

THE WEEK AHEAD

Week of February 16, 2013 – February 22, 2013

African-American History Month takes place February 1 – February 28.

Monday, February 18 - CCSD schools and offices will be closed in observance of Presidents' Day.

Tuesday, February 19 - There will be no school due to districtwide professional development. District offices will be open.

Tuesday, February 19 - This week's "Inside Education" features an interview with Title I HOPE Coordinator Paula Zier, who will discuss the ways in which her department helps homeless children in Clark County. Also featured will be a conversation with Nevada Penna Powers Brian Haynes Director Kyle Kubovchik concerning the Zero Fatalities program. Inside Education airs every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. on Vegas PBS, Ch. 10.

Wednesday, February 20 - Students at Hyde Park Middle School will be treated to a special assembly presentation by Kim Russell as she portrays African-American abolitionist and women's rights activist Sojourner Truth. The assembly provides a historic lesson concerning the plight of African-American women and how their strength and determination made a big difference in society. The presentation is provided as part of African-American History Month at the school, located at 900 Hinson St., Las Vegas.

Thursday, February 21 - CCSD Trustee Lorraine Alderman (District D) invites parents and members of the community to connect with her at the Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, 4550 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, from 9:30 - 11 a.m. This is your opportunity to meet with Trustee Alderman and talk informally about your topics of interest. Spanish translators will be available at this event.

Friday, February 22 - Students, teachers and staff at three CCSD schools will take part in World Rare Disease Day activities. Students at Frank J. Lamping, John C. Vanderburg and Selma F. Barlett elementary schools also will create supportive notes for families of children affected by rare diseases and will wear denim jeans to represent the "genes" that make up the genetic basis for many of the 7,000 rare diseases. World Rare Disease Day aims to increase awareness of rare diseases and the often unrecognized difficulties faced by children and their families affected by these conditions.

Reminders/Awards/Honors –

Clark High School is hosting a series of parent open forums. The only requirement to participate is to have a student who attends Clark High School. Forums will be held at 9:30 a.m. on the following Wednesdays:

- Feb. 20
- March 20
- April 17
- May 15

For more information, call the school at 799-5800.

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Green Valley High School student Kayla Anderson is not only a star soccer player; she also excels academically. Described as “strong willed, forward thinking and always striving to embrace her full potential,” Anderson is highlighted in the Feb. /March 2013 issue of 89074 Magazine.

More than 120 high school students from 10 schools around Nevada competed in the 11th Annual Nevada ProStart® Invitational, presented by the Nevada Restaurant Association. The competition was held at Northwest Career and Technical Academy on Feb. 5-6, 2013. Top honors went to East Career & Technical Academy and Silverado High School in the team culinary and team management divisions, respectively. Both teams will represent Nevada at the National ProStart Invitational to be held April 19-21 in Baltimore, Maryland.

More than 100 eighth grade students from Jerome Mack Middle School traveled to the Museum of Tolerance on the UCLA campus on Feb. 8, 2013. The visit was a follow-up unit for students who recently studied the Holocaust. Additionally, students learned about potential post high school graduation options as they toured UCLA and took part in a lecture with one of the university's professors.

Award-winning CCSD teacher Barry Coffin takes a hands-on approach to teaching science to his students at Southwest Behavior School. As reported by KLAS-TV, Coffin's classroom was the centerpiece of the district's “Inside CCSD” tour of the school on Feb. 8, 2013.

Advanced Technologies Academy teacher Mary Shane said one thing she appreciates about her job is the ability to collaborate with her colleagues. In an interview with Las Vegas Seven magazine, Shane said, “There's always someone to ask, ‘What do you think about this?’ and to learn from.”

More than 100 East Career and Technical Academy students from the Marketing & Hospitality Program competed in 19 events during the annual Nevada State DECA Competition, held Feb. 11 and 12 at the Flamingo. The 112 students won an unprecedented 116 medals, and 79 of them placed in the Top 10 Overall category for their particular event. Twenty-six students qualified for the national event, International Career Development Conference, that will be held in Anaheim April 24-27. Senior Cristal Montes was selected as the Nevada DECA Student of the Year.

Spring Valley High School was named one of 125 schools in the country that qualifies as an exemplary college-ready high school campus by the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program, the result of a nine-year process that culminated Thursday, February 7. AVID is a nationally adopted college readiness program that aims to challenge students, increase learning and provide meaningful support to help first generation college attendees continue onto college. Currently, Spring Valley High School has the largest AVID program in the state of Nevada, and has enrolled more than 1,000 members. The program also helped Spring Valley High School raise more than \$11 million in scholarships for the 2011-12 school year.

AVID students are encouraged to take advanced classes, and are supported with college tutors and study skill sessions. These students are expected to challenge themselves by taking honors and AP courses, and receive early instruction on how to be successful as an independent student in a college classroom. Spring Valley High School has actively been involved in the AVID program since its opening in 2004, and was AVID certified in 2006. Since then it has resulted in at least 90 percent of graduates attending a higher education institution. Currently 250 students are enrolled in AVID (about 13 percent of Spring Valley's population), and hundreds more attend club meetings and events to seek help with college applications and advanced coursework.

Media interested in taking a closer look at the program are encouraged to contact Communications at 799-5304.