



DISTRICT C: THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



Dr. Linda E. Young
"Students First: It Takes a Village
to Educate a Child."

OCTOBER 2013

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

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](#)

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

October 10, 2013, 4:00 p.m.
 October 24, 2013, 4:00 p.m.
 November 14, 2013, 4:00 p.m.
 December 12, 2013, 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

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WORK SESSION MEETINGS:

~~October 2, 2013, 8:00 a.m. - Canceled~~
 November 15, 2013, 8:00 a.m.
 December 4, 2013, 8:00 a.m.

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING:

October 4, 2013, 9:00 a.m. (Board Retreat)
 VEGAS PBS, Room 122/123
 3050 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121

October 9, 2013, 9:30 a.m. (Parent & Community Forum)
 Valley High School, Theater
 2839 Burnham Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89169

*Topics include a meet and greet with
Superintendent Pat Skorkowsky, Common Core Standards,
and Parent Engagement. The meeting takes place at
9:30am until 11:00am. We hope you can attend!*

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

"People's minds are changed through observation and not through argument."
Will Rogers (1879-1935) Humorist

School-Community Partnership Program

The School-Community Partnership Program presented highlights from the 2012-2013 school year during the September 12, 2013, regular board meeting. [Click Here](#) to see the presentation. The School-Community Partnership Program has been in existence since 1983. It is led by an Advisory Council made up of a dynamic group of community and business leaders. Programs offered to students through the School-Community Partnership Program are curriculum-based with an emphasis on human resources. For more information on the programs you can [Click Here](#).

School Board Student Advisory Committee

The Board of Trustees held an induction ceremony for the 2013-2014 student representatives of the School Board Student Advisory Committee. [Click Here](#) to listen the presentation. The Board of School Trustees established the School Board Student Advisory Committee to obtain opinions from high school students with respect to a variety of issues and topics pertaining to the Clark County School District. Membership is open to high school students in Grades 9, 10, 11, or 12.

"Green Boxes" Help Teachers with Science Education

The [Desert Research Institute](#) (DRI) is providing local teachers with science curriculum kits, known as [Green Boxes](#). Led by DRI's GreenPower Program, which supports Nevada's preK-12 educators in science-based environmental education, the new Green Boxes offer local teachers a large, bright green suitcase filled with curriculum and teaching materials for one unit (two to three weeks) of instruction on topics such as water conservation, renewable energy systems, and recycling. The suitcases are available free of charge to participating teachers. Each one is aligned with Nevada State, Common Core and Next Generation science standards. For more information, call Justin Broglio at (775) 673-7610.

School Matters: "School Matters" will air on Thursday, October 17, 2013, at 7:30 p.m., on Vegas PBS, Channel 10. The broadcast will focus on Zoom Schools and ELL cultural competencies. The show's host will be KXNT News co-anchor Nate Tannenbaum. Panelists will include Trustee Erin Cranor, District G; Trustee Deanna Wright, District A; Lucy Keaton, Assistant Superintendent, English Language Learner (ELL) program; and Dr. Danielle Miller, Performance Zone 5 Academic Manager.

[Click here to submit your questions, in advance, for the panelists.](#)

School Events Calendar

The School Events Calendar is available to view at
<http://www.ccsd.net/district/calendar/>.

You can view events by source, date, as well as by Trustee.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

Reclaim Your Future: The Clark County School District Board of Trustees, Superintendent Skorkowsky, community leaders, and school staff will once again come together to encourage students to reclaim their futures by returning to the classroom. This effort will take place on Saturday, October 19, 2013, from 8:00am until 1:00pm. Volunteers will meet at designated schools, form teams of two or three and go door-to-door to re-engage students. Volunteers are asked to fill out a [form](#) and submit it via fax, 799-6570, by October 11, 2013, for this community-wide effort to reach out and help more students earn their high school diplomas. For more information, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact the CCSD Partnership Office at 799-6560 or visit:

<http://ccsd.net/district/news/general/2013/sep/23/volunteers-needed-for-reclaim-your-future>

Students Invited to Auction their Art for Charity

Students ages eight through 18 are invited to take part in the [KA4C Silent Art Auction](#) on Saturday, November 2, 2013, from 12:30-5:30 p.m. at Nevada State Museum, 309 S. Valley View Blvd., Las Vegas. Young artists can auction their art and help the Nevada State Museum. Pencil drawings, digital drawings, and copic marker entries will be accepted. Special guests will include singer Tiffane LeMay. For details, visit www.KidsArtction.com.

Vegas Valley Book Festival

The Vegas Valley Book Festival scheduled for October 30 through November 2, 2013, will bring together more literary and cultural programs than ever before. The festival is expected to feature more than 165 authors and 100 events, with special sections for adults, children, young adults, and comic book aficionados. Enjoy panel discussions, readings, book signings, workshops, vendor exhibits, art exhibitions, spoken word performances, and other special programs for a diversity of genres, ages and cultural backgrounds. Most events and activities are free and open to the public and will take place at the Historic Fifth Street School, 401 S. Fourth St., and Clark County Library, 1401 E. Flamingo Road. For details on festival and pre-festival events, visit www.vegasvalleybookfestival.org.



CONTINUED MESSAGE FROM DR. LINDA E. YOUNG

School Based Health Centers

Students who attend CCSD schools, or those who need immunizations for enrollment in a CCSD school, are eligible for services at School Based Health Centers. For more information, call 799-7461 or you can go to [.SBHC Flyer .pdf](#). The School Based Health Centers are located at the following schools:

Wynn Elementary School
Cunningham Elementary School
Martinez Elementary School (Health Center temporarily closed)
Basic High School
Squires Elementary School
Clark High School
Brinley Middle School

Budget Update

Based on funding provided from the 2013 Nevada Legislative Session, CCSD included the following in the FY 2014 budget:

- FY 2014 per-pupil funding from the state, known as the Distributive School Account (DSA), is \$5,457/student, an increase of \$200 or 3.8% from the previous year
- 793 additional teaching positions were added to the FY 2014 budget to reduce class size
- No funding reductions will be required in FY 2014
- Additional designated funding was provided by the State for programs such as expansion of full day kindergarten, creation of Zoom Schools focusing resources on 15 schools with the highest English language learner populations, additional Pre-K programs, and reading skill development centers

In addition to the above, designated funding was also provided to ultimately reduce class sizes in kindergarten programs to 21:1 over the biennium

Legislative Update

During the 2013 legislative session, three bills passed regarding bullying and cyberbullying - SB164, SB414, and SB427. In compliance with SB164, the District is conducting training for board members and all administrators in the prevention, identification and reporting of bullying and similar conduct. This training also covers the definition and consequences of bullying and cyberbullying as written in SB414 and SB427. For more information on bullying and Internet safety, please visit <http://bullyfreezone.nv.gov/>.

A special thank you to Principal Leary Adams, and staff of Twin Lakes Elementary School, for hosting the District C, the VILLAGE Meeting, on Wednesday, September 25, 2013.

Remember: **"It Takes A Village to Educate A Child."** Looking forward to seeing you at the October Village Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 16, 2013, at Vegas Verdes Elementary School. 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, 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

Address: 3300 Riverside Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108

Phone: 799-4790

Date/Time: Wednesday, October 16, 2013, 9:00 a.m.

School: Vegas Verdes Elementary School, Library

Address: 4000 El Parque Ave., Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

Phone: 799-5960

Date/Time: Wednesday, November 20, 2013, 9:00 a.m.

School: Western High School, Library

Address: 4601 W. Bonanza Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89107

Phone: 799-4080

Date/Time: Wednesday, December 18, 2013, 9:00 a.m.

School: John S. Park Elementary School, Library

Address: 931 Franklin Ave., Las Vegas, Nevada 89104

Phone: 799-7904



2014

Date/Time: Wednesday, January 15, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

School: Paul Culley Elementary School, Library

Address: 1200 N. Mallard, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108

Phone: 799-4800

Date/Time: Wednesday, February 19, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

School: Clyde C. Cox Elementary School, Library

Address: 3855 Timberlake Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89115

Phone: 799-4990

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 19, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

School: John C. Freemont Middle School, Library

Address: 1100 E. St. Louis Ave., Las Vegas, Nevada 89104

Phone: 799-5558

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 23, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

School: J.T. McWilliams, Library

Address: 1315 Hiawatha Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108

Phone: 799-4770

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 21, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

School: Marvin M. Sedway Middle School, Library

Address: 3465 Englestad St., N. Las Vegas, Nevada 89032

Phone: 799-3880



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September 30 through October 4 is Week of Respect

Governor Sandoval and NRS 236.073 have proclaimed September 30 through October 4, 2013, to be Nevada's Annual Week of Respect. The Nevada Department of Education has developed a website that focuses on resources in bully prevention for students, families and school staff. You can watch the video message about bullying from Miss Teen Nevada Ellie Smith at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nt7kVI283NU>.

The site is <http://bullyfreezone.nv.gov>. Also click [here](#) for more information.

Goodsprings 100 year Anniversary

Goodsprings Elementary School celebrated its 100th anniversary on September 14, 2013. The three-room school was built for just \$2,000. Katherine Williams served as its first teacher, receiving a salary of \$100 a month. Over the years, Goodsprings has evolved to meet the changing community's needs. For many years, it educated students from kindergarten through eighth grade. Today, it educates students from kindergarten through fifth grade. Goodsprings joined CCSD in 1956 when the state began consolidating schools into county districts. Some of the school's original furnishings included a potbellied stove and outhouses located behind the building. The school was renovated in 1996 but retained two key features of its original years: the annual Christmas program, featuring Santa Claus, and its original school bell, which still rings to signal the start of the day.

[Click here](#) to see history of Goodsprings.



L-R: Goodsprings Elementary School in 1915 and 2009

State Releases New School Performance Rankings

Superintendent Pat Skorkowsky visited Anthony Saville Middle School in northwest Las Vegas to celebrate the school's advancement from a Four-Star to Five-Star status in the 2012-2013 Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF).

Saville Middle School is one of 11 middle schools throughout the Clark County School District (CCSD) that improved in the new Nevada School Performance Framework star rankings. The framework takes into account a combination of factors: scores from the state CRT exam (measures proficiency in language arts, mathematics, science and reading in elementary, middle and high school students), academic growth (year-to-year improvement in the performance of a student or a cohort of students), and gaps in the performance of different student subgroups. Other factors such as average daily attendance are considered at every level (elementary, middle, and high school). Some factors are considered at just one level, such as high school graduation rates and performance on college readiness exams such as Advanced Placement, ACT and SAT.

A breakdown of CCSD's performance compared to the rest of the State is below:

CCSD:
5-star -- 53 schools or 15.7 percent
4-star -- 45 schools or 13.4 percent
3-star -- 158 schools or 46.9 percent
2-star -- 75 schools or 22.3 percent
1-star -- 6 schools or 1.8 percent

STATE:
5-star -- 82 schools or 13 percent
4-star -- 99 schools or 16 percent
3-star -- 277 schools or 46 percent
2-star -- 127 schools or 21 percent
1-star -- 19 schools or 3 percent

A full report of CCSD's School Performance Framework star ratings is available at www.ccsd.net.

Open Parent and Community Forum at Valley High School

Please join the Clark County School District Board of Trustees on Wednesday, October 9, 2013, from 9:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m., at the Valley High School theatre for an Open Parent and Community Forum.

Kit Carson Elementary School Another Example of CCSD Magnet School Experience

[Kit Carson Elementary School](#) has received authorization as an International Baccalaureate (IB) School. The Kit Carson Primary Years Program joins the Sandy Miller International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program; both magnet schools align to the Roy Martin Middle School magnet IB Middle Years Program, with alignment to Valley High School's magnet IB Middle Years and Valley's IB Diploma Program. International Baccalaureate schools are globally renowned as schools of excellence, and many students who finish high school in IB schools excel in higher education. CCSD has many outstanding magnet schools and career & technical academies (CTA's). Click [here](#) for more information, or call Dr. Christine Gross at (702) 799-8492.

Bracken Elementary Named Blue Ribbon National School

The U.S. Department of Education chose [Walter Bracken STEAM \(Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math\) Academy](#) as one of a select few schools in the nation to be named a [2013 Blue Ribbon National School](#). Bracken also received an additional honor in being one of only 26 schools that were designated as "exemplary high achieving." Out of more than 130,000 schools in the nation, only 286 schools – 236 public and 50 private – were selected for the honor this year. Bracken STEAM Academy was the [only school in Clark County](#) and one of only three schools in Nevada that received the prestigious award this year.