



DISTRICT A NEWSLETTER



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District A

IMPORTANT DATES

FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

09/06/10	Labor Day
10/29/10	Nevada Day (observed)
11/11/10	Veterans Day
11/12/10	No School
11/25/10	Thanksgiving Day
11/26/10	Family Day
12/20-31/10	Winter Break

For a complete list of calendar dates access

[CCSD 2010 School Calendar](#)

PARENTS/STUDENTS CLASSES RESUMED:

Monday, August 30, 2010

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

- September 2, 2010, 4:00 p.m.
- September 16, 2010, 4:00 p.m.
- October 14, 2010, 4:00 p.m.
- October 28, 2010, 4:00 p.m.
- November 4, 2010, 4:00 p.m.
- *November 16, 2010, 4:00 p.m.
- December 9, 2010, 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

Access the district's website [Clark County School District](#)

WORK SESSION MEETINGS:

- September 1, 2010, 9:00 a.m.
- October 06, 2010, 9:00 a.m.
- November 3, 2010, 9:00 a.m.
- December 1, 2010, 9:00 a.m.

Edward A. Greer Education Center, Board Room
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SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS:

September 16, 2010, 3:00 p.m., Superintendent Search
Edward A Greer Education Center, Board Room
2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121

September 27, 2010, 5:30 p.m., Community Linkage
Western High School
4601 W. Bonanza Road

September 30, 2010, 8:00 a.m., Board Retreat
Earl Lundy Elementary School
Highway 157
Mount Charleston, Nevada 89124

UNSATISFACTORY NOTICES DISTRIBUTED:

In addition to the parent communication system available on school websites, Progress Reports/Unsatisfactory Notices for students will be distributed on: 10/01/10, 02/18/11 and 5/06/11. If your child is absent on the above date, please contact your child's school to make arrangements to receive the notice.

PLEASE NOTE: Notices will not be mailed home.

REPORT CARDS: Contact your child's school regarding distribution date of report cards.



Welcome to the 2010 – 2011 school year!

I hope everyone enjoyed their time off. We have so many things going on this year; it is kicking off at lightning speed.

Most of you have heard that we will be receiving approximately 54 million dollars from the Edu-jobs money. While the Board still needs to vote on exactly what that money will go towards; I am excited that we will have the opportunity to get these dollars that will go to support students for the next 18 months to two years.

The Board is right in the middle of our Superintendent search process. Our search firm McPherson and Jacobson is working very hard on our behalf to recruit highly qualified candidates. At last update, they have received more than 40 serious inquires and 25 applications have been turned in. The deadline for applications is September 1, 2010. With Dr. Rulfes extending his contract, my hope is that this transition will be as stress free as possible and keep continuity during the start of the school year.

We have a new school opening in Henderson, Shirley and Bill Wallin Elementary School in the Anthem Highlands/ Madeira Canyon area. This school is a two story prototype campus, as well as, an Empowerment School.



PLEASE join me for the first A-TEAM meeting of the year at Fay Galloway Elementary School, 9:30am, Thursday September 2, 2010. This is a great way to learn about what is going on around the District. It is also a great way for me to meet and answer questions from parents.

Your Trustee,

Trustee Deanna Wright

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ADDITIONAL NOTES:

DISTRICT A-TEAM MEETINGS: The 2010-2011 A-TEAM Meetings are: September 2, December 2, February 3, and May 5. Additional A-TEAM meeting information is located on the 2nd page!

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICE DEPARTMENT: Operation Crime Free Schools. Call **Tip Hotline: 799-0228** the school district police to report suspicious activity at your school. You can remain anonymous.

HOMEWORK HOTLINE: 799-5111 Monday – Thursday, 3:30p.m. – 5:30p.m. Assistance in all subjects. Now on Cox Cable and Channels 96 and 111

9-Month Calendar For All CCSD Schools

All CCSD schools are now operating on a nine-month calendar this 2010-2011 school year. For more information please contact your child's school.

2012-2013 Calendar

The CCSD Board of School Trustees voted to change the calendar for the 2012-2013 school year to begin earlier in August so that the winter break coincides with the end of semester. The school year will then end earlier as well. This schedule change has two benefits: first, students will be taking exams while the instruction is still fresh, and students will gain a significant increase in instructional time prior to taking the CRT's (criterion referenced tests for NCLB).

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) 2009-10 Results

For the third time in four years, the Clark County School District has made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

For the 2009-2010 school year, 152 CCSD schools made Adequate Yearly Progress.

Although 215 schools did not meet the criteria for AYP this year, district officials pointed to the gains that schools have made since AYP began.

English Language Arts proficiency for elementary school students in the district have increased by 13 percent while math skills for that same student group have improved by 17 percent. The gains for middle school students in those areas are more

than 22 and 23 percent respectively and the gains for high school students are 11 percent and 22 percent respectively.

Results for individual schools can be viewed on the district's website at [ccsd.net](http://www.ccsd.net) at:
<http://www.ccsd.net/news/pdf/20100812-1708326980.pdf>



Vegas Virtual Workforce Training, recently launched by Vegas PBS, uses Internet-based courses to help people earn a General Education Diploma (GED), prepare for certification exams or train in specialized technical areas for current and emerging industries. For more information you can call Vegas PBS at 799-1010 or go to the website:
<http://www.ccsd.net/news/pdf/20100811-1524414936.pdf>

Stay in School Mentoring Project

The Stay in School Mentoring Project provides adult mentors from the business community to offer support and guidance to middle school students who are at risk of dropping out of school. Business community members who are interested in information about becoming a mentor are encouraged to call the School-Community Partnership Program at 799-6560 or go to the following website:
<http://ccsd.net/partnership/stay.php>.

Free and Reduce Lunch Applications

Applications for Free and Reduce Lunch are now available online at www.applyforlunch.com or at your child's school.

Bill Draft Requests 2011 Legislative Session

The Board of Trustees has approved two bill draft requests for submission to the Nevada Legislature. The first BDR would establish weighted pupil funding as part of the Nevada Plan for school finance; this will provide additional transparency in how the district spends tax dollars and will help to ensure that the different costs of instructional programs, which can vary depending on the specific services required by individual students, are met. The second BDR, the Graduation Priority Act, provides new measures to help keep students in school. Under the proposed bill, children under the age of 18 would have to stay in school in order to work or receive their driver's license; additional diploma options would be made available; parents who allow their students to be habitual truants or chronic discipline problems would face new accountability measures; and additional truancy diversion programs would be made available. In approving both bill draft requests, the trustees expressed a desire for a healthy and hearty community discussion about these important topics. The Nevada Legislature convenes in February 2011.

Superintendent Search Update

On September 16, at 3:00 p.m. the Board will be presented with names of at least 3 candidates who have been selected as finalists. Candidate interviews and community meetings will take place the week of September 20, 2010. Dates, times, and locations of the interviews and community meetings will be posted on www.ccsd.net.

2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

A-TEAM MEETING DATE AND HOSTING SCHOOL

2010

Date/Time: Thursday, September 2, 2010, 9:30 a.m.
School: Fay Galloway ES, Library
Address: 701 Skyline Road

Date/Time: Thursday, December 2, 2010, 9:30 a.m.
School: James E. & A. Rae Smalley ES, Library
Address: 304 E. Paradise Hills Drive

2011

Date/Time: Thursday, February 3, 2011, 9:30 a.m.
School: Basic HS, Library
Address: 400 Palo Verde Drive

Date/Time: Thursday, May 5, 2011, 9:30 a.m.
School: Elise L. Wolff ES, Library
Address: 1001 Seven Hills Drive

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