

THE WEEK AHEAD

Week of December 10 – December 16, 2011

Friday, December 16 - Last day of classes for winter break. Classes resume Jan. 3.

Saturday, December 10 - The Las Vegas Nevada Metropolitan Police Department's Convention Center Area Command is hosting a fun and educational day for the entire community. The event's focus is geared toward providing crucial information to children of all ages and their parents/guardians on several areas of child safety, crime prevention, and environmental awareness. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Las Vegas Convention Center, South Halls located at 3150 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas. Parking is free when you mention "Child Safety Day."

Saturday, December 10 - The Silverado High School Chamber Choir, the Coronado High School Choir and the Gordon McCaw Elementary School Steel Drums & Choir will be among the groups performing in the City of Henderson's WinterFest Evening Light Parade, starting at 5 p.m. The parade will be the culmination of the annual celebration, which began on Friday, Dec. 9.

Monday, December 12 - Liberty High School, 3700 Liberty Heights Ave., Henderson, will hold an open house at 6 p.m. for parents and students interested in learning more about the school.

Monday, December 12 - Clark County Commissioner Susan Brager will visit Spring Valley High School from 8-10 a.m., and speak with students during their government classes. Interested media are asked to contact the Communications Office at 799-5304 if they plan to cover the visit.

Monday, December 12 - The Public Education Foundation selected Cameron Dearborn, a senior at Liberty High School, as the first place winner of its annual holiday art contest. The second place winner is Paulani Wong, a junior at West Career & Technical Academy and the third place winner is Haley Grantham, also a junior at West Career & Technical Academy. The theme of this year's contest was "Peace, Love, Joy." All three winners will be honored at a special ceremony from 5-7 p.m. at Blick Art Materials, 290 South Decatur Blvd. The media are invited to attend. The winning artwork will be displayed in Blick Art Materials and on the Foundation's website.

Tuesday, December 13 - Students at Hollingsworth Elementary School will be able to enjoy the sweet sounds of music when they receive a donation of 30 guitars, valued at more than \$2,000. The guitar donation is scheduled from 2:15-3:15 p.m. and comes courtesy of Lisa Goulston and her non-profit organization IMAGINE. Contact the Communications Office at 799-5304 for more information.

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Tuesday, December 13 - Quannah McCall Elementary School parents who have successfully completed the Parenting Wisely classes will receive a dinner and certificate from the principal, Dr. Maria Chairez, during a special graduation ceremony, beginning at 3:30 p.m. The ceremony is the culmination of eight weeks worth of sessions that occurred during after-school hours and were taught by teachers trained by the State of Nevada Substance Abuse Prevention Program. The school receives funding from the State of Nevada for these classes and the graduation ceremony is an indication that parents are willing to learn so their children can benefit. "We want all parents to be students again so that way they model for their children that learning never ends," said Dr. Chairez, principal. For more information on the program, or to participate in seeing the graduation ceremony, call at 799-7149.

Tuesday, December 13 - International House of Blues Foundation (IHOBFB) invites you to a presentation of youth artistic works featuring After School All Stars student participants from four Clark County School District middle schools. IHOBFB is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing the arts to schools and communities through programs that promote cultural understanding and encourage creative expression. The event takes place from 4-6 p.m. at the House of Blues Las Vegas, 3950 S. Las Vegas Blvd. RSVP to ihobflasvegas@livenation.com or call 632-7682.

Wednesday, December 14 - Please join Trustee Erin Cranor any time between 9 and 11 a.m. at Vegas PBS for a light brunch and mingle to thank you for the energy, work, support and enthusiasm you have given our students and our bright Nevada future. The brunch will double as an informal open house for open enrollment schools. If you would like to see the Clark County School District's progress toward true parent and student choice this year, and especially if you are considering an open enrollment or other option for your child, this event will be an opportunity to look into the details of open enrollment and the schools with seats available.

Wednesday, December 14 - Estes McDoniel Elementary School presents their first annual "Community Craft and Food Fair" at Foxridge Park, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. The fair, featuring vendors from throughout the community, hopes to raise money for school supplies for students. McDoniel Elementary School is located at 1831 Foxridge Dr., with Foxridge Park located adjacent to the school campus. For more information, or to inquire about vending space, please call 799-7788.

Wednesday, December 14 - Students at Legacy High School will experience what the United Nations undergoes on a daily basis, including policy discussions and voting on resolutions. The unique experience is made possible by Social Studies Teacher Amie Miner, who has asked students to not only research different countries as part of their studies, but also to represent the countries' views on important issues. Students will learn different writing styles by drafting, researching, revising and forming final draft resolutions, as well as practice their communication skills by speaking in front of other students by process of parliamentary procedure.

Thursday, December 15 - The Las Vegas Hospitality Association's (LVHA) annual "Fill a Bag With Cheer" operation, providing 207 students with bags filled with shoes, shirts, sweat suits or warm clothing, toys and other necessities, will take place from 1-3 p.m. at Manuel J. Cortez Elementary School. Leading up to the event, LVHA worked closely and diligently with the school's teachers and principal to determine which children were in the most need. In addition to the gift bag distribution, students will also enjoy activities such as face painting, balloon sculptures, and will also be provided with food and refreshments. Cortez Elementary School is located at 4245 E. Tonopah Ave., Las Vegas. For more information, contact Jackie Brett via telephone at 460-1836, or via e-mail at jackiebrett@cox.net.

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Friday, December 16 - Canyon Springs High School is having an alumni day for all of the school's former students, beginning at 7:45 a.m. Canyon Springs alumni will visit classrooms and share their college experiences and encourage students to pursue a higher education and be "Ready by Exit."

Friday, December 16 - The Canyon Springs High School Choir has been invited to perform at the Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas during the staff's lunch hour. The Cosmopolitan also will provide transportation for the students.

Beckley Elementary School's student council has taken the initiative to sponsor a can drive for the Salvation Army. Donations can be brought directly to the school, located at 3223 S. Glenhurst Dr., Las Vegas.

Reminders/Awards/Honors –

CCSD schools will celebrate the holiday season in a variety of ways.
Visit <http://ccsd.net/news/pdf/20111209-886120299.pdf> for details on upcoming activities.

The Silverado High School Madrigal Choir is among many CCSD musical groups to perform in the upcoming "Inside Education" holiday specials. Tracy K. Hunsaker is Silverado's choir director. Stay tuned to www.ccsd.net for the broadcast schedule.

Arbor View High School celebrated the holiday season with several wonderful endeavors. Arbor View's Key Club collected more than 7,200 cans of food for the Salvation Army, while the school's International Club/French Club adopted Booker Elementary School and collected, wrapped and delivered toys for students, as well as provided Booker students with food. Last, but certainly not least, the student council collected food donations and created Thanksgiving Day baskets for student families who needed a little extra help to have a nice dinner.

Deskin Elementary School Student Leadership hosted a Zumba-thon on Friday, Dec. 2, as part of a family activity night for its school community. Additionally, Deskin's Singers, Chorale and Dynamo groups performed at Opportunity Village's Magical Forest on Monday, Dec. 5.

The Dec. 2011/Jan. 2012 edition of 89074 Magazine recognized Green Valley High School student Jordan Orris for a wide variety of accomplishments both in and out of school. The magazine said Orris' "limitless energy and enthusiasm" places her "A Step Above."

The Las Vegas Regional Office selected Quannah McCall Elementary School as the No Place for Hate School of the Year for 2012. Quannah McCall has 33 percent fewer discipline referrals from the previous year. Parent-teacher conferences were attended by 100 percent of parents (every parent reported they were treated with respect and courtesy). McCall was the first of the 32 No Place for Hate schools to complete their annual anti-bias projects. Activities included discussions about the nature and importance of respect in every classroom, the signing of the No Place for Hate Resolution of Respect by all, and Kindness Awards presented to one student in each classroom.

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Nearly 4,000 students receive holiday cheer with help from Wynn/Encore Las Vegas employees.

Employees and hotel executives from Wynn/Encore Las Vegas provided nearly 4,000 After-School All-Stars Las Vegas students at Lunt, Roundy, Wynn and Bell Elementary Schools with gifts, snacks, drinks and a chance to see Santa from Dec. 6-9. The Wynn/Encore Employee Services Department coordinates efforts to donate, collect, wrap and distribute toys to underprivileged children in what has been an annual tradition since Wynn Las Vegas opened.

Elementary school students send 5,000 holiday letters to troops. Bartlett, Sewell, David Cox, Dooley,

G.C. Taylor, James Gibson, Kesterson, Lamping, McDoniel, Mack, Morrow, Smalley and Walker

Elementary School students gave thanks to 5,000 troops this holiday season by coming together to write letters. The letters were presented during a special ceremony on Friday, Dec. 9 that featured the Nellis Air Force Base Honor Guard, as well as representatives from Lieutenant Governor Brian Krolicki's office and Congressman Joe Heck's office.

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