

DISTRICT C: THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



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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:

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

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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WORK SESSION MEETINGS

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

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

February 1, 2017, 8:00 a.m.

March 1, 2017, 8:00 a.m.

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

December 2, 2016, 8:00 a.m. (Board Retreat)

Vegas PBS, Room 102

3050 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121

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

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

"Good attitude cancels bad luck."

Author Unknown

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Presentation to the Clark County School District Board of School Trustees

The Clark County School District (CCSD) Business and Finance Unit recently finalized
the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which includes an independent
audit of the district's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2016, by Eide Bailly,
LLP. The district received an unqualified audit opinion, meaning the financial records and
statements were fairly and accurately presented and in accordance with Generally
Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

In accordance with NRS 354.624, prior to October 31, 2016, the CAFR was submitted
to the CCSD Board of School Trustees (Board) and the appointed members of the Audit
Advisory Committee. The NRS specifies the annual audit should be concluded and the
report submitted to the Board not later than four months after the close of the fiscal year
for which the audit is conducted.

Further NRS direction indicates the opinion and findings of the auditor, if any, contained
in the report of the audit must be presented at a meeting of the governing body held not
more than 30 days after the report is submitted. The CAFR was formally presented to the
Board at a November 10, 2016, Joint Meeting with the Audit Advisory Committee. At the
meeting, Eide Bailly staff presented the Independent Auditor's Reports, Government
Auditing Standards Report, Report on Internal Controls Over Compliance Required by the
Uniform Guidance, Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and Auditor's Comments
while the Chief Financial Officer, Nikki Thorn, presented the CAFR to the Board for
approval.

As part of the Joint Meeting, a brief presentation was provided to the Board to explain
major changes in assumptions from the Final Budget, approved on May 18, 2016, to the
Amended Final Budget. The Amended Final Budget is scheduled for presentation to the
Board on December 8, 2016, and is the final budget cycle for this fiscal year.

The CAFR season for fiscal year 2016 has officially closed, the Amended Final Budget is
nearing completion, and budget development for fiscal year 2018 is beginning.

REMINDER: My next **VILLAGE Meeting** will be on **Wednesday, December 14, at
9:00am, in the library at Doris M. Reed Elementary 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

  
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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/

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.

Portfolio Day At Las Vegas Academy Dec. 2

[Las Vegas Academy of the Arts](#) will hold its 12th Annual Las Vegas Portfolio Day for visual arts — including photo, fashion, animation and graphic design — on Friday, Dec. 2, 2016 from 4-6 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call Joel Diamond at (702) 799-7800, ext. 4304.

District To Survey Parents, Staff And Students In Preparation Of Reorganization

Academic success, school safety and communication are among some of the topics in this year's Clark County School District (CCSD) survey for parents, students and school-site staff. The survey will be available online from Nov. 14 until Dec. 16, in English and Spanish, at ccsd.net/survey. The CCSD survey is confidential and part of the district's ongoing efforts to engage the community on important issues facing students and their families.

The results will be posted in January 2017. The student survey consists of 66 questions that take approximately 11 minutes to complete, while the school-based staff and parent surveys feature 20 questions that take approximately five minutes to complete.

For more information, or to take the survey, click [here](#) or visit ccsd.net/survey.

Check Out the Fall 2016 “CCSD Achieves”

AB 394, the School-Community Partnership Program and graduation rate improvements are just a few of the topics in the Fall 2016 edition of CCSD Achieves. Click [here](#) to read the online publication.

Magnet School Choice Fair

Parents and students are invited to attend the Winter Choice Fair to learn about Magnet, CTA, and Select Schools, including the Nevada Learning Academy, College of Southern Nevada High School, and Open Enrollment.

Winter Choice Fair
Saturday, December 10, 2016
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Rancho High School
1900 Searles Avenue
Las Vegas, NV, 89101

The application deadline for all 2017-2018 school year is Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. For more information click [here](#) or call (702) 799-8492.

2017 Graduation Schedule Now Available

The CCSD Class of 2017 graduation ceremonies start May 24, 2017 and run through June 16, 2017. Click [here](#) for the full schedule.

Trustee's Parent and Constituent Meetings for December



Trustee Deanna Wright, District A
District A Community Engagement Meeting
Thursday, December 1 at 10:00 a.m.
Liberty High School, Library
3700 Liberty Heights Ave., Henderson, NV
89052

Trustee Linda E. Young, District C
The Village Meeting
Wednesday, December 14 at 9:00 a.m.
Reed Elementary School, Library
2501 Winwood St., Las Vegas, NV 89108

Patrice Tew, District E
District E Parent Meeting
Thursday, December 13 at 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Piggott Elementary School, Library
9601 Red Hills Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89117

Trustee Carolyn Edwards, District F
F-Troop Meeting
Wednesday, December 14 at 9:30 a.m.
3275 S. Tioga Wy., Las Vegas, NV 89117

High School Seniors Urged To Apply For Public Education Foundation Scholarships

The Public Education Foundation (PEF) is launching the 23rd year of its Scholarship Program and is urging high school seniors to start the application process now. Last year the Foundation awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships to students pursuing a post-secondary education. Most scholarship application deadlines are Feb. 14, 2017. “These scholarships, in many cases, can make attending college a dream come true,” said PEF President & CEO Judi Steele. Students can visit thepef.org for more information.



New CCSD Magnet School Will Become The Nation's First Marzano Academy

While the Clark County School District (CCSD) held groundbreaking ceremonies earlier this year to signal the beginning of work on six new elementary schools, the district is also breaking new educational ground by opening one of those new schools as a Marzano Academy, which will be the first of its kind in the nation.

During their Oct. 13 meeting, the CCSD Board of School Trustees spent time discussing the new school with world-renowned education expert Dr. Robert Marzano, cofounder and CEO of Marzano Research and founder of the Marzano Academies.

While there are other schools around the country that use Marzano Academy philosophies, CCSD and Marzano have agreed to work together to open the first full-fledged Marzano Academy on a 19-acre site in northeast Las Vegas across the street from Manuel J. Cortez Elementary School.

This will be CCSD's 12th Magnet School and these students will engage in a technology-based curriculum focusing on the academic, cognitive and meta-cognitive skills that are foundational to computer science, and the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) model.

Although the Marzano Academy will be a Magnet School with 850 students, this location was specifically chosen in order to serve a majority of students that come from low-income households. Enrollment will be based on a lottery system but there will be a graded preference to students residing in that geographical area.

"We will be opening six brand new schools next year and that will create new employment opportunities for many of our existing educators," said Chief Student Achievement Officer Dr. Mike Barton. "We know the level of interest and buzz about working at the Marzano Academy is already growing and we are thrilled to be working directly with Dr. Marzano in opening this new school."

While each of the new schools will develop their own personality and teamwork strategies for high-quality education, the staff members who are chosen to work at the Marzano Academy will have direct contact with Marzano as he will conduct most of the staff training in person or virtually.

New CCSD Magnet School Will Become The Nation's First Marzano Academy (continued)

Marzano provided a view of what teachers at this school can expect:

- Access to more than 300 research-based, instructional strategies.
- Continuing support (including coaching) in developing expertise through personally selected instructional techniques.
- Professional development which enhances student learning and professional expertise.
- Systematic feedback regarding the areas of strength and the areas of need for each student.
- Support in becoming a certified Marzano High Reliability Teacher and the opportunity to interact with and training others who aspire to become high-reliability teachers.
- A collaborative team approach to personal development and classroom issues as well as opportunities to train others in the Marzano framework.
- A structured emphasis in developing each teacher personally as well as professionally.
- A deep understanding of the nature of learning and teaching.
- A high-energy culture focused on results, professional and personal development, and fun.

Marzano said that he believes the most rewarding aspect of working at this school will include being part of a school that is dedicated to producing positive academic results as well as improving students cognitive, meta-cognitive and social/emotional well-being. He also said that they will be part of a school that is dedicated to helping teachers grow professionally and personally.

"Being a teacher or administrator at the Marzano Academy will automatically provide those individuals with access to an international network of educators who are like-minded in their dedication to breakthrough schools and personal and professional excellence," said Marzano.

Anyone who is interested in applying for a position at this school should watch for the job announcements as they are posted and then indicate an interest accordingly. It is estimated that a principal and assistant principal will be selected in December and then interviews with teachers will begin in Feb. 2017.

Student Services Division Adapted Physical Education

Since 2003 the Clark County School District (CCSD) and Special Olympics, Nevada, have partnered to provide opportunities for students with disabilities in Grades K-12 to participate in competitive and noncompetitive events that promote positive peer interaction and develop social skills. Both CCSD and Special Olympics recognize that when students with special needs have the opportunity to learn sport-specific skills, participate in athletic activities, and be part of a school team within their school community, the social and emotional skills of students can be enhanced.

The school-based Special Olympics program includes Unified Sports® programs (pairing athletes with disabilities with non-disabled peers) in soccer, basketball, and track and field. Last May, 1,900 students participated in the Unified Sports® Track and Field Championships at Bonanza High School. Three bowling events are held during the year, introducing students to community-based lifetime activities. In addition, specially designed events have been developed, including the Ultimate Challenge, for elementary and secondary students in specific classrooms, to guarantee maximum participation and maximum fun.

The fall schedule of events included:

- Unified Soccer on November 4, 2016, at Thurman White Academy of the Performing Arts with over 600 students from middle and high schools.
- Elementary Ultimate Challenge on November 18, 2016, at Victoria Fertitta Middle School (90 students)
- Elementary Bowling Event, December 9, 2016, at Santa Fe Station Bowling Center (250 students)

For additional information, please call the Adapted Physical Education Department at (702) 799-0104.

Rancho High School To Hold Open House Dec. 3

Rancho High School Academy of Aviation and Medicine will hold an open house on Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to noon. Attendees will have the opportunity to tour the campus, visit with faculty, staff and students, and apply online to one or more of the academy's programs. The school is located at 1900 Searles Ave. in Las Vegas. For more information, call (702) 799-7000 or visit www.ranchorams.org.

Children Can Attend Winter holiday Day Camp Dec. 19-30

The City of Las Vegas will hold a Winter Holiday Day Camp for children ages five through 12, Dec. 19-30. The camp will be held at the East Las Vegas Community Center from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. There will be no camp on Dec. 26. The camp will feature sports, games, arts and crafts in a supervised environment, the camp will be held at the East Las Vegas Community Center, 250 N. Eastern Ave., Las Vegas. For more information call (702) 229-1515.

Mark Your Calendar For The Vegas PBS "Pajama Train" On Dec. 9

[Vegas PBS](#) presents the "Pajama Train" on Friday, Dec. 9 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. on the Nevada Southern Railway in Boulder City. Participants can experience the magic of this nighttime train ride complete with hot chocolate, cookies, storytime, a visit by Santa and special gifts on the exclusive Vegas PBS dining car. Pajama attire is recommended. Click [here](#) or call (702) 737-7500 for more information.

CCSD Schools Invited To Participate In Henderson's WinterFest Parade

CCSD schools are invited to apply for the City of Henderson's WinterFest Evening Light Parade on Dec. 10, part of the city's annual holiday celebration. Nearly 100 entries march in the parade every year. The theme for this year's parade is "Winter – Silver and Snowflakes." For more information, visit cityofhenderson.com or call (702) 267-4050.

Direct TV Has Technology Grants For Teachers

CCSD teachers are invited to submit entries for a Direct TV technology grant. Three winners will receive \$1,000 each in the form of a Visa Rewards Card to be spent on classroom technology to facilitate a more constructive learning environment. To enter, submit your essay by completing the [online form](#) no later than Feb. 24, 2017. For more information, contact Mary Kate Outland at moutland@direct.tv.

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