Week of August 11 – August 17, 2012

Saturday, August 11 - The Charles Marshall Charitable Foundation and "Las Vegas Sells" will hold a “Support Our Schools” event from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Orleans Arena. Proceeds benefit CCSD schools.

Wednesday, August 15 - The Clark County School District will hold its first ever Summer Commencement Ceremony at the Las Vegas Academy Auditorium/Theater, located at the corner of 9th Street and Clark Avenue. The ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. but graduates must arrive no later than 8:15 a.m. Audience admission is by ticket only. Each graduate was able to have up to three tickets for the event, which were obtained from the student's school.

Wednesday, August 15 - The City of Henderson Parks and Recreation Department is offering early Safekey and Teen Scene registration for the 2012-2013 school year. Safekey and Teen Scene are before- and after-school enrichment programs hosted by Henderson's Parks and Recreation Department at all Henderson public elementary and middle schools. Early registration begins Friday, Aug. 15, 2012 at various recreation centers, and also can be done at the Back to School Fair to be held at the Galleria Mall on Saturday, Aug. 25. For details, visit cityofhenderson.com/parks or call 267-4100.

Reminders/Awards/Honors –

Annual Back-to-School Fairs are held at several malls across the valley every August. These events help new and returning students and parents prepare for the upcoming school year. This year’s events are scheduled as follows:

- Boulevard Mall - Saturday, Aug. 18, 2012, 10-4
- Galleria Mall - Saturday, Aug. 25, 2012, 10-4

Safekey is a before-and-after-school program for children, offering an alternative to the “latchkey” child, who is usually left alone before and after school. Most elementary schools offer Safekey programs. More information is available in the 2012-2013 edition of the "Back to School Reporter" http://ccsd.net/district/news/district/news/schools/.

The Clark County School District provides necessary supplies for all students in order to meet their educational needs. However, sometimes parents and students choose to purchase their own school supplies. Should you decide to do this, please contact your school and/or teachers so that they can provide a list of suggested supplies. Parents are also encouraged to request this information from their child’s school and/or teacher before buying supplies, to avoid the expense of buying unnecessary items.

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Ray Mathis, CCSD's executive director for instructional support and student activities, is one of just 12 administrators nationwide to receive a National Federation of State High School Associations citation. Mathis has spent more than three decades in high school athletics in Southern Nevada and often works 16-hour days.

Liberty High School student Jason Kreitz has been recognized as one of the best high school theater performers in the country. Kreitz was among just 12 performers nationwide selected to perform in the National Individual Events Showcase at the International Thespian Festival in Lincoln, Nebraska in July 2012. Under the direction of Liberty High School Theatre Director Sharon Chadwick, Kreitz performed a solo musical theatre selection of "Alive" from the musical Jekyll and Hyde. He received a perfect score.

Justin Anderson, a student at Centennial High School, is considered one of the top high school lacrosse players in the U.S. He is profiled in an article by Ray Brewer of the Las Vegas Sun.

The Aug. /Sept. 2012 issue of 89074 Magazine profiles Green Valley High School Student Body President Jade Welton, citing her academic achievements as well as her involvement in school activities, ranging from Student Council to athletics. The magazine article says after moving to Clark County from Arizona during her sophomore year, Welton "took an active role in both student government and cheer, showing tremendous school spirit and a passion for leadership."

The National Procurement Institute (NPI) has honored the Clark County School District (CCSD) Purchasing Department with an Achievement of Excellence in Procurement® (AEP) award. This prestigious award is earned by organizations that demonstrate excellence in “innovation, professionalism, productivity, e-procurement, and leadership attributes.” NPI says the 169 agencies that earned the award include 41 counties, 54 cities, 17 higher education agencies, 17 school districts, 29 special districts, and 11 state agencies. Bramby Tollen is director of the CCSD Purchasing Department.

Robert E. Lake Elementary School teacher Benjamin Brown, founder of the First Grade Food Critics program, has set his sights on making the program a national non-profit endeavor. Brown discussed the program in an interview with 89074 Magazine.

As reported by www.techlearning.com, CCSD Chief Technology Officer Jhone Ebert was chosen to serve as a judge at the Partners in Learning 2012 US Forum, held July 31 and Aug. 1, 2012, in Redmond, Washington. The US Forum is described as “a unique, professional learning experience that highlights superstar teachers from across the country and gives them an opportunity to share their innovative and creative work.” More than 100 teachers from 25 states were invited to take part in this year’s forum, and the finalists will proceed to the 2012 Global Forum in Athens, Greece. Ebert has been with CCSD for more than 20 years and is past chair of the Nevada Commission on Educational Technology.

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