

# THE WEEK AHEAD

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## Week of December 8 – December 14, 2012

**Saturday, December 8** - The Southern Nevada District competition of "We the People" will take place from 8:55 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Bishop Gorman High School, 5959 S Hualapai Way, Las Vegas. Among those taking part are students from Advanced Technologies Academy, Clark High School, College of Southern Nevada West High School, Global High School, Veterans Tribute High School, Basic High School, Canyon Springs High School and Legacy High School. "We the People" is a national competition and the most extensive education program in the country based on the principles and values embodied in the Constitution and Bill of Rights. For more information about this program, visit <http://new.civiced.org/programs/wtp>.

**Saturday, December 8** - Centennial High School will host the annual VEX Robotics Tournament from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. The tournament features students' innovative mechanical creations battling it out to determine the community's number one robot. Centennial High School is located at 10200 Centennial Pkwy., Las Vegas.

**Sunday, December 9** - CCSD students and teachers have until midnight to vote for one outstanding photo in each category of the CCSD Middle School Photography Contest. Hundreds of entries were received from students throughout the district. The photo receiving the most votes in each category will win. To vote visit <http://ccsd.net/students/photo-contest/login.php>.

**Tuesday, December 11** - Ellie Smith, Miss Nevada Outstanding Teen, is a guest on the Dec. 11, 2012 episode of Inside Education. Smith, a Virtual High School student, will discuss her anti-bullying campaign and her experiences in show business. Also featured in the 12/11 show will be Dr. Lisa Edler, Community Partnership Coordinator at East CTA. Inside Education, a CCSD fixture since 2000, airs every Tuesday night at 7:30 on Vegas PBS, Ch. 10.

**Wednesday, December 12** - It may be cold outside, but some hot music is expected when Hyde Park Middle School holds its Annual Guitar Winter Concert from 6 - 7:30 p.m., inside the school gymnasium. The school is located at 900 Hinson St., Las Vegas.

**Wednesday, December 12** - The next Paralympic Sport Activity Night will take place inside the gym at Rancho High School, from 5:30 - 8 p.m. The event is open to the public and part of a year-long program that is free to students and their families. Activities designed to introduce youth with physical and visual disabilities to Paralympic sport include goal ball, self-defense and a holiday celebration that includes international dance and an art project. For more information about the Clark County School District's Adapted Physical Education Department, call 799-0104. Rancho High School is located at 1900 E. Searles Ave., Las Vegas.

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**Wednesday, December 12** - Ruth Fyfe Empowerment Elementary School will host a grand opening for its new Reading Oasis Room at 10 a.m. Fyfe Elementary is one of only two schools in the nation to receive a \$10,000 grant from Scholastic and University of Phoenix to open a Reading Oasis Room, which includes new furniture, paint and bookshelves fully stocked with new books. The purpose of these efforts is to provide a community literacy center to at-risk schools and to form an enduring partnership between the school and community members. Fyfe Elementary School is located at 4101 W. Bonanza Rd., Las Vegas.

**Thursday, December 13** - The sweet sounds of the holiday season come alive when Hyde Park Middle School presents its Annual Choir Winter Concert, held in the school gymnasium, from 6 - 8 p.m. The school is located at 900 Hinson St., Las Vegas.

**Thursday, December 13** - The Board of School Trustees will hold a regular meeting, beginning at 4 p.m., in the Edward A. Greer Education Center board room, located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas. To view the agenda visit <http://www.ccsd.net/trustees/pdf/agendas/12-13-12-agenda-pdf>.

**Reminders/Awards/Honors –**

**The Nevada STEM Pipeline is a resource to engage students, teachers, parents and the community in science, technology, engineering and mathematics education.** This effort is at the forefront to increase the number of students interested in pursuing college degrees with the overarching goal of strengthening our future workforce and economic development in the state. Visit <http://www.nvstempipeline.org> for information on:

- K-20 programs and opportunities
- Enrichment and summer programs
- Scholarships and other financial resources
- Regional and national opportunities in STEM education

**With the holidays fast approaching, Dr. William H. Bailey Middle School welcomes all families in need to its community food bank, the Bailey Nest.** The Nest is located in the rear of the school and is open every Thursday, from 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. Staff members comprised of school faculty and community partners are on hand to assist families on a first-come, first-serve basis. Bailey Middle School is located at 2500 N. Hollywood Blvd., Las Vegas. Since opening in December 2011, the Nest has served food and provided clothing to more than 2,000 families who are members of the Bailey Middle School family and surrounding neighborhoods. Principal Terri Knepp says, “The Nest is one of the very special things about Bailey’s location. We want our neighborhood to think of our school as a center of the community—that they can come to us for help with the essentials. It’s our way of saying thank you for allowing us the opportunity to educate the children of our neighborhood.”

**Victoria Fertitta Middle School student Adam Plant was selected to play football at the 2013 Eastbay Youth All-American Bowl, slated for Jan. 6, 2013 at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas.** Plant will play defensive end for the seventh grade West team.

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**Kathy L. Batterman Elementary School student Hagop Maknissian, 10, won the contest to name the mammoth skeleton at the Nevada State Museum.** The fifth grade student came up with the name Christopher Columbian Mammoth for the 14-foot-tall skeleton.

**Boulder City High School senior Avalon Frantz was selected as one of a dozen national finalists for the 2012 Wendy's High School Heisman Award, which honors students who excel in academics, athletics and community service.** Frantz competes in volleyball and track, and can boast a 4.8 grade-point average. She and her parents will fly to New York for the Dec. 7, 2012 announcement of the national winner.

**Harley Harmon Elementary School held a "penny drive" on Nov. 16, 2012, raising \$633.48 for the victims of Hurricane Sandy.** The money will be donated through the local chapter of the American Red Cross. For more information, call the school at 799-7740.

**Elbert Edwards Elementary School students donated 390 food items to support HELP of Southern Nevada. Pre-K and kindergarten students donated the most, with a total of 103 items of food.** For more information, contact Kirk Kimbrell at 799-7320.

**BLVDS Las Vegas magazine has recognized K.O. Knudson Middle School teacher Heather Rampton, the founder and executive director of Girls Rock Vegas (GRV).** The non-profit organization helps empower young women through music creation and performance. Visit [www.girlsrockvegas.org](http://www.girlsrockvegas.org) for more information.

**Jim Bridger Middle School's Civil Air Patrol Cadet Squadron was named Cadet Squadron of the Year by the Nevada Wing Civil Air Patrol.** During the annual awards ceremony held at Boomtown Casino and Resort in Reno, Major Terence Wood, commander of the squadron, received the recognition award surrounded by jubilant cadets. Also, for the second consecutive year, Bridger students earned the Quality Cadet Squadron Award. Finally, Cadet Staff Sergeant Nicholas Franklin was presented a laser engraved plaque for his winning first place entry in an airplane model building contest.

**Southwest Behavior School has been awarded a Springs Preserve Grant to build an indoor grow house in the school's new science center.** When operational in March, students will have the exciting opportunity to cultivate native Mojave Desert plant species and learn more about the surrounding ecosystem.

**Jo Mackey Magnet Elementary School's robotics teams represented their school in a big way by winning two first place trophies in the recent First Lego League (FLL) competition, held at Cimarron-Memorial High School.** Facing stiff competition from more than 50 other teams, many of whom represented middle schools, Mackey students overcame the odds and finished on top.

**The Lego Leaders team, comprised of students Sean Bean, Bradon Burd, Hudson Clohesy, Ly'rikal Lockett, Cassie McDermott, Connor McDermott, Ethan Prince, and Talia Sultan won top honors for programming excellence.** This award recognizes the team that utilizes outstanding programming principles, including clear, concise and reusable code that allows their robot to perform challenge missions autonomously and consistently. Winners of this award understand and demonstrate solid programming principles as a critical component of a successful strategy.

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**Not to be outdone, the Mackey Mindstorms team, featuring students Zachary Alley, Kody Hashimoto, Tony Lang, Camila Lausso, Adam Martinez, Perrine Morata , Isabella Paperno, and Sebastian Sanchez won the First Place Overall Champion's Award.** FLL's most prestigious award celebrates those who passionately inspire and motivate others about the excitement and wonders of science and technology, collaborate to solve problems as a team, as well as demonstrate respect and gracious professionalism. The Champion's Award is determined by giving equal weight to all four arenas of competition - technical design and programming, robot performance, project presentation and teamwork - and additional consideration to how the team demonstrated FLL Values to all of the judges. As the Champion's Award winners, the Mackey Mindstorms will represent Nevada at the World Festival in April 2013, competing against teams from six continents.

**Polar Shades of Henderson donated Pop-Tarts and bottled water for emergency preparedness kits, plus \$500 in school supplies, to Edna F. Hinman Elementary School on Nov. 6, 2012.** Call the school at 799-8990 for more information.

**Dean LaMar Allen Elementary School, 8680 W. Hammer Lane, received a \$2,500 donation from Big Lots on Nov. 16, 2012.** Big Lots district manager David Nielsen presented the donation to the school.

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