

THE WEEK AHEAD

Week of December 17 – December 23, 2011

Saturday, December 17 - More than 1,000 students at Fay Herron Elementary School will receive gifts and important necessities from Personal Success Institute (PSI). Seminar graduates, along with their friends and family, will visit the school from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., as part of the 14th Annual Giving Day Festival. PSI volunteers and community residents raised more than \$50,000 to provide each child with a two-week supply of meals during the school break, a hooded sweatshirt, new pairs of socks and shoes, hygiene items, an art set and drawing pad, as well as a teddy bear. Fay Herron Elementary School is located 2421 N. Kenneth Way, North Las Vegas. Please contact Teresa Corbitt at 499-4802 for more information.

Tuesday, December 20 - Bailey and Cunningham Elementary Schools will enjoy a very happy holiday thanks to Billionaire Mafia. The Las Vegas-based clothing and fashion company will provide a chicken dinner and entertainment to students and the community, as well as clothes and toys to celebrate the season. The festivities take place from 2-5 p.m. in the multipurpose room of Sister Robert Joseph Bailey Elementary School, located at 4525 Jimmy Durante Blvd., Las Vegas.

Tuesday, December 20 - The Vegas PBS program, "Inside Education," will showcase the musical talents of CCSD students in programs airing Dec. 20 and 27, 2011, and Jan. 3, 2012. Inside Education airs every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. on Vegas PBS, Ch. 10.

Reminders/Awards/Honors –

The CCSD high school graduation schedule for 2012 runs from May 23 through June 20. Visit <http://ccsd.net/news/pdf/20111209-1177294719.pdf> to view graduation schedule.

Daniel J. Tafoya of the Clark County School District was named Assistant Secretary/Treasurer of the Latin Chamber of Commerce during the organization's annual banquet Dec. 9, 2011, at the Paris Las Vegas. Tafoya is with the Student Support Services Division's Office of Charter Schools.

Southwest Airlines hosted a holiday party, complete with refreshments and gifts for 100 students, at Robert E. Lake Elementary School students on Friday, Dec. 16, at 3:45 p.m. The gifts were donated by employees of Southwest Airlines.

Carlos Gonzalez of Thomas Elementary School is one of two local students honored by the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) of Southern Nevada as a grand prize winner of the commission's annual Anti-Graffiti Art Contest. The fifth-grader was honored Dec. 1, 2011, during a special D.A.R.E. event hosted by the commission. The winning artwork will be seen throughout the valley on a special RTC bus for one year to promote the anti-graffiti message. For more information, call 228-7433.

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The American Civil War came alive for approximately 200 students at Cram Middle School Friday, Dec. 16, 2011, when they donned replica uniforms and took on the role of soldiers during an elaborate re-enactment that simulated one of the nation's most emotional and pivotal events.

Allen Elementary School and Leavitt Middle School collected nearly \$11,000 in food items during November for donation to the food bank at Orr Middle School. The drive was coordinated by the student councils at Leavitt and Allen.

Green Valley High School student Kayla Varner is the first player from Nevada to ever be selected twice to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) High School All-American team. The honor is given for performances in the winter, spring, and fall of 2011 soccer seasons. In addition to being named to the 2011 team, Kayla is also on the All-Region team and is the 2011 Nevada Player of the Year.

Chaparral High School is the West Region winner for the Get Schooled Fall Attendance Challenge. As a reward for improving the school's attendance by a remarkable 5.4 percent, students were given the opportunity to attend a special screening of "Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol." The Get Schooled Challenge was issued to nearly 80,000 students, at 73 schools, in 17 states, between Oct. 3 and Nov. 18. Chaparral's attendance increase was more than double the increase usually experienced by schools on an annual basis.

The Firefighters of Southern Nevada Burn Foundation made a special delivery of holiday gifts to the students at Marion Cahlan Edison Elementary School on Thursday, Dec. 15. The toys were collected during the 10th Annual "Fill the Fire Truck Toy Drive." The Firefighters of Southern Nevada Burn Foundation, a non-profit organization, provides assistance for sick or injured children through financial aid, clothing and furniture donations. More than 40,000 Las Vegas Valley residents have benefited from the Burn Foundation in the past two years and the organization has raised more than \$1,150,000 for the Southern Nevada community since 2003.

Mannion Middle School Assistant Principal Dawn Rene Calman was selected by the Secondary School Principals Association of Nevada (SSPAN) as the 2012 Metlife/National Association of Secondary School Principals Nevada Assistant Principal of the Year. Calman, an experienced administrator who has helped open several new schools during her career in education, will represent Nevada in the hunt for the National Assistant Principal of the Year.

Leavitt Middle School's National Junior Honor Society students and their advisor, Dana Berger, completed holiday baskets for five local families in need. Additionally, school staff showed their generosity by providing clothes, shoes, socks, underwear, bikes, remote controlled cars, art supplies, school supplies, books, toys and more to help brighten the holidays for 23 children.

Bob Miller Middle School knows how to keep the holiday spirit, as evidenced by the many exciting activities they have orchestrated. Teacher Ken Stedman continues his annual tradition of working with his students and their families to collect food items, clothing and gifts for 2-3 families who need a little extra holiday cheer. Additionally, Miller Middle School's cheerleaders visited the Las Vegas Rescue Mission to help feed the homeless on Thursday, Dec. 15, while the school's jazz band, advanced choir and advanced orchestra visited the Siena Care Center on Friday, Dec. 16, to perform holiday music for the tenants and employees.

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Walter Long Elementary School's student council collected more than 1,500 items as part of their food drive for the families of students attending the school. As part of the initiative, parents from the surrounding community were invited to visit the school on Friday, Dec. 16, from 9:15-10 a.m., and pick up the much needed food supplies.

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