

Week of April 24 - April 30, 2010

Saturday, April 24 - Quannah McCall Elementary School will celebrate National Make a Difference Youth Day by joining forces with their business partners, Circus Circus, Luxor and Monte Carlo, to create a parent waiting area at the school, including tiles to decorate the walls and signs to hang on the fence. The project will be at McCall ES, 800 E. Carey Ave., North Las Vegas, at 8 a.m.

Saturday, April 24 - Cortney Middle School students invite the community to celebrate Earth Day 2010 by helping them create a plastic bag chain around the perimeter of Sunset Park from 8-11 a.m. The goal is to demonstrate the dangerous number of plastic bags being used around the world and to encourage alternative options. Sunset Park is bordered by Sunset Rd. on the north, Eastern Ave. on the west and Warm Springs Rd. on the south. Recommended time for media arrival is 9 a.m.

Saturday, April 24- CCSD Families will have the opportunity to participate in the Clark County School District Family Enrichment Day. Family resources will be provided by CCSD and community partners that will give families practical strategies to use at home with their children. Workshops will be held in English and Spanish. The event will be at the UNLV Student Union, 4505 S.Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, at 8:30 a.m. Registration is closed and workshops are full. Media is invited to attend.

Saturday, April 24 - Lomie Heard Elementary students will have the opportunity to explore an exciting array of career opportunities when the school presents its second annual career event through Wednesday, April 28. Professionals from a variety of backgrounds - including fire fighting, law enforcement, banking, media, aviation and medical professions will be on hand to discuss their careers and the important role that education plays in helping achieve dreams. Heard Elementary School is located at 42 Baer Dr., Nellis Air Force Base.

Saturday, April 24 - The Las Vegas Youth Orchestras will present the Young Artists' Recital, featuring soloists and ensembles eighth grade and younger, at 2 p.m. The recital will take place at the Reed Whipple Cultural Center, 821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, Las Vegas. The Las Vegas Youth Orchestras is an after-school youth program made possible by the co-sponsorship of the Clark County School District, The Friends of the Las Vegas Youth Orchestras, and the City of Las Vegas (Dept. of Leisure Services, Performing Arts Division).

Saturday, April 24 - Desert Oasis High School presents its final performance of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" in the Diamond Back Theatre, 6600 W. Erie Ave., Las Vegas. Call 799-6881, extension 4051 for ticket information.

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Monday, April 26 - Ruby Thomas Elementary School will be adopted by Spread the Word Nevada, a non-profit children's literacy organization, in a ceremony at Ruby Thomas ES, 1560 E. Cherokee, Las Vegas, at 9 a.m. Through the adoption, monthly literacy services will be provided to the school's students and their families. More than 840 students at Ruby Thomas Elementary School will attend the assemblies, followed by an initial distribution of a reading bag and five books for each student. For more information visit <http://www.ccsd.net/news/pdf/20100422-255414689.pdf>.

Monday, April 26 - The Academy for Individualized Study High School will move to their new location at the CCSD Events Center, 1801 South Maryland Parkway on Monday, April 26. More information about AIS can be found at <http://schools.ccsd.net/ais/>

Tuesday, April 27 - The Clark County School District in partnership with the six local chambers will facilitate the 2010 Business and Community Leader & Principal for a Day program. The program's mission is to foster positive relationships and a sharing of expertise between business and community leaders and educators. The business and community leader will attend a breakfast sponsored by Bank of America at Northwest Career and Technical Academy, 8200 W. Tropical Pkwy., Las Vegas, at 8:00 a.m., followed by the business leader shadowing a principal at his or her school.

Tuesday, April 27 - Cimarron-Memorial High School will be hosting an Academic Awards Ceremony in honor of student academic accomplishment. Students who have maintained a 3.8 GPA for at least three, five and seven semesters will be awarded with an academic letter, lamp or torch. The event will take place in the Cimarron-Memorial HS Theater, 2301 N. Tenaya Way, Las Vegas, at 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 27 - Inside Education is a weekly half hour television program focusing on CCSD that airs Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. on Channel 10. Inside Education is rebroadcast Wednesdays, at 12:30 a.m. on Channel 10, Fridays, at 4:30 p.m. on Cox Cable 111 and Sundays, at 6 a.m. on Channel 10. This education based program also features a regular segment called "Parent Talk" featuring Sibel Houck with parent tips.

Wednesday, April 28 - The school Dedication of Charlotte and Jerry Keller Elementary School will take place at Keller ES, 5445 Cedar Ave., Las Vegas, at 6 p.m.

Thursday, April 29 - The top student photographers in the Clark County School District's 43rd annual photography contest will be honored for their artistic endeavors in front of family, friends and teachers at an awards ceremony in the Board Room of the Greer Education Center. The Greer Education Center is located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd. Established in 1967, the CCSD student photography contest is one of the oldest in Clark County and showcases the work of high school students who have a passion for photography and the visual arts. This year's contest, which was open to all CCSD high school students, received more than 2,200 submissions.

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Thursday, April 29 – Law Day 2010 is an opportunity for students to participate in discussion with local lawyers and judges. The event Enduring Traditions, Emerging Challenges: Technology & The Courts will take place in local classrooms, via Twitter and streamed live via the Nevada Supreme Court web site. This event runs through Friday, April 30.

Friday, April 30 - Squires Elementary School celebrates Cinco de Mayo early with fun, food and festivities. The C.P. Squires Tiger Time After School Program presents a Cinco de Mayo Festival from 5-7:30 p.m. Activities include food, raffles, musical and dance performances by a Mariachi band and Folklorico dancers. Additionally, North Las Vegas Police, North Las Vegas Fire Department and other community partners will have representatives in attendance to showcase their contributions to the surrounding community. Squires Elementary School is located at 1312 E. Tonopah Ave., North Las Vegas.

Reminders/Awards/Honors –

The 2009-2010 school year graduations in CCSD will be held from May 26 through June 11, 2010. For the full schedule of graduation times and locations visit <http://ccsd.net/students/graduationSchedule.php>.

Parents/guardians of CCSD students and those who are in the process of being enrolled are required to complete a Demographic Information Form to update information on their children's ethnicity and race. The survey is accessible at www.ccsd.net/ethnicitysurvey. For more information in English and Spanish visit <http://www.ccsd.net/news/pdf/20100421-1469881150.pdf>.

Chaparral High School teacher Sergio Lopez was named the Kiwanis Club of Las Vegas "Educator of the Year" at an awards ceremony. For details visit <http://www.ccsd.net/news/pdf/20100422-758876467.pdf>.

Teachers Jeff Buchbaum, Monaco MS; Cara Heck, Knudsen MS; and Diane Albright, Del Webb MS are selected to attend a program sponsored by Honeywell at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama this coming June. The purpose of this program is to further the training and education of teachers involved in the disciplines of mathematics and science. This year, 220 teachers were selected from an international pool to participate.

The winners of the Elementary School Principal Science Leadership award are Tim Adams, Rex Bell ES; Marty Gardner, Staton ES; Catherine Maggiore, Vanderburg ES; Maureen Stout, Paradise ES; and Ken Wronski, Schorr ES. These principals were nominated by their staff to receive this award. The award was based on their encouragement, dedication, and support of science instruction. Each school will receive science materials for their award.

A-Tech scored the highest number of wins for a high school at the "National History Day" competition for Southern Nevada. A-Tech took four 1st place, three 2nd place, and two 3rd place wins. All first place winners will attend the national competition at the University of Maryland, in College Park, Maryland, in June.

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Vegas PBS was honored as the first Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce member to receive the Level 4 designation of the Chamber's green building program. This is the highest green rating given by the Chamber. Vegas PBS is the first television station in the U.S. designed to LEED Gold Certification standards. The building houses Vegas PBS and CCSD's Virtual High School.

The CCSD Board of School Trustees holds regularly scheduled meetings, to view the calendars and agendas for upcoming meetings visit <http://ccsd.net/trustees/boardAgendas.php?archive=2010> and http://ccsd.net/facilities/committees/boc/BOC_Agendas/boc_agenda.htm.

The Green Valley Forensic Team took 1st place at the District Tournament and had 14 qualifying "ForensiGators" for the National Tournament in June. This is Green Valley's 11th District championship and 17th consecutive year sending students to Nationals.

Mojave High School student, Brian Perez, competed in the Nevada All-State Conference at UNLV hosted by the Nevada Music Educators' Association. He ranked "First" in the state and was awarded the "command performance."

Green Valley High School senior, Clarke Knight was named the 2009-2010 Nevada High School Journalist of the Year at the National JEA Convention in Portland, OR.

Clark High School senior, Heidi Lim was selected as a Presidential Scholar semifinalist. Of the 3.2 million graduating high school seniors in the nation, Heidi is one of 560 semifinalists and one of three representing the Clark County School District. The two other winners from CCSD are William B. Kostan, Green Valley HS and Seth C. Thompson, Coronado HS.

Rancho High School JROTC competed and placed at the South High School drill meet in Bakersfield, California. Rancho took first in the Armed Drill Team Exhibition, second in the Unarmed Drill Team Exhibition, and third place in Color Guard. A fourth trophy went to Cadet Nicholas T. Young for finishing second in the freshman "drill down" competition.

Rose Warren Elementary Students Humberto Quinones, Michael McMahon and Dennis Martinez, won "Best Elementary School Group Entry" in the Green Dreamers Art and Science Fair, held at the Springs Preserve. They demonstrated their entry of a solar-powered car that they built themselves and they answered questions about it to earn the first-place rating.

Canyon Springs High School student Ivon Padilla will travel to Kansas City, MO, in June to compete in the National Tournament of the National Forensics League. She was one of only two students selected to represent the Golden Desert District at Nationals in Dramatic Interpretation. For information about the National Forensics League visit <http://www.nflonline.org/AboutNFL/AboutNFL>.

For more information about any of the above events, please call the Clark County School District's Communications Office, 799-5304, or visit www.ccsd.net.

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