

Week of April 2 – April 8, 2011

Saturday, April 2 - More than 40 teams will compete in the final day of the Seventh Annual Las Vegas Regional FIRST Robotics Competition that will take place beginning at 9 a.m., in the Thomas & Mack Center, on the UNLV campus, 4505 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas. Students from 10 CCSD high schools, Arbor View, Basic, Boulder City, Cimarron-Memorial, Clark, Coronado, Rancho, Southwest Career & Technical Academy and Valley, are hoping for their respective team to win the competition and advance to the world championships taking place April 27-30 in St. Louis, MO. For more information about the event and competition times, visit engineering.unlv.edu/first.

Saturday, April 2- Southwest Career Technical Academy (SWCTA) will be hosting a benefit entitled "A Night under the Stars," from 5 to 7 p.m., to raise money and awareness for The Shade Tree Shelter of Las Vegas. The evening's events will include a fashion show featuring original student creations designed around the concept of the high school prom. SWCTA is located at 7050 W. Shelbourne Ave., Las Vegas.

Tuesday, April 5 - Bartlett Elementary School will hold a family fitness night from 6 to 8 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. Bartlett Elementary School is located at 1961 Wigwam Pkwy., Henderson. Call 799-5750 for more information.

Wednesday, April 6 - The Board of School Trustees will hold a special meeting beginning at 8 a.m., at the Edward Greer Education Center board room, 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas. Visit <http://ccsd.net/trustees/pdf/agendas/20110406WorkSession.pdf> to view the agenda.

Thursday, April 7 - Eisenberg Elementary School, 7770 Delhi Ave., Las Vegas, will hold its 20th anniversary celebration from 6 to 8 p.m. Invited guests include school namesake Dorothy Eisenberg, as well as former staff, students and parents. There will be student performances and tours of the newly refurbished building. Additionally, pictures and memorabilia depicting the growth of the neighborhood will be on display.

Reminders/Awards/Honors –

The College of Southern Nevada Fine Arts Gallery will exhibit selected student artwork from the Clark County School District's Secondary Visual Arts Program through April 29, 2011. The following West Career & Technical Academy Photography students participated in VOICE, the Clark County School District Secondary Visual Arts Juried Student Exhibition:

Mina Barerra	3rd place Digital Photo
Jade Munson	Show Mixed Media
Inola Cabatu	Show Digital Art
Aubrey Zabalerro	Show Digital Art
Salon De Rufuse	Show, Josh Dycus, Danny Chung

The CSN Fine Arts Gallery is free, open to the public, and is wheelchair accessible. Gallery hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, call 651-4205.

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The Teacher Education Academy at Clark High (T.E.A.C.H.) *Methods and Management in Teaching* course, in collaboration with CCSD new teacher development and training, provides real teaching opportunities for high school students who are pursuing education as a career. Pre-Kamp invites 20 children, ages 4-5, to Clark's unique Elementary Classroom Laboratory for a one-week, half-day pre-kindergarten program. Pre-Kamp will run daily. April 11-15, 7:30-11:30 a.m., supervised by teams of three junior T.E.A.C.H. students, who will provide a Pre-K program aligned with CCSD objectives and standards, and filled with a variety of learning activities. For more information about Pre-Kamp and/or to schedule a visit to observe Pre-Kamp, call the Clark Magnet Office at 799-5800, ext 4088/4089.

Forty students from 22 high schools were selected as 2011 Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) of Southern Nevada Laptop Scholarship Contest winners. The winners will be recognized by the RTC Board at the Clark County Government Center on April 14, at 8:45 a.m.

Canyon Springs High School Latin students participated in the Nevada Junior Classical League state convention March 18 and 19. They competed against 190 of the top Latin students in Nevada, winning the overall chapter spirit award along with awards, in academics and athletics. Canyon Springs High School students Christian Astorga and Alicia Duncombe won places on the state board. Teacher Cassie Doyle-Merritt serves as the team's sponsor.

Del Webb Middle School earned the FBI-SOS (Safe Online Surfing) Internet Challenge sixth grade national championship for the month of Jan. Del Webb's students posted the best score in the country among sixth-graders to claim the highly coveted national award.

Bridger Middle School SeaPerch Robotics Team Jacob Decker, Kristopher Alighchi, Tom Hagen and Kartik Bandi received a \$5,000.00 grant from the United States Naval Engineers to attend the National SeaPerch Challenge in May at Drexell University, in Philadelphia.

Centennial High School student Dominique De Vilbiss has been selected as a regional finalist for a research project she completed under the guidance of Dr. Aten and his epidemiology class. Dominique received \$2,000 toward her college expenses and a three-day trip to Washington D.C., with a chance to compete for an additional \$10,000 to \$50,000 in scholarships.

Eldorado High School juniors Miriam Navarro-Toled and Victoria Plaza have been chosen to receive full scholarships to attend the Summer Institute for the Gifted (SIG) in July at UCLA.

Hewetson Elementary School principal Lucy Keaton was selected to be inducted into the Nevada Education Hall of Fame. The ceremony will take place on April 21st in Carson City.

Hyde Park Middle School is the Nevada State MathCounts champion for the third year in a row.

John S. Park-Edison Elementary School highest-achieving students received nominations for the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington D.C. The students, Destre Soto-Calderon, Hiram Cisneros, Cyrenz Garcia, Summer Gibson, Katimah Harper, Stephanie Lopez, Michael Rodriguez, Giovanni Retana, Adalina Rojas and Michelle Sosa-Garcia are among the nominees of this prestigious national honor. Their teacher mentor, Antonio Morales is to be commended as well for recognizing their excellence.

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Students at Jo Mackey Elementary School traveled around the world visiting countries including Scotland, Kenya, Ireland, Japan, and France as part of World Day: A Celebration of Diversity. Teachers incorporated Google Earth, with the use of their Promethean Interactive White Boards, allowing students to feel as if they were in each country.

The Northwest Career and Technical Academy hosted its fourth annual Solar Car Challenge on March 23. Approximately 30 student teams competed in the event. This integrated curriculum project involved the school's Alternative Fuels/Transportation Program for the design of model cars, Hospitality Program for event planning and marketing, Media Communications Program for documenting the event and the Culinary Program for food and beverages.

Southeast Career Technical Academy Humanities Club has collected more than \$660 in donations from students and staff members on behalf of the Las Vegas chapter of the American Red Cross for those affected during Japan's earthquake and tsunami.

One hundred backpacks were donated to Quannah McCall Elementary School by Walmart Inc. (Serene, Henderson Store and Dan Lorentz, store manager). Each backpack will be filled with books and school supplies and given to students in grades three, four and five who pass the state CRT exam during an assembly in April to recognize their academic achievement.

Quannah McCall Elementary School students Juan Cruz, Irvin Espinoza, Matthew Gordon, Jennifer Gutierrez, Kenneth Ramirez, Ana E. Ramos, Leslie Rodriguez and Laron Lowrance participated in the Project Citizen Showcase held at Hyde Park Middle School on March 30. Mrs. Brenda Reeh, the school counselor, worked with students to teach them the process of changing public policy, including researching alternatives.

Ten Southwest Career Technical Academy student council members presented three roundtables and two workshops, and submitted two candidates for the NASC State Board at the annual Nevada Association of Student Council State Conference. SWCTA was awarded the Silver Star (highest award possible for a Nevada High School Student Council) and SWCTA's advisor, Miriya Julian, won the New Advisor of the Year Award.

West Career & Technical Academy (WCTA) Multicultural Club and Student Council hosted the first annual WCTA all-school head-shave fundraising event in support of the St. Baldrick's Foundation. Eleven brave students, Dan Azoualy, Alexis Brazzell, Courtney Edmison, Kevin Funes, Ben Greene, Jordan Grosse, Nick Ponticello, Cole Schumacher, Zack Surmacz, Rylee Taylor and Brittney Vogel, as was six brave teachers Adriane Casolari, Laura Doughty Corie Naugle, Diane Ortiz, Rich Lombardo and Jason Spendlove shaved their heads in solidarity with children going through cancer treatment. Their fundraising efforts totaled \$5,268.78.

West Career & Technical Academy tenth grade engineering students pitched design ideas to Exhibit IQ and the Tony Hawk Project for a vertical physics exhibit. The winning design idea was created by Justin Andoy, Niccolo Borromeo and Cielomina Gumabon.

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Following their first place win in the academic portion of the Nevada State Science Bowl, Hyde Park Middle School eighth grade team members Sean Dyaico, Kevin O’Neill and Deepal Patel, as well as sixth grade members Lyle Carrera and “AJ” Diaz, took first place in the model race car portion of the Science Bowl on March 19. Mrs. Amy Wetjen and Mr. Ed Patricks were the team advisors.

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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