at Quannah McCall Empowerment E.S., Library, 800 East Carey Ave., North Las Vegas, NV 89030. Please come and bring a family member and a friend.

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

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





2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

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



2011

- Date/Time:** Wednesday, September 21, 2011, 9:00 a.m.
School: Kit Carson ES, Library **Phone:** 799-7113
Address: 1735 "D" Street, Las Vegas, NV 89106
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, October 19, 2011, 9:00 a.m.
School: Reynaldo Martinez ES, Parent Center **Phone:** 799-3800
Address: 350 E. Judson Avenue, North Las Vegas, NV 89030
- Date/Time:** Monday, November 7, 2011, 9:00 a.m.
School: Lucile Bruner ES, Library **Phone:** 799-0620
Address: 4289 Allen Lane, North Las Vegas, NV 89032
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, December 14, 2011, 9:00 a.m.
School: Kermit R. Booker Sr. ES, Library **Phone:** 799-4720
Address: 2277 North Martin Luther King Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89106



2012

- Date/Time:** Wednesday, January 18, 2012, 9:00 a.m.
School: Lois Craig ES, Library **Phone:** 799-4910
Address: 2637 E. Gowan Road, North Las Vegas, NV 89030
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, February 15, 2012, 9:00 a.m.
School: Mojave HS, Library **Phone:** 799-0432
Address: 5302 Goldfield Street, North Las Vegas, NV 89031
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 9:00 a.m.
School: Mabel Hoggard ES, Library **Phone:** 799-4740
Address: 950 N. Tonopah Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89106
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, April 18, 2012, 9:00 a.m.
School: Vail Pittman ES, Library **Phone:** 799-4213
Address: 6333 Fargo Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89107
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, May 16, 2012, 9:00 a.m.
School: Quannah McCall Empowerment ES, Parent Portable 34 **Phone:** 799-7149
Address: 800 E. Carey Avenue, North Las Vegas, NV 89030



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CCSD Releases 2012-2013 Budget Proposal

The Clark County School District (CCSD) submitted a [tentative operating budget](#) for the 2012-13 school year to the Board of School Trustees on April 11, 2012. Due to continuing economic uncertainty and pending the outcome of ongoing arbitration with the Clark County Education Association (CCEA), the [tentative budget](#) presents a balanced spending plan and a worst-case scenario outlook. CCSD is currently seeking to hold pay steady for the nearly 18,000 licensed personnel to cover a \$63 million shortfall. In an interview with [KTNV-TV](#), Superintendent Dwight D. Jones said, "We understand it's a difficult budgeting time, but a win for us is to be able to save jobs." A second public hearing on the budget will take place at a regularly scheduled board meeting on May 16 to address any revisions. CCSD must submit a final budget to the Nevada Department of Taxation by June 8, 2012.

Nine District Teachers Complete National Board Certification

*Teachers honored
by the Board of School Trustees*

The Clark County School District honored nine teachers for their professional achievement and dedication in obtaining certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) during the Clark County Board of School Trustees meeting Thursday, April 12. The rigorous process involves an additional 400 hours of work, completion of a three-hour test and preparation of several classroom-based videos and portfolios.

The CCSD teachers that joined the distinguished group of National Board Certified Teachers are:

Arlene Hayman
Paradise Elementary School

Candice Harris-Reed
Searles Miller Academy for International Studies

Dan Jalbert
Lied Middle School

Diane Lizzote
Galloway Elementary School

Jacqueline Carpenter
Schofield Middle School

Judith Johnson
Smalley Elementary School

Kerry Treichel
Givens Elementary School

Robin Mini
Lamping Elementary School

Stephan Melancon
Las Vegas Academy

Nine CCSD Schools Taking Part in "Financial Fitness" Pilot Program

The State Treasurer's Office is working with the Nevada Council on Economic Education to sponsor a financial fitness pilot program in a number of Nevada schools. The program is being administered by a dozen teachers and involves 900+ students. Nine CCSD schools are participating: Arbor View HS, Bonanza HS, College of Southern Nevada HS, East Career and Technical Academy HS, Palo Verde HS, Rancho HS, Spring Valley HS, Sunrise Mountain HS and Hyde Park MS.

Local Drummers Including CCSD Students to Perform in Drumline Championships

Vegas Vanguard Percussion, a drumline team of 20 high school and college students, is preparing for the [Percussion World Championships](#), slated for April 19-21, 2012, in Dayton, Ohio. As reported by the [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#), the team of drummers, ages 14 to 22, have already practiced more than 500 hours in preparation for the championships.

Southwest Career and Technical Academy's Lacey Long Named President of Nevada Association of Student Councils



Lacey Long, a junior at Southwest Career and Technical Academy (SWCTA), was recently elected state president of the Nevada Association of Student Councils (NASC). The election took place in March 2012 during the association's state conference in Reno. Long currently serves as SWCTA's student body president and was re-elected in February as president for the 2012-13 school year. The NASC represents about 110 student councils from around the state.

Middle School Students May Obtain Free Tdap Vaccinations

Middle school students in Clark County, whether insured or uninsured, may obtain a Tdap vaccination at no cost. In Nevada, Tdap vaccinations are required for entry into 7th grade.

Vaccinations will be available:
Saturday, May 19, from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Cashman Middle School

Saturday, June 2, from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
White Middle School

For more information you can go to:
<http://static.ccsd.net/ccsd/content/ccsd-news/pdf/free-tdap-shots-2012.pdf>

Grammy Gold Signature Schools

Both Green Valley High School (GVHS) and Las Vegas Academy (LVA) were selected this year as "[Grammy Gold Signature Schools](#)." The prestigious honor followed competitive auditions by more than 20,000 invited applicants across the U.S. A total of only six schools nationwide received this award, and it's unusual for two schools from the same state to be selected. LVA has won the award 10 times, and this is the 2nd such award for GVHS.

Family Enrichment Day

UNLV will host Family Enrichment Day on Saturday, May 12, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the Student Union, 4505 S. Maryland Parkway. The event will feature welcoming remarks from CCSD Superintendent Dwight D. Jones and Deputy Superintendent Pedro Martinez. There will be a variety of workshops on topics ranging from math and science to planning for college. Admission is free to CCSD parents. For more information, you can go to: <http://static.ccsd.net/ccsd/content/ccsd-news/pdf/family-enrichment-day-may-12-2012.pdf>

Board of Trustees Community Linkage Meeting

The Board of School Trustees will hold a Community Linkage meeting on May 3, 2012, 5:30 p.m., at Roy Martin Middle School, Theater, 200 N. 28th Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101. The moderator, Deputy Superintendent Pedro Martinez, will ask a panel of parents, representatives from local non-profit organizations, and CCSD staff for input regarding education issues important to the Hispanic community. The event will be held in Spanish with translators available for those who speak English.

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