

DISTRICT C: THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

CCSD
CLARK COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT



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



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IMPORTANT DATES

FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

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| 11/11/16 | Veterans Day |
| 11/24/16 | Thanksgiving Day |
| 11/25/16 | Family Day |
| 12/19/16-01/02/17 | Winter Break |
| 01/16/17 | Martin Luther King Day |
| 02/20/17 | Presidents' Day |
| 04/10-14/17 | Spring Break |
| 05/29/17 | Memorial Day |

For a complete list of calendar dates access

[CCSD 2016-2017 School Calendar](#)

PARENTS/STUDENTS CLASSES RESUME

Tuesday, January 03, 2017

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

November 10, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

December 8, 2016, 6:00 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

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NEW START TIME

FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

**Beginning on Thursday, August 25, 2016, and
going through Thursday, December 8, 2016, regular
meetings of the CCSD Board of Trustees will start at
6:00 p.m. and not 4:00 p.m. The Board will evaluate the
later start time at their work session on Wednesday,
December 7, 2016, and decide if they will continue with
the change.**

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

January 3, 2017, 5:30 p.m. (Oath of Office)

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

WORK SESSION MEETINGS

November 2, 2016, 8:00 a.m.

December 7, 2016, 8:00 a.m.

January 4, 2017, 8:00 a.m.

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2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121

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

“For the things we have to learn before we can do them, we learn by doing them.”
Aristotle

Trustees to Host Community Linkage Meetings

The Board of School Trustees will hold **two Community Linkage meetings** for the
purpose of **discussing the Reorganization of the Clark County School District and
the state's Achievement School District.**

Friday, November 4, 2016, 9:30 a.m.

Western High School, Theater
4601 W. Bonanza Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89107

Monday, November 7, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

West Prep Academy, Cafeteria
2050 Sapphire Stone Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89106

CCSD Turnaround Zone Informational Sessions

The Clark County School District's Turnaround Zone would like to invite all staff members,
parents and community members to attend one of the following informational sessions
which will describe the 2016-2017 School Review Process and potential conversion of
CCSD schools to charter schools within the State's Achievement School District. Spanish
translators will be available at each meeting.

Tuesday, November 1, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.

West Prep Academy, Theater
2050 Sapphire Stone Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89106

Wednesday, November 2, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.

Desert Pines High School, Theater
3800 East Harris Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89110

Thursday, November 3, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.

Bailey Middle School, Theater
2500 N. Hollywood Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89156

Wednesday, November 9, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.

Jerome Mack Middle School, Theater
4250 Karen Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89121

REMINDER: My next **VILLAGE Meeting** will be on **Wednesday, November 16, 9:00am,
in the library at Jim Bridger Middle School.** This meeting is open to everyone. I am
looking forward to seeing you there! Meeting information for the 2016-17 school year
is listed on the next page.

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



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2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR
DISTRICT C: "THE VILLAGE" MEETING DATE AND HOSTING SCHOOL

2016

- Date/Time:** Wednesday, September 28, 2016, 9:00 a.m.
School: Robert O. Gibson Middle School, Library
Address: 3900 West Washington Ave., Las Vegas, Nevada 89107
Phone: 702-799-4700
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, October 26, 2016, 9:00 a.m.
School: Desert Rose High School, Chez Nous
Address: 444 West Brooks Ave., North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030
Phone: 702-799-6240
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, November 16, 2016, 9:00 a.m.
School: Jim Bridger Middle School, Library
Address: 2505 North Bruce St., North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030
Phone: 702-799-7185
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, December 14, 2016, 9:00 a.m.
School: Doris M. Reed Elementary School, Library
Address: 2501 Winwood St., Las Vegas, Nevada 89108
Phone: 702-799-4777

2017

- Date/Time:** Wednesday, January 18, 2017, 9:00 a.m.
School: Wing & Lilly Fong Elementary School, Library
Address: 2200 James Bilbray Dr., Las Vegas, Nevada 89108
Phone: 702-799-4890
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, February 15, 2017, 9:00 a.m.
School: Marvin M. Sedway Middle School, Library
Address: 3465 Englestad St., North Las Vegas, Nevada 89032
Phone: 702-799-3880
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, March 15, 2017, 9:00 a.m.
School: Wendell Williams Elementary School, Parent Center
Address: 1030 "J" St., Las Vegas, Nevada 89106
Phone: 702-799-4760
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017, 9:00 a.m.
School: Las Vegas Academy of the Arts, Library
Address: 315 South 7th St., Las Vegas, Nevada 89101
Phone: 702-799-7800
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017, 9:00 a.m.
School: Red Rock Elementary School, Library
Address: 408 Upland Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89107
Phone: 702-799-4223

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/

Reorganization of CCSD (Information)
ab394.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/

CCSD Reports Preliminary Graduation Rate Increase of 2.6 Percent

The Clark County School District (CCSD) announced a preliminary graduation rate of 74.22 percent for the graduating Class of 2016. This cohort's graduation rate marks a growth of 15 percent in the last five years. "We are thrilled to see that our students continue to make gains and that our graduation rate continues to increase," said Chief Student Achievement Officer Dr. Mike Barton. The announcement took place Oct. 13 at Chaparral High School, which saw an estimated 14 percent increase, bringing their preliminary rate to 79.70 percent for the Class of 2016. Chaparral was one of five CCSD high schools that recorded an approximate increase of 10 percentage points or more. Graduating 17,491 students, the Class of 2016 is the district's largest graduating class with about 570 more students graduating than the Class of 2015, representing a 2.6 percent increase. For more information, click [here](#).

Legislative Update

The Nevada State Board of Education held a joint meeting with the Nevada University Board of Regents on October 21, 2016. During the meeting they discussed career and technical education and work force development issues.
http://www.doe.nv.gov/Boards_Commissions_Councils/State_Board_of_Education/MeetingMaterials/

On October 18, 2016, the Advisory Committee to Develop a Plan to Reorganize the Clark County School District to hear an update on the implementation of the reorganization plan. They also hired a consultant and created the Community Input Council (CIC) to help oversee the implementation of the reorganization plan and regulations passed by the Committee on September 1, 2016. The CIC held their first meeting on October 26, 2016. All CIC meetings will be open to the public and will be posted on the website of the Nevada Legislature.
<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/InterimCommittee/REL/Interim2015/Meeting/4760>

Six CCSD Schools Names "Shining Stars" By Nevada Department of Education

Six CCSD schools are among 10 Nevada schools to be named to the [Nevada Department of Education's](#) inaugural Shining Stars List. Superintendent of Public Instruction Steve Canavero said, "Being included on the Shining Stars list recognizes and celebrates achievement at schools that have significantly outperformed the State in serving all students, with an emphasis on closing opportunity gaps." Schools recognized for being Shining Stars were either four- or five-star schools according to the Nevada School Performance Framework, serve a high percentage of students in poverty, and significantly outperformed the State average (top 10 percent) on the Smarter Balanced assessment, administered last spring. Nevada's 2016 Shining Star Schools are:

1. Ferron Elementary (Clark County)
2. Cahlan Elementary School (Clark County)
3. Roundy Elementary School (Clark County)
4. Southeast Career & Technical Academy (Clark County)
5. Veterans Tribute Career & Technical Academy (Clark County)
6. East Career & Technical Academy HS (Clark County)
7. Dyer Elementary School (Esmerelda County)
8. Imlay Elementary School (Pershing County)
9. Anderson Elementary School (Washoe County)

CCSD's Vegas Verdes Elementary School will also be recognized for making significant improvements as its students were in the top 25 percent on Smarter Balanced performance and serve a high percentage of high poverty students.

Trustee's Parent and Constituent Meetings for November



Trustee Deanna Wright, District A
District A Community Engagement Meeting
Thursday, November 3 at 10:30 a.m.
Liberty High School, Library
3700 Liberty Heights Ave., Henderson, NV 89052

Trustee Linda E. Young, District C
The Village Meeting
Wednesday, November 16 at 9:00 a.m.
Jim Bridger Middle School, Library
2505 N. Bruce St., N. Las Vegas, NV 89030

Trustee Kevin Child, District D
District D PAC Meeting – Meet & Greet
Tuesday, November 30 at 9:30 a.m.
Von Tobel Middle School, Library
2436 N. Pecos Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89115

Trustee Patrice Tew, District E
District E Parent Meeting
Wednesday, November 16 at 9:30 a.m.
Piggott Elementary School, Multipurpose Room
9601 Red Hills Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89117

Middle School Electronic Photo Contest

CCSD middle school students are invited to enter the [2016 Middle School Electronic Photo Contest](#). Entries must be original photos taken by the student. Previously-entered photos are not eligible. The categories are Me, Myselfie & I; Animals & Insects; Places; and Humorous. There is also an elementary student division for this contest. The deadline for entries is Friday, Nov. 18, 2016. For more information, click [here](#) or email Michele Nelson at mnelson2@interact.ccsd.net.

Reorganization of the Clark County School District – New Web Site

Information and materials regarding the Reorganization of the Clark County School District can be found [here](#). Make sure to frequent the Web site as the information continues to be updated.

Schools Urged to Promote State Seal of Biliteracy

With an estimated 154 languages spoken in Clark County School District (CCSD) classrooms, there is no doubt that CCSD ranks extremely high in cultural diversity. One way this diversity is recognized is through the [Nevada State Seal of Biliteracy](#), approved by the Nevada Legislature and implemented in CCSD in August 2015. Nevada is one of 25 states to have the Biliteracy Seal.

The Seal of Biliteracy is an award earned by students, recognizing their proficiency in English and at least one other language by the time they graduate from high school. Leading the charge to educate schools on this opportunity for students is Amanda Ruth, Coordinator of World Languages in the Instructional Design and Professional Learning Division of CCSD.

Ruth notes the difference between being bilingual and biliterate. "People can be bilingual and be able to speak a second language, but being biliterate means you have all four components. You can hear and understand, you can read and understand, you can write and you can speak."

The CCSD Class of 2016 produced 403 graduates who earned the Seal of Biliteracy. Ruth is hoping to double that number for the Class of 2017, and continue growing the number in years to come. "I want to make sure everyone knows what it is, why it's important and how students can obtain it."

Students show their proficiency in a second language through a language proficiency test. They can demonstrate proficiency through an advanced placement test offered by the College Board if taken prior to their senior year, or through an International Baccalaureate exam or a CCSD-approved test. They must also demonstrate their proficiency in English by meeting all the English Language Arts (ELA) graduation requirements.

The Seal of Biliteracy can be evidence of skills that are attractive to future employers and college admissions offices. Ruth has spoken with employers who have said they are more likely to hire a candidate who is biliterate

The bigger picture of biliteracy, according to Ruth, is that knowing a second language and the culture that it is connected to provides a better understanding of cultural diversity in our community and across the globe. "We need to make connections outside of Nevada. To do that, we need to be aware of other cultures, communicate effectively within those cultures and appreciate cultural diversity."

Schools Urged to Promote State Seal of Biliteracy (continued)

Students interested in obtaining the Seal of Biliteracy must submit their [applications](#) by March 1, 2017, and must complete their proficiency exam in time for the scores to be received by April 21. For more information, contact Amanda Ruth via Interact or call 702-799-8451.

Food Services Expands Lunch Options and Offers Facility Tours

New things are cooking in the CCSD Food Service Facility!

In celebration of National School Lunch Week, observed from October 10-14, the facility began offering free tours to the public. The tours take place on the second Monday of every month at 9:30 a.m. During the hour-long tour participants will get an overview of the CCSD Food Service operations, as well as an inside look at the main kitchen and warehouse areas. The tour concludes with a tasting of some of the menu items offered at schools and a small survey to gauge the participants' opinions on the food taste.

The next tour is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 14. To sign up call CCSD Food Service at 702-799-8123. Advance registration is required, due to the limited number of attendees per tour.

CCSD Food Service is also incorporating more fresh options in lunch rooms across the district. Healthier choices are now available at elementary schools thanks to a mobile salad bar, equipped with baby carrots, chopped celery, cherry tomatoes, cucumber slices, mixed fruit and more. In addition to the mobile salad bars at elementary schools, 50 middle schools and high schools will now have permanent salad bars in their cafeterias.

Heart Of Education Awards Nominations Begin In November


Starting in November, [The Smith Center](#) will open the nomination period for its 2017 Heart of Education Awards, designed to recognize exceptional local educators. With support from program sponsor The Rogers Foundation, hundreds of nominated educators will be honored at an invitation-only event in April 2017 at The Smith Center. Click [here](#) for more information.

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What is International Baccalaureate (IB)?

International Baccalaureate is a non-profit foundation with a philosophy of international education that focuses on developing the intellectual, personal, social, and emotional skills of students. The IB continuum of education offers four challenging programs: Primary Years Program (PYP), Middle Years Program (MYP), Diploma Program (DP), and Career-related Program (CP).

IB programs encourage students to become active, caring, and lifelong learners who strive to make a difference in their own communities and in the world. IB students learn through the use of structured and guided inquiry connecting their learning to real life situations. IB students are challenged with a rigorous curriculum and framework of learning that includes world languages, arts, and design courses, in addition to core studies. IB students are encouraged to try different approaches to learning and to take responsibility for their own educational progress.

Research demonstrates that students in IB schools score as well or outperform their non-IB peers on international and state standardized assessments. Further research demonstrates that IB DP students are more likely to enroll in college and are better prepared for college coursework.

A school must go through a rigorous application and school candidacy process before it can be authorized as an IB World School. CCSD has eight authorized IB World Schools and four IB Candidate Schools*:

- Kit Carson Academy of International Studies
- Sandy Searles Miller Academy of International Studies
- Clarence A. Piggott Academy of International Studies*
- Sheila Tarr Academy of International Studies*
- Brown Junior High School
- Roy W. Martin Middle School
- Walter Johnson Junior High School*
- Basic Academy of International Studies
- Green Valley High School
- Palo Verde High School
- Spring Valley High School*
- Valley High School

For more information and to apply to one of CCSD's IB Magnet Schools, please visit [magnet.ccsd.net](#).

