

THE WEEK AHEAD

Week of May 11, 2013 – May 17, 2013

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month takes place May 1 – May 30

Saturday, May 11 - The Board of School Trustees seeks the public's input on the superintendent selection process, as well as the direction the district is taking and the reforms under way. Please participate in the online survey at <http://ccsd.net/district/superintendent-selection-process/> and join the trustees for a town hall meeting at Western High School's theater, 4601 W. Bonanza Rd., Las Vegas, at 9:30 a.m.

Monday, May 13 - The Board of School Trustees seeks the public's input on the superintendent selection process, as well as the direction the district is taking and the reforms under way. Please participate in the online survey at <http://ccsd.net/district/superintendent-selection-process/> and join the trustees for a town hall meeting at Legacy High School's theater, 150 W. Deer Springs Way, Las Vegas, at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14 - Scooter Christensen of the Harlem Globetrotters will visit with students of John Bonner Elementary School at 9:30 a.m. He will talk about S.P.I.N. (Some Playtime Is Necessary), a program designed to make fitness fun for children, while promoting and encouraging an active lifestyle. Christensen lists Las Vegas as his hometown. Bonner Elementary School is located at 765 Crestdale Ln., Las Vegas. For more information, call Ruby Ramirez of the Harlem Globetrotters at (602) 707-7022.

Tuesday, May 14 - Jack Lund Schofield Middle School and the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC), will be hosting an anti-bullying program, geared toward sixth and seventh grade students, from 8 - 10:30 a.m. Matt Hughes, former champion and UFC Hall of Famer, as well as Demetrious Johnson, the current flyweight champion, will speak to students about bullying prevention. Schofield Middle School is located at 8625 Spencer St., Las Vegas.

Wednesday, May 15 - Clark High School is hosting a parent open forum. The only requirement to participate is to have a student who attends Clark. The forum will be held at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call the school at 799-5800.

Wednesday, May 15 - The Board of School Trustees will hold a special meeting (Adoption of Final Budget), beginning at 5:30 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/05-15-13-special-board-meeting-agenda-pdf>.

Thursday, May 16 - Trustees Carolyn Edwards, Lorraine Alderman and Deanna Wright will host a town hall meeting to discuss magnet schools and other topics of interest. The meeting, open to the public, is scheduled for 5:30 -7 p.m. at Clark High School, 4291 W. Pennwood Ave., Las Vegas, in room 100. You may park in the south parking lot off Sirius Ave. Visit <http://static.ccsd.net/ccsd/content/ccsd-news/pdf/town-hall-meeting-may-16-2013-clark-hs.pdf> for more details.

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Friday, May 17 - Clark County Sheriff Doug Gillespie and other law enforcement officials will take time from their busy schedules to honor one of their own during the annual Marc Kahre Honor Day celebration from 8:10 - 9:55 a.m. at Marc Kahre Elementary School, 7887 W. Gowan Rd., Las Vegas. Activities include a performance by the Kahre Honor Choir and K-9 demonstrations. This event is open to the public.

Friday, May 17 - Southwest area residents are invited to attend an open house at the Southwest Career and Technical Academy (SWCTA) from 5 - 7:30 p.m. The "Coyotes U-Night 2013" will feature tours of the campus, located at 7050 W. Shelbourne Ave., Las Vegas. Visitors can talk with students who are currently enrolled in the various programs and learn more at booths located within the cafeteria. Other activities will include a fashion show by SWCTA's fashion design students and music provided by a local radio station.

Reminders/Awards/Honors –

The 2013 districtwide surveys, designed for parents, students and staff, provide for voices to be heard on important topics such as safety and academics. The surveys are available through May 21. The parent survey is available at ccsd.net/parentsurvey; the student survey is available at ccsd.net/studentsurvey, while the staff survey is available at ccsd.net/staffsurvey.

The Galleria at Sunset Mall in Henderson is showcasing the artwork of Neil C. Twitchell Elementary School students daily through June 14, 2013, during regular mall hours. The City of Henderson is currently accepting works of art created by students from Henderson elementary and middle schools. If your school would like to participate, contact Margo Sak at 267-2152 or Margo.Sak@cityofhenderson.com.

Three CCSD students are among 141 students nationwide to be named 2013 U.S. Presidential Scholars. Sharon T. Fang of Clark High School, Justin Joseph of Valley High School and Caolinn Mejza of Las Vegas Academy are in the 49th class of U.S. Presidential Scholars, announced May 6 by U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars selects honored scholars annually based on their academic success, artistic excellence, essays, school evaluations and transcripts, as well as evidence of community service, leadership, and demonstrated commitment to high ideals. Created in 1964, the program has honored more than 6,000 of the nation's top-performing students with the prestigious award given to honorees during an annual ceremony in the nation's capital. The 2013 ceremony will be held Monday, June 16, when each honoree will receive a Presidential Scholar Medallion.

Southwest Career and Technical Academy student Dana Hackenberger has received the 2013 Nevada NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing. The award, sponsored by Microsoft, Motorola Solutions Foundation, and the National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT), recognizes young high school women for their computing-related achievements and interests as part of an effort to encourage more young women to choose careers in technology. A total of six award-winners were selected from high schools across Nevada for their outstanding aptitude and interest in information technology and computing, solid leadership ability, good academic history, and plans for post-secondary education.

Foothill High School student Taylor Montgomery scored his third region title at the Sunset Region boys' golf tournament on May 8, 2013. Montgomery made six birdies on the way to a 67 and finished with a two-day total of 12-under 132.

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Magnet Schools of America (MSA), the national association for magnet and theme-based schools, selected Katie Decker of Walter Bracken STEAM Academy as National Principal of the Year.

According to MSA, Decker “has developed an effective magnet program that transformed the school completely. When Decker was appointed principal in 2001, Walter Bracken was one of the lowest performing schools in the district. This year, the award-winning program has received High Achievement status from the state of Nevada for Adequate Yearly Progress and ranked among the top 5 percent of all schools in the district.” Bracken’s curriculum is focused on science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM).

During April 2013, Aldeane Comito Ries Elementary School conducted a fundraiser for the families of the Boston mass murders. Student Council officers collected more than \$700 from students and employees. The money will be presented to the American Red Cross.

Coronado High School student Alex Mediate will be honored for his photography in New York City at the end of May, 2013. The son of John Bass Elementary School teacher Lisa Len-Mediate, he will receive awards for Best in Grade, Gold Key, and American Visions. Additionally, his work will be displayed in New York’s Pearson Gallery. Closer to home, Mediate placed second in the 46th annual high school photography contest.

During their April 25, 2013 meeting, members of the CCSD Board of Trustees recognized the recipients of the Asian Chamber of Commerce Bill Endow Scholarship. This year's recipients are Marcy Brown, Kaleileihua Cabanas, Connie Chau, Lisa Chong, Jessica Joseph, Justin Joseph, Gyuyeun Kim, Erin Lagman, Michelle Lai, Lynsey Ng, Rochelle Mae Ruiz, Jarren Santos, Nicolas Vaughn, Jennifer Wang and Michael Zhou.

Two Rancho High School students are among the 1,000 students nationwide selected for the Gates Millennium Scholars Program Class of 2013. Rancho High School students Chorkin Chau and Kevin Prasad will receive scholarships for any undergraduate major at the accredited college or university of their choice. They are two of only three Nevada students selected to receive this year’s scholarship. Chau, a senior in Rancho’s Emergency Medical Technician program, has her sights set on the University of California at Berkley. Prasad, a senior in Rancho’s Aerospace Engineering program, plans to attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Basic High School student Brittany Gray received first place in the International House of Blues "Drawing Us Together" art competition on May 7, 2013. Her painting will now be entered in a national competition. Rock legend Carlos Santana presented the award to this talented student.

Foothill High School was ranked 1,976 out of the top 2,000 high schools in the country, according to rankings released by Newsweek Magazine's 2013 high school rankings. Jeanne Donadio is principal of the school, located at 800 College Dr. in Henderson.

Rancho High School’s Real World Design Challenge (RWDC) Aviation Team, the RamJets, and its RWDC Ground Transportation team, the RamGTs, met with the governor April 11, 2013 to celebrate their respective achievements. In March, the RamJets were named State Champions for Nevada and the RamGTs earned top honors nationally for their RWDC solution.

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The Public Education Foundation, Caesars Entertainment Corporation and the Caesars Foundation delivered \$20 Teacher EXCHANGE™ gift cards at Walter Long Elementary School on May 7, 2013. Caesars Entertainment employees donated their time to pack gift bags with classroom supplies for the teachers as part of the Caesars HERO volunteer program. Caesars Entertainment and the Caesars Foundation are founding partners of the Teacher EXCHANGE™, The Public Education Foundation's green initiative dedicated to bringing resources to public classrooms and helping the environment. Since 2002, the Teacher EXCHANGE™ has provided thousands of Clark County teachers with reusable, recycled and new/surplus materials, supplies and equipment.

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