

THE WEEK AHEAD

Week of April 28 – May 4, 2012

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is May 1 – May 31.

Saturday, April 28 - The Southern Nevada Health District, United Way and Shots 4 Tots, along with 100 Black Men of Las Vegas and the Latin Chamber of Commerce, are sponsoring the Passport to Immunizations and Health Fair from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the East Las Vegas Community Center, 250 N. Eastern Avenue as part of National Infant Immunization Week. This free event will offer no cost childhood immunizations for children up to age 36 months, health screenings, family resources, and entertainment. Parents should bring their children's immunization records. For more information, call 759-0850 or visit www.SNHD.info.

Saturday, April 28 - Gordon M. McCaw Elementary School in Henderson will hold its Spring Carnival from noon to 4 p.m. The event will feature face painting, a costume contest, balloon artists, a live DJ and a steel drum performance. Call 799-8930 for details.

Saturday, April 28 - The West Las Vegas Arts Center invites young men and women ages 10 to 18 to participate in the "4th Annual Youth Conference: A Call to Healing" from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Presented by the City of Las Vegas and the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, with support from the Clark County School District, the event will feature community leaders speaking to and working with young people. The conference will encourage youth to become independent-thinking adults.

Saturday, April 28 - The Whole Kids Foundation is excited to be the official Charity of Choice for The Indie Music Fest to be held at Henderson Pavilion in Henderson. One of the events being held during The Indie Music Fest is the 5K Run & 1K Walk to benefit Whole Kids Foundation at 8 a.m. Proceeds of this race will be used to improve nutrition and wellness in Nevada's children. For more information on the Whole Kids Foundation, visit <http://www.active.com/5k-race/henderson-nv/whole-kids-foundation-5k-run-and-1k-walk-2012>. The Indie Music Fest was created to provide exposure, resources, education and assistance in elevating the unsigned artist, writer and musician, to the next levels of their careers, with a focus this year on our environment.

Monday, April 30 - Approximately 1,500 supplemental textbooks will be distributed to Robert O. Gibson Middle School students at 10 a.m. as part of the mutual partnership between the Latin Chamber of Commerce, Another Joy Foundation, the Clark County School District and The Public Education Foundation. R.O. Gibson Middle School is receiving textbooks in both English and Spanish for use as supplemental teaching material in the school's Dual Language Immersion Academy, which promotes academic advancement by providing students the opportunity for educational growth. The school is located at 3900 W. Washington Ave., Las Vegas.

Tuesday, May 1 - Health issues facing students will be addressed by CCSD Health Services Director Diana Taylor on "Inside Education," airing at 7:30 p.m. on Vegas PBS, Ch. 10. Also featured will be an interview with Student Activities Coordinator Sandy Ginger regarding the upcoming high school graduation season. Plus, sports correspondent Lou Antoine will highlight Centennial High School student Marcus Allen as "Male Student Athlete of the Month."

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Wednesday, May 2 - Nearly 100 area high school students enrolled in a unique program to encourage volunteerism will be recognized at a special ceremony attended by their family and friends at 7 p.m. The program, Next Generation Actively Gaining Experience (NGAGE), is a collaboration of United Way of Southern Nevada and the School-Community Partnership Program of the Clark County School District. Students will be recognized for providing service during the current school year. CCSD Superintendent Dwight D. Jones is among those expected to be in attendance. The event will take place at The Runway at the Fashion Show, 3200 Las Vegas Blvd. South.

Thursday, May 3 - Virgin Valley Elementary School in Mesquite will hold its Kindergarten Round-Up, registration and pre-screening from 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. As reported by the Mesquite Local News, the event is for all students who will be five years old by Sept. 30, 2012. Call the school at (702) 346-5761 for more information.

Thursday, May 3 thru Friday, May 4 - Special Olympics Nevada and CCSD's Adapted Physical Education Department will host the Unified Track & Field Meet at Cheyenne High School on May 3 and 4, 2012. As reported by KSNV-TV, the event will mark the 10th annual interscholastic competition for special education student-athletes and their non-disabled peers.

Friday, May 4 - Kit Carson College Preparatory Academy of Creative Arts and Technology will host Lowe's Day, featuring local Lowe's home improvement store employees. Activities began at 8 a.m. and include workshops that teach students how to use laptops and other equipment purchased with a \$100,000 grant from Lowe's, craft building activities and a kindergarten field day. Carson Elementary, which recently received a Four Star ranking out of a possible Five Stars on the Clark County School District's new, transparent school ranking system, is located at 1735 D St., Las Vegas.

Friday, May 4 - Vegas PBS is among the sponsors of Las Vegas Science Festival 2012, described as "seven days of science fun for everyone." The event runs through Friday, May 4, at various locations throughout the valley.

Friday, May 4 - Families are encouraged to take part in the nationwide "Stand 4 Change Day" anti-bullying rally, starting at 9 a.m. One way to show support for the occasion is to wear red and black. According to the National Association of School Psychologists, 160,000 students stay home from school every day for fear of bullying.

Friday, May 4 - School namesake Irwin Molasky will be honored as a recipient of the 2012 Liberty Bell Award during a special ceremony from 3-4 p.m., at the Las Vegas replica of the Liberty Bell, located in Centennial Park, at the corner of 4th Street and Lewis Ave. The award recognizes individuals in the community who uphold the rule of law, contribute to good government within the community, stimulate a sense of civic responsibility and encourage a respect for the law in the courts. The award ceremony will be in conjunction with the rededication of the Las Vegas Liberty Bell.

Molasky, and fellow 2012 Liberty Bell Award winner Samuel Lionel, founded Project REAL in 2005 to meet the challenge of teaching Nevada students the importance of the law and its contribution to the American way of life. Project REAL educates K-12 students about the principles of democracy, law and the responsibilities of citizenship. Through a variety of programs, students have the opportunity to explore our judicial system, examine current controversial issues and become involved, participating citizens who understand their social responsibilities and rights.

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Saturday, May 5 - Young people ages 14 to 18 are invited to take part in a short story workshop from 11a.m.-2 p.m. at the West Las Vegas Library. Prizes will be awarded for the top two stories. The workshop is sponsored by the Las Vegas alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta. For details, call 507-3989.

Reminders/Awards/Honors –

High school graduation ceremonies are scheduled for May 23 through June 20, 2012 at various locations throughout Clark County. Visit <http://ccsd.net/students/graduation-schedule/> for the full schedule.

Monday, May 7, 2012, is the deadline to register for Nevada's 4th Family Engagement in Education Summit to be held Friday, May 18 at UNLV's Student Union. Join other parents, teachers, school administrators, elected officials and community members for a day of exploring how to "Connect the Dots" between family engagement and student academic success. The keynote speaker will be author Eileen Kugler. Other speakers will include Monie Byers, Parent Involvement Consultant with the Nevada Department of Education.

Northwest Career and Technical Academy will host the Chalk Walk on Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to noon. Participants may choose either a 3K or 5K walk to honor teachers and raise money for the Future Educators of America College Scholarship Program. The event will be held at Northwest CTA on Sat., May 19. For more information, visit www.pdkchalkwalk.org or call NWCTA at 799-4640. Registration must be received prior to May 8.

Haley Williams of Las Vegas Academy was Best of Show winner and Jessica Dryden of Foothill High School was Judges Choice winner in the 45th annual CCSD Student Photography Contest. The contest culminated with an awards ceremony at Vegas PBS on April 19, 2012.

Students at Hayden Elementary School, Leavitt Middle School and Garrett Junior High School honored National Epilepsy Awareness Day on March 26, 2012, by wearing purple in a sign of support to raise awareness about the condition.

The Public Education Foundation's Board of Directors voted on April 19, 2012, to name Robert L. Forbuss as the Board's "Honorary Chairman" for his longstanding commitment to the organization and the community. The namesake of Robert L. Forbuss Elementary School, Forbuss previously served as the Foundation's senior vice chair, a position he has held for nine years. He is a former trustee of the CCSD Board of Trustees and a past chairman of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Quannah McCall Empowerment ES, a recently named Five Star School in North Las Vegas has been invited to present at the Nevada Department of Education's MeGA Conference, south Lake Tahoe, April 27-30, 2012. The conference will include concurrent sessions where participants learn about Successful Programs and Practices. Dr. Maria Chairez, the principal will be presenting "what worked" and "strategies to take home" to conference participants. She will be accompanied by members of her staff, Brenda Reeh, Counselor, Sue Kinsler, Title I Learning Strategist and Kathy Vasquez, Title I Learning Strategist. The 90-minute session will include video clips, slide show, comments from McCall teachers and students on what "worked" in turning around this 50 year old school from "needs improvement year 3" in 2005 to Five Star in 2011. For more information, visit the necd.info/mega

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Green Valley High School student Jason D. Singh and NWCTA student Kevin Jia-Shi Chen are among the first group of winners in the 57th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. About 1,000 distinguished high school seniors won corporate-sponsored National Merit Scholarship awards financed by about 200 corporations, company foundations and other business organizations.

The Hawk Spirit Cheer Squad of Northwest Career and Technical Academy attended the Jamfest National Cheer and Dance Competition April 13 and 14, 2012, at the Thomas and Mack Center. The girls worked very hard for three months learning and perfecting the routine and received first place in the Intermediate Varsity Division.

The City of Henderson announced the winners from this weekend's Heritage Parade, which was held Saturday, April 21 in the historic Water Street District. Cash prizes were awarded to the top three floats, including The Journey Church, 1st Place, \$1,000; Campbell's Can, 2nd Place, \$750; and Foothill High School's float, "Magnificent Education for All," 3rd Place, \$500, as well as \$500 to the People's Choice Award winner, Burkholder Middle School. This year's parade theme was "Magnesium to Magnificent," a play on Henderson's rich history, from its beginnings as a small industrial town built to supply magnesium during World War II to its official incorporation in 1953 and as it stands today.

Cassidy McLean, a senior at Green Valley High School, was named a "Step Above" student by 89074 Magazine in its April/May 2012 issue. McLean has an extremely busy schedule ranging from soccer to choir, and her academic achievements include a GPA of 4.214. She told the magazine she would like to help minimize bullying "by being kind to my fellow classmates and standing up to those being picked on."

Mannion Middle School Assistant Principal Rene Calman attended the 2012 NASSP/VIRCO National Assistant Principal of the Year forum and awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., in April 2012. During the visit, Calman met with Senator Dean Heller and Senator Harry Reid.

Rancho High School's Real World Design (RWDC) team earned the highest score in all four national scoring areas at the RWDC Challenge and was selected to present at the National Air and Space Museum at the IMAX theater against two other finalists. The blue ribbon panel placed Rancho's team third in the nation out of 760 teams. They also won a Light Sport Airplane model trophy from the Federal Aviation Administration, as well as certificates from industry partners.

Students at more than 80 CCSD schools took part in Nevada Moves Day on April 25, 2012, by walking or bicycling to school. As reported by KTNV-TV, the event aims to promote exercise and safety.

Greenspun Junior High School became the 2012 Junior Varsity Quiz Champion during a match against Bob Miller Middle School on April 20, 2012, at the studios of Vegas PBS. The match will air on Vegas PBS, Channel 10, on May 3 at 7:30 p.m. Jeannie Schlotter served as Greenspun's coach, while Sherry Chase and Richard McConnell were Miller's coaches.

Five first grade students from John W. Bonner Elementary School kicked off the 3rd Annual St. Baldrick's Day event in the New York-New York Hotel & Casino on March 3, 2012, getting their heads shaved in support of the St. Baldrick's Foundation for Cancer Research. According to the Parents Guide of Las Vegas, the Bonner youngsters were among 230 volunteers who raised more than \$100,000 by "shaving the way to a cure and showing solidarity for children battling cancer."

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Green Valley High School and Las Vegas Academy of International Studies, Performing and Visual Arts were recognized by the Grammy Foundation as Grammy Signature Gold Schools. Both schools received \$5,000 from the Grammy Foundation to further the goals of their music programs. CCSD also was named one of the Best Communities for Music Education.

An after-school club at Treem Elementary School produces a publication called "Bear Business Magazine." While honing their writing and editing skills, about 20 fourth and fifth grade students publish two issues each school year. The project is supervised by teachers Marc Coyner, Starlynn Paxman and Nicole Pounds-Smead.

Nate Mack Elementary School first grade student Quinton Larry evidently has a gift for prognosticating. Out of more than 3,800 other CCSD students, he came the closest in guessing when desert tortoise Mojave Max would make his first appearance of the year. As reported by the Las Vegas Review-Journal, Max came out of hibernation from his Red Rock Canyon burrow at 12:41 p.m. on April 17, 2012. The seven-year-old winner of the Mojave Max Emergence Contest was off by only 11 minutes with his guess of 12:30 p.m. on that day.

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