



DISTRICT C: THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



Dr. Linda E. Young

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

FEBRUARY 2013

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2013 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION ON THE
FOLLOWING DATES:

02/18/13	President's Day (Observed)
02/19/13	Professional Dev. Day
03/25-31/13	Spring Break
05/24/13	Professional Dev. Day
05/27/13	Memorial Day
06/05/13	Last Day of School

For a complete list of calendar dates access

[CCSD 2012-2013 School Calendar](#)

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

February 14, 2013, 4:00 p.m.

February 28, 2013, 4:00 p.m.

March 14, 2013, 4:00 p.m.

March 21, 2013, 4:00 p.m.

April 11, 2013, 4:00 p.m.

April 25, 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:

February 6, 2013, 8:00 a.m.

March 6, 2013, 8:00 a.m.

April 3, 2013, 8:00 a.m.

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

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that matter."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Black History Month

Each year beginning on February 1, an entire month of events is planned nationwide honoring the history and contributions of African Americans. The theme for Black History Month in 2013 according to the Association for the Study of African American Life & History is **At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality: the 1863 Emancipation Proclamation and the 1963 March on Washington**. In 1926, what we now call Black History Month was founded by Dr. Carter G. Woodson as Negro History Week. Dr. Woodson was the son of a slave, who later earned a doctorate degree from Harvard University. The second week of February was selected to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglas and President Abraham Lincoln. In 1976, Negro History Week became Black History Month.

Middle School Electronic Photo Contest

The 2012 Middle School Electronic Photo Contest winners were recognized by the Board of Trustees at the December 13, 2012, regular Board meeting. To see the presentation [Click Here](#).

2011-2012 Nevada Department of Education School Designations

The Board of Trustees recognized the schools designated by the Nevada Department of Education as Exemplary, High Achieving, or High Achieving Exemplary Turnaround during the 2011-2012 school year at the December 13, 2012, regular Board meeting.

To view the presentation [Click Here](#).

Voices in Voting/Kids Voting of Southern Nevada

The Board of Trustees recognized the Voices In Voting/Kids Voting Of Southern Nevada program for engaging Clark County School District students in online voting at the January 10, 2013, regular Board meeting.

To view the presentation [Click Here](#).

Important Information for Parents of CCSD Students

Student disability issues, transportation for students with disabilities and FERPA are among the topics addressed in the attached document for parents of CCSD students. The information is provided in both English and Spanish.

For more information [Click Here](#)



ADDITIONAL NOTES:

SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS:

February 15, 2013, 9:00 a.m.

Board Retreat

East Career and Technical Academy
6705 Vegas Valley Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89142

March 6, 2013, 5:30 p.m.

Joint meeting with AZAC

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

March 19, 2013, 5:30 p.m.

Parent and Community Forum

Bonanza High School
6667 West Del Rey, Las Vegas, NV 89146

CONTINUED MESSAGE FROM DR. LINDA E. YOUNG

Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) program

In its pilot year at Clark County School District (CCSD), Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) provides dropout prevention, dropout recovery and school-to-career strategies for students. The program assists juniors and seniors to stay on track to graduate and also provides support for young adults to pursue college or jobs with career advancement opportunities.

Chapter officers engage their peers in JAG's focus, coordinate program activities and track results. JAG participants gain access to community-based learning projects, field trips, guest speakers and job insights from potential employers. Teachers serve as JAG specialists, using program curriculum on employment-related competencies. A career association lists potential jobs and provides students with interviewing techniques. Since 1980, JAG state organizations and local affiliates have served more than 800,000 young people in helping to overcome major barriers to success.

Valley High School, Cimarron-Memorial High School and Bonanza High School also implemented JAG this year, along with three schools in northern Nevada.

46th Annual High School Photography Contest

The 46th Annual High School Photography Contest opens in February to all CCSD high school students. Since 1967, students have been able to enter the CCSD Photography Contest, the longest running student photo contest in Clark County. The contest opens doors for students by providing opportunity to show what lessons they have learned and giving them the opportunity to apply those lessons to a real life competition. Students fine tune their craft by focusing their skills, which will help build their resumes and portfolios. A call for entries is being made on February 18 and will run until April 5, 2013. Students will show their photographic talents, creativity and art in multiple entry categories and will be honored in an awards ceremony. For entry instructions and criteria visit CCSD.net in February.

Legislative Update

The 77th (2013) Session of the Nevada Legislature began on February 4, 2013. Anyone interested in receiving legislative updates via email may contact the Community and Government Relations at 799-1080 to be added to the email list.

A special thank you to Dr. Tiffany Tyler, and staff of Nevada Partners, for hosting the District C, the VILLAGE Meeting, on Wednesday, January 23, 2013.

Remember: **"It Takes A Village to Educate A Child."** Looking forward to seeing you at the February Village Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 20, 2013, at Wendell P. Williams 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



2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

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



2012

- Date/Time:** Wednesday, September 19, 2012, 9:00 a.m.
School: West Prep, Library **Phone:** 799-3120
Address: 2050 Sapphire Stone Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106
- Date/Time:** Tuesday, October 23, 2012, 9:00 a.m.
School: Las Vegas Academy, Library **Phone:** 799-7800
Address: 315 S. 7th Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, November 21, 2012, 9:00 a.m.
School: Gwendolyn Woolley ES, Library **Phone:** 799-4970
Address: 3955 Timberlake Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89115
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, December 19, 2012, 9:00 a.m.
School: Canyon Springs HS, Library **Phone:** 799-1870
Address: 350 E. Alexander Road, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89032



2013

- Date/Time:** Wednesday, January 16, 2013, 9:00 a.m.
School: R. E. Tobler ES, Library **Phone:** 799-4500
Address: 6510 Buckskin Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, February 20, 2013, 9:00 a.m.
School: Wendell P. Williams ES, Library **Phone:** 799-4760
Address: 1030 "J" Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, March 20, 2013, 9:00 a.m.
School: Kermit R. Booker ES, Library **Phone:** 799-4720
Address: 2277 N. Martin Luther King Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89106
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, April 17, 2013, 9:00 a.m.
School: Mojave HS, Library **Phone:** 799-0432
Address: 5302 Goldfield Street, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89031
- Date/Time:** Wednesday, May 15, 2013, 9:00 a.m.
School: H. P. Fitzgerald ES, Library **Phone:** 799-0600
Address: 2651 N. Revere Street, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030



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CCSD Police Highlighted for School Safety and Community Service



CCSD Police talk with community members and media representatives during a tour of Police Services.

As part of the "Inside CCSD" initiative, Trustee Edwards and others hosted local media representatives and community members on January 18, 2013, to tour CCSD Police Services and learn about the department's history and mission, as well as the many services it provides. The tour included the Emergency Operations Center, training department, Field Initiative Team, Communications Center and Mobile Command Center (pictured above). Comprised of more than 200 personnel, the CCSD Police Department responds to policing the needs of the nation's fifth-largest school district on a 24/7 basis, 365 days a year.



Pictured above are Vegas PBS General Manager Tom Axtell and Trustee Carolyn Edwards at the event.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Committee Honors 115 Students from 19 CCSD Schools

On January 15, 2013, the Dr. Martin L. King Jr. Committee of Las Vegas recognized 115 students from 19 CCSD schools who closely embody the characteristics of Dr. King. The students were selected by their school principals and staff for good citizenship and leadership qualities. In honor of African American contributions to the Las Vegas community, students were recognized from schools named after prominent African American individuals:

Dr. William H. Bailey, John C. Bass, Kermit R. Booker, Bishop Clyde C. Cox, Ruby Duncan, H. P. Fitzgerald, Theron & Naomi Goynes, Judge Addeliar D. Guy, Mabel Hoggard, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Dr. James B. McMillan, Senator Joseph M. Neal, Superintendent Claude & Stella Parson, Dr. Claude Perkins, Dr. Carolyn Reedom, Rev. Jesse D. Scott, Eva Simmons, Dr. Charles I. West and Assemblyman Wendell P. Williams. For additional information, call KimTari Fortson at 524-6715.

Superintendent Jones Highlights Transparency, Academic Gains at the State of the District Speech



Superintendent Jones high fives a Western High School cheerleader before the State of District Address

Honoring his commitment to be transparent with the community, Clark County School District Superintendent Dwight D. Jones announced the launch of "Open Book," a new website that allows the public to see the revenue and expenses that keep the nation's fifth-largest school district operating.

Jones also highlighted several of the District's academic accomplishments during the speech held at Western High School. Among them were an increased graduation rate, gains on nearly every state standardized test and significant improvement at all of the District's turnaround schools. The State of the District, 37-minute speech by CCSD Superintendent Dwight D. Jones is available [online](#). The speech was delivered on January 14, 2013, at Western High School.

CCSD's Open Book is Recognized by U.S. Dept. of Education

Last week, CCSD unveiled the "Open Book" portal on the [CCSD website](#). Through the Open Book portal, the public can access the current budget and see how CCSD allocates its resources. The site features a Departmental Analysis Tool and a Budget Comparison Tool so the public can access the inner workings of the District and see how we allocate scarce resources.

Mojave High School JROTC Sending Quilts to Injured Veterans

JROTC cadets at Mojave High School are sending handmade quilts to injured war veterans throughout the country, and including a thank you letter in each package. Cadet Nyomi DeJesus told [KTNV-TV](#), "When young people take the time out to recognize a veteran so you can have freedoms you have, it's very important."



Canyon Springs High School Student Flies High with Aviation

Canyon Springs High School student Alco Robinson plans to become a lawyer, but has become known for embracing piloting as a hobby and a possible career choice. As reported by the [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#), Robinson is one of just six students chosen to represent the Western region of the Tuskegee Airmen organization.

Vegas PBS Wins Numerous Awards for Programming

Vegas PBS received more than a dozen key awards during 2012. To view the complete list [Click Here](#).



Nearly Two Dozen Groups Assist in Keeping Kids Fit

More than [20 local organizations](#) have partnered with Vegas PBS for its Keeping Kids Fit project, which creates curriculum plus nutrition and physical education kits that integrate existing PBS resources. Spokesman Lee Solonche said, "Hundreds of thousands of children and their families have learned to lead healthier lives through the Keeping Kids Fit initiative." Call 799-1010 for more information.

Nominations accepted for "Educator of the Month"

The Las Vegas Review-Journal is accepting nominations for Educator of the Month. Click [here](#) for details.

Renovations Completed at Clark High School

Clark High School recently completed \$33 million in renovations and reopened its entire campus on January 7, 2013, for the first time in over a year. According to the [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#), the school "replaced its heating and air-conditioning systems, installed energy-efficient lighting, replaced the kitchen, modernized classrooms with multimedia systems, replaced lockers, added wireless Internet school-wide, added new paint and carpet and more." The R-J said sections of the school were closed, and portables were used, while the renovations were under way.