



# DISTRICT C: THE VILLAGE

## NEWSLETTER



**Dr. Linda E. Young**

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

## JUNE 2012

**District C: The VILLAGE**



**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO THE 2012 GRADUATING CLASS  
ON A JOB WELL DONE!**

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2012 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION  
ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

06/07/12 Last Day of School

For a complete list of calendar dates access

[CCSD 2011-2012 School Calendar](#)

### REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

\*June 4, 2012, 4:00 p.m.

June 21, 2012, 4:00 p.m.

July 12, 2012, 4:00 p.m.

August 9, 2012, 4:00 p.m.

August 23, 2012, 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:

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

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

August 1, 2012, 8:00 a.m.

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### SPECIAL BOARD MEETING:

June 8, 2012, 8:00 a.m.

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

If you are successful remember that somewhere, sometime, someone gave you a lift or an idea that started you in the right direction. Remember, also, that you are indebted to life until you help some less Fortunate person, just as you were helped.

Napoleon Hill (1883-1970)

Motivational writer

**High School Performance Framework.** In honoring our commitment to be open and transparent about our schools, the Board of School Trustees and the Clark County School District (CCSD) Superintendent Dwight D. Jones unveiled the second portion of CCSD's transparent ranking system that allows the community to hold the District accountable for student performance today. The announcement was made at Cimarron-Memorial High School on May 24, 2012. The School Performance Framework (SPF) for high schools compares all of the District's high schools to their counterparts. Visit [www.ccsd.net/spf](http://www.ccsd.net/spf) to learn more about the SPF.

#### 5 Star Schools

Boulder City HS, CSN HS East, CSN HS South, CSN HS West, East CTA, Indian Springs HS, Las Vegas Academy, Moapa Valley HS, NW CTA, SW CTA, VT CTA, West CTA, West Prep at West Hall

#### 4 Star Schools

Centennial HS, Clark HS, Coronado HS, Green Valley HS, Laughlin Jr/Sr HS, Liberty HS, Sandy Valley Jr/Sr HS, SECTA, Shadow Ridge HS, Virgin Valley HS

#### 3 Star Schools

Arbor View HS, Basic HS, Cheyenne HS, Foothill HS, Las Vegas HS, Legacy HS, Palo Verde HS, Rancho HS, Sierra Vista HS, Silverado HS, Spring Valley HS, Virtual HS

#### 2 Star Schools

Bonanza HS, Canyon Springs HS, Chaparral HS, Del Sol HS, Desert Oasis HS, Desert Pines HS, Durango HS, Eldorado HS, Sunrise Mountain HS, Valley HS

#### 1 Star Schools

Cimarron-Memorial HS, Mojave HS, Western HS

**Budget Update** On May 16, 2012, the Board of School Trustees approved the Final Budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. The Final Budget reflects the implementation of numerous budget reduction measures in response to the instability of revenues received at both the State and local levels. Providing funding for salary and employee benefit commitments, coupled with the ongoing uncertainty of funding at the State and local level, continue to make the process of preparing and maintaining a budget a demanding task.

The Final Budget reflects a deficit of approximately \$60 million. In an effort, the District asked its employees for contract concessions. The associations for the police, administrators, and support staff worked with the District and agreed to pay freezes. The Clark County Education Association, representing the District's 18,000 teachers, did not agree to a pay freeze and took the matter to arbitration. As a result of the arbitrator's decision in favor of the Association, the Final Budget approved by the Board of School Trustees must cut personnel to find the cost savings. The budget includes a reduction of 1,015 licensed teaching positions that will result in class sizes rising an average of 2 to 3 students.

## ADDITIONAL NOTES:

**REMINDER:** VILLAGE Meetings are not held during the summer months of June, July or August and will resume in September. Meeting information is located on the next page!

### 2012 GRADUATION CALENDAR:

Congratulation to all of our 2012 Seniors. Graduation ceremonies from schools in the Clark County School District will take place from May 23 through June 20. Check the CCSD website for the full graduation schedule.

[2012 Graduation Calendar](#)

### SUMMER SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Session One: June 18 - July 6

Times: 7:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Session Two: July 9 - July 26

Times: 7:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Call 855-9751 for more information or on the web at [2012 SUMMER SCHOOL](#)



## CONTINUED MESSAGE FROM DR. LINDA E. YOUNG

**Legislative Update** The **Legislative Committee on Education** has held two meetings in the last few weeks, one on April 26 and another on May 9, 2012. At the April meeting, the Committee heard presentations from the Nevada System of Higher Education on the Complete College America Initiative, the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program, and the interim Study on the Funding of Higher Education. The Committee also heard presentations on Nevada's P-16 Advisory Council, Nevada's Labor Market, College and Workforce Readiness, Career and Technical Education Programs, and Early Childhood Programs.

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, the Committee received an update from the **Teachers and Leaders Council** regarding their work on the Statewide Performance Evaluation System for Teachers and Administrators as well as discussions on professional development, the Nevada Growth Model, and parental involvement. The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2012.

The **Committee to Study a New Method for Funding Public Schools** met April 20, 2012 to hear presentations from four consultants that submitted a proposal to conduct the study and select one to do the work. The Committee chose the American Institutes for Research. Their next meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2012 when they will receive a preliminary report on the consultant's findings.

**Policies and/or Regulations Information** At the May 10 school Board meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the amendment of CCSD Policy 1100 Official District Logo; CCSD Policy 1101 School Mascots and Other Identifiers, and CCSD Regulation 3313 Small Purchases. At the May 24 school Board meeting, the following were also amended and approved by the Board of Trustees CCSD Regulation 4371 Employees "Cooling-Off" Period. To view these 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 Maria Chairez and the Quannah McCall Empowerment Elementary School staff for hosting the District C, VILLAGE Meeting on Wednesday, May 16, 2012. Remember: "It Takes A Village to Educate A Child."

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**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



## 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:** Wednesday, October 17, 2012, 9:00 a.m.  
**School:** Las Vegas Academy, Library **Phone:** 799-7800  
**Address:** 315 S. 7<sup>th</sup> 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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## New Teachers of the Year

The Clark County School District (CCSD) New Teacher of the Year recipients were recognized during the May 10, 2012, meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Following are the seven teachers that were honored:

- Judith Alfaro - Primary - Sewell ES
- Edward Savarese - Intermediate - Sewell ES
- Daniel Cano - Intermediate - Jeffers ES
- Chris Reger - Middle School - Brinley MS
- Alison Zelton - High School - Chaparral HS
- Taylor Pfatenhauer - Special Education - Cimarron-Memorial HS
- Bradley Keating - Special Education - West Career & Technical Academy

## Gregory Wolfram Named a Certified Athletic Administrator



Gregory Wolfram, athletic administrator at Arbor View High School, was recognized by the [National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association](#) as a Certified Athletic Administrator. To earn this distinction, Wolfram demonstrated the highest level of knowledge and expertise in the field of interscholastic athletic administration. The voluntary certification process included a thorough evaluation of the candidate's educational background, experience and professional contributions as well as a rigorous, comprehensive written examination.

## School Board Approved Four-Day School Week Pilot Plan for Goodsprings Elementary and Sandy Valley Schools

The CCSD Board of Trustees on May 10, 2012, approved a two-year pilot program to allow a four-day school week at Goodsprings Elementary School as well as Sandy Valley Elementary and Junior/Senior High Schools. As reported by the [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#), the board's application now goes to the Nevada Department of Education.

## New CCSD Police Chief Committed to Student Safety, Accountability

*Chief James Ketsaa selected after national search*

When the Clark County School District began the highly intensive process of finding a new school police chief, it set out to find an individual who is committed to student safety, a dedicated leader, and most important of all, a firm believer in accountability and transparency. All of the attributes were found in abundance in James Ketsaa, named chief of police after an extensive nationwide search featuring top candidates from throughout law enforcement.

Chief Ketsaa, who served as acting chief of police after the District parted ways with Phil Arroyo in January 2012, brings more than 20 years of experience to the position. Ketsaa was officially selected for the position because of early actions he demonstrated that showed encouraging progress for school police. Superintendent Dwight D. Jones and Chief Ketsaa are committed to building trust in the community and refocusing the department on the mission at hand - protecting the safety of students and providing a safe learning environment.

"I have been impressed with the changes I have seen school police implement in recent months and I believe that the department is on the right path," Jones said. "Chief Ketsaa believes in accountability and performance, and has demonstrated his emphasis on a more open dialogue with the community. He is the right leader to help school police move forward and his guidance will bring a renewed focus on protecting the safety of our students so they can learn and thrive."

Working his way up from police officer, to sergeant, to lieutenant, and eventually captain, Ketsaa's record of serving his community earned him the admiration of countless peers, as well as national recognition from the American Red Cross, which issued him a "Certificate of Merit for Selfless and Human Action," signed by President Ronald Reagan. His passion for helping children and their families is evidenced by recent town hall meetings in which school police discussed the department's role in the community, as well as the dangers of drugs.

## A Former CCSD student Now Residing in California has Made the Cut for the 2012 U.S. Junior National Synchronized Swimming Team

As reported by the Las Vegas Sun, 17-year-old Alyson Haylor is one of 12 swimmers who earned a spot on the team, which will compete in the 13th World Junior Synchronized Swimming Championships to be held in Greece in September 2012. Haylor has set her sights on winning an Olympic medal.

## S.T.E.M. Day Camps

4-H will hold Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) day camps from June 19-21 and again from August 14-16, 2012. 4-H is also seeking teen counselors for the camps. 4-H membership is not required to attend the camp. For more information please link to: <http://www.ccsd.net/district/news/community/2012/may/22/stem-camps-slated-for-june-and-august>

## Vegas PBS to Celebrate End of School with Flightlinez

Vegas PBS will celebrate the end of school on Monday, June 11, 2012, with Flightlinez at their Fremont Street zipline location. The station will feature Curious George and children's activities from noon to 5 and special appearances geared toward older children in the evening. All the proceeds from Flightlinez that day (noon to midnight) will benefit Vegas PBS' children's educational programming. Call 799-1010 for more information.

## Former Miss Nevada USA Jenny Valdez Featured in "Watch Us Grow" PSA

Jenny Valdez, Miss Nevada USA 2002 and owner of a local art gallery, is featured in a "Watch Us Grow" [public service announcement](#).

## Secondary Summer School 2012

There are two sessions with the first being June 18 – July 6, and the second July 9 – July 26. Please contact your child's school for more information or visit <http://ccsd.net/schools/summer-school/>

## High School Graduation Schedule

More than 18,000 CCSD students are expected to walk the stage in high school graduation ceremonies scheduled from May 23 through June 20, 2012, at various locations throughout Clark County. Click here for the full [schedule](#).

