

THE WEEK AHEAD

Week of August 18 – August 24, 2012

Saturday, August 18 - Join School Board Trustee Erin Cranor and new Deputy Superintendent Pat Skorkowsky and update your child's required immunizations at a Back to School Fair at the Boulevard Mall. This helpful event, which takes place from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., provides parents with a one-stop shop to update their children's immunizations and ask important health related questions. As a sign of support for students, Trustee Cranor and Skorkowsky will sit down at 11 a.m. and receive their immunization shots. Additionally, attendees will have the opportunity to test drive and install the District's new ParentLink app, allowing them to check their children's grades anywhere, anytime. The Boulevard Mall is located at 3528 S. Maryland Pkwy., Las Vegas.

Monday, August 20 - William V. Wright Elementary School, 8425 Bob Fisk, Las Vegas, will host a Back to School Safety Event co-sponsored by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and CCSD Police Department at 8 a.m. The annual Back to School Safety Event provides a great opportunity to remind families and the community about safe practices around schools. For media attending, please RSVP by contacting 799-5304. Trustee Carolyn Edwards will be in attendance.

Monday, August 20 - Cimarron-Memorial High School, 2301 N. Tenaya Way, Las Vegas, will host their 22nd annual New Student Orientation at 6 p.m. New students and their families will be welcomed by staff, the spirit squad and performing arts groups for a fun, festive and informative day. Students will receive their class schedules, tour the school and enjoy a barbecue dinner. Trustee Rene Cantu, Jr. will be in attendance. For media attending, please RSVP by contacting 799-5304.

Tuesday, August 21 - Families looking to ensure their children are ready for the new school year are invited to a free immunization clinic, held at James Cashman Middle School, from 9 a.m. - noon. Nevada law requires that students must be current with their immunizations before they are allowed to enter school. More information is available in the Back to School Reporter, available at District offices and schools, or online at <http://ccsd.net/district/news/publications/pdf/back-to-school-reporter-2012.pdf>. Cashman Middle School is located at 4622 W. Desert Inn Rd., Las Vegas.

Tuesday, August 21 - Media will have an opportunity to get hands on with the District's Title I HOPE Center from 10 a.m. – noon. Come to assist the group that services the District's high needs population with preparing backpacks with food, school supplies and other essentials for a successful school year. The Title I HOPE Center is located at 2501 Sunrise Acres Ave. For more information, contact 702-799-5304.

Tuesday, August 21 - Media are invited to demo the District's new ParentLink app for mobile devices from 2 - 4 p.m. at the CCSD Communications Office. Members of the media who have children in the District can demo the app with their child's information. Members of the media who do not have children can demo the app with a created account. Check grades, attendance and more on the go. Trustees Lorraine Alderman, Erin Cranor and Carolyn Edwards will also be in attendance. The CCSD Communications Office is located at 5100 W. Sahara Ave., Las Vegas. To RSVP, contact 799-5304.

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Wednesday, August 22 - Preparatory Institute School for Academic Excellence at Charles I. West Hall (West Prep) will host a "mini-open house" for students and parents from 8 a.m. - noon featuring community vendors with booths, vaccination information and CCSD support such as the school police. The event allows students to pick up their schedule for the first quarter from the school counselor, meet teachers and staff, tour the campus, purchase school attire and more. Contact the school at 799-3120 for more information. West Prep is located at 2050 Sapphire Stone Ave., Las Vegas.

Wednesday, August 22 - The Nellis Air Force Base School Liaison Officer and Exceptional Family Member Program Coordinator will host a Military Child Education and Special Needs Forum 5:30-7:30 p.m. at The Club. A spokesman calls it a "great opportunity for our military families with special needs to meet local advocates and to learn about local resources, such as respite care. Anyone with even the slightest interest in military child education or special needs should attend." For more information, call Ron Gibson at 652-3337.

Wednesday, August 22 - It's all aboard from 9 - 10 a.m. Members of the media hop aboard a District school bus for a special behind the scenes look at one of the largest school transportation systems in the country. After a tour of the Wallace Transportation Yard and command center, media will board a bus with the newest in transportation technology including GPS, video surveillance and more. Media will also get a first-hand look at the District's safety record. For directions and to RSVP, contact 799-5304. Trustees Lorraine Alderman, Erin Cranor, Carolyn Edwards and Deanna Wright will attend.

Wednesday, August 22 - Arbor View High School will host its "Aggie Round Up" from 4 - 7 p.m. at 7500 Whispering Sands Dr., Las Vegas. Students will be able to pick up their schedules and tour the campus.

Thursday, August 23 - CCSD's Central Kitchen shows how to feed 300,000 students every day from 9 - 10 a.m. at 6350 E. Tropical Parkway, Las Vegas. Media will get a behind-the-scenes look at the prep work that goes into the start of the school year and sample some delicious cinnamon rolls! The tour will also provide ample opportunity for interviews and b-roll footage of the state-of-the-art facility. To RSVP, contact 799-5304. Trustees Erin Cranor and Deanna Wright will be in attendance.

Thursday, August 23 - Nate Mack Elementary School, 3170 Laurel Ave., Henderson, will host its back to school barbecue for staff, students and parents at 2 p.m. Trustee Erin Cranor will be in attendance.

Thursday, August 23 - Coronado High School, 1001 Coronado Center Dr., Henderson, welcomes all incoming freshman and new students from 5 - 7 p.m. for a back to school barbecue. Featuring entertainment from all of Coronado's performing arts groups and free food, the event will also provide an opportunity for students to sign-up for clubs, receive their locker assignments, tour the school and other fun activities. More than 1,500 are expected to attend.

Thursday, August 23 - 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. Visit <http://www.ccsd.net/trustees/pdf/agendas/08-23-12-regular-board-meeting-agenda-pdf> to view the agenda.

Friday, August 24 - Las Vegas High School, 6500 E. Sahara Ave., Las Vegas, hosts its back to school Freshman Kick Off from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Incoming students can meet their teachers, tour the campus and be assigned a student mentor. Trustee Erin Cranor will attend.

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Friday, August 24 - H.P. Fitzgerald Elementary School, 2651 N. Revere St., North Las Vegas, will host a back to school event with pizza and refreshments from 1 - 3:30 p.m. Parents, students and families are welcome.

Friday, August 24 - Joseph Neal Elementary School, 6651 W. Azure Ave., Las Vegas, will host a back to school event from 4 - 6 p.m. Tour the campus and then join the staff for hamburgers, chips and refreshments.

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 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Galleria Mall - Saturday, Aug. 25, 2012, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

During August, Communities in Schools of Nevada is collecting school supplies to be given to at-risk students in CCSD. For details, visit www.cisnevada.org or call 770-7611.

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department is seeking qualified and reliable adults to serve as school crossing guards throughout the school year. These men and women assist elementary school children with crossing the streets they use to get to and from school each day. For more information, visit <http://www.lvmpd.com/CommunityPrograms/CrossingGuards.aspx> or call 828-3446.

CCSD Transportation Director Frank Giordano accepted the title of co-chair for School Transportation News' 20th annual North American School Bus EXPO Conference & Trade Show slated for July 2013 in Reno. Read more about Giordano and the conference in the Aug. 6, 2012 edition of School Transportation News.

Nevada Title Company and its affiliate Nevada Construction Services are hosting their fourth annual back-to-school supply drive to benefit the CCSD Focus School Project. The campaign started Aug. 9 and runs through Friday, Sept. 7, 2012. "We want to make sure these children have the tools they need for a successful school year," said Nevada Construction Services President Anne Dwyer.

Helen Jydstrup Elementary School now features a new mural, painted by volunteers from City National Bank. The mural at the front entrance of the school will be officially unveiled on Aug. 27, 2012, the first day of the new school year.

Two students from Southeast Career and Technical Academy were recognized at the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Awards of Excellence ceremony, held July 2, 2012. Ashlee Nelson took third place in Public Speaking II, while her sister, Amberly Nelson, took first place in Public Speaking I. As reported by the Las Vegas Review-Journal, the sisters presented a five-minute speech of a business nature, emphasizing FBLA goals.

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