

THE WEEK AHEAD

Week of May 19 – May 25, 2012

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

Saturday, May 19 - Frank Lamping Elementary School will host its "Science Stars Extravaganza" on the school campus from 5 - 9 p.m. The event will include science demonstrations and entertainment, a talent show, silent and live auctions and a barbecue dinner. Proceeds will benefit the William McCool Science Center.

Saturday, May 19 - More than 60 seniors at Global Community High School will celebrate the gift of prom thanks to a donation from Quinceañera Magazine. The magazine's regional director, Isela Quintana, expressed her support for student academics and said the publication wanted to reward students who work hard to maintain attendance and grades. The magazine and its vendors will finance this year's prom for all 64 seniors at the school. Of those students, the 19 with a 3.0 or better GPA will be treated to a dress or tuxedo and transportation.

Saturday, May 19 - Nathan Burton, comedy magician and Penny for Thought are asking our community to come together to support students at risk of hunger and homelessness in our valley. They are hosting the 2nd annual "Walk A Mile In My Shoes, Celebrity Benefit and Children's Health Fair." The event will be held from noon until 3 p.m. at the Pearson Community Center, 16225 W. Carey, Las Vegas. For more information please contact Jennifer Ward at Penny For Thought, 563-7771.

Monday, May 21 - The University of Nevada, Reno, will recognize 45 Victoria Fertitta Middle School for their academic excellence and achievements.

Tuesday, May 22 - Karen Schiemer, K-5 Math Coordinator for CCSD, will discuss the importance of summer learning during Inside Education on Vegas PBS, Ch. 10. Hosted by Dave Sheehan and spotlighting outstanding CCSD students and employees, the half-hour show airs every Tuesday night at 7:30. Also featured on May 22 will be an interview with Lyn Pizor of the Community Multi-Cultural Center, plus "The Bottom Line" with CCSD Chief Communications Officer Amanda Fulkerson.

Wednesday, May 23 - Elisa Martinez, a fifth grade student at Walter Long Elementary School, will be recognized for her poster being chosen as the official symbol for National Missing Children's Day. Elisa, as well as her teacher Danielle Rayos and her parents, will be brought to Washington D.C. to participate in the National Missing Children's Day ceremony at the U.S. Department of Justice. Elisa will receive a national award certificate and a United States Savings Bond.

Thursday, May 24 - 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/052412-agendapdf> to view the agenda.

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Friday, May 25 - The Public Education Foundation will award 424 scholarships totaling almost \$600,000 to nearly 340 CCSD seniors at the 13th Annual Scholarship Recognition Luncheon from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The event will be held in the Palazzo Ballroom at the Venetian Resort-Hotel-Casino.

Reminders/Awards/Honors –

The Clark County School District Police Department will sponsor a Summer Safety Fair for students and their parents. The event will take place on Friday, June 1, from 5:30 - 8 p.m. at C. H. Decker Elementary School, located at 3850 S. Redwood, Las Vegas. There will be information on bike safety, pool safety, home safety, summer programs, as well as food, games and prizes.

Index cards, glue sticks and batteries are just some of the items needed at a number of schools throughout the Clark County School District (CCSD), and the district's School-Community Partnership Program is doing its part to help address those needs. Through its Support a School Project, the Partnership office is matching community members who want to provide educational items to the schools that need them. More than 30 campuses created wish lists of items needed to support educational programs. To find a school to support, visit <http://ccsd.net/schools/support-a-school> or call Judy Myers at 799-6560.

Students at Thomas O'Roarke Elementary School collected 1,790 pounds of food for the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, an increase from last year's collection.

Eleven films by students at Northwest Career & Technical Academy earned awards at the Las Vegas Student Film Festival on April 13, 2012. Among the winners was "Red Mask," which earned a Best Picture award. About a dozen schools in the region compete in the annual festival.

Four students in Ronny Hoffman's French class at Las Vegas Academy finished in the top 10 in the National French Contest/Le Grand Concours, an annual competition sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French. Students of French in grades 1-12, in all 50 states and abroad, take a written test and compete against students with similar educational background for prizes. All of Hoffman's French II students finished in the top 1- 10% in the nation, and this marks the second consecutive year Hoffman and his students have been nationally ranked.

Sarah MacNab, a teacher at East Career and Technical Academy, has been named a Siemens Teachers as Researchers (STARs) Fellow. She will be among an elite group of 40 educators to spend two immersive weeks at the U.S. Department of Energy's Oak Ridge National Laboratory or Pacific Northwest National Laboratory working on cutting-edge research projects with world class scientists and researchers.

Mack Lyon Middle School students Stetson Rowley and Drake Waite won first place in the humorous interpretation event at a recent middle school forensics tournament. As reported by the Moapa Valley Progress, the event was held May 5, 2012, at Coral Science Academy in Henderson. Bev Bradley serves as coach of Lyon's forensics team.

More than 80 students at Victoria Fertitta Middle School will receive a free ticket to Six Flags Magic Mountain, due to their academic growth and achievement in reading. The school took part in a reading incentive program aimed at instilling a life-long appreciation of reading.

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Las Vegas Academy student Katie Caddick and Spring Valley HS student Chelsea Bissell were honored May 14, 2012, for their winning entries in this year's Congressional Art Competition. During a ceremony at The Smith Center for the Performing Arts, Caddick and Bissell learned their artwork will be part of the “Artistic Discovery” exhibit in the U.S. Capitol for the next year. More than 200 students entered this year’s contest.

Bertha Ronzone Elementary School collected more than 265,000 soda can pop tabs as a fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House of Greater Las Vegas. Students mailed 300+ letters to politicians, celebrities, athletes and business owners. Among those responding to the students’ requests were the New York Yankees and Red Bull. Additionally, the Excalibur donated over 50,000 tabs to the cause.

Several Boulder City High School students were awarded \$77,000 in scholarships during Scholarship Night on May 9, 2012. As reported by the Boulder City Review, the annual event was attended by students, faculty community members. Hannah Dey accepted 10 scholarships, while Janika Ross was awarded eight and Mikelle Torgesen received seven.

Silver State Schools Credit Union announced its 2012 college scholarship winners on May 3, 2012. The scholarships are awarded to seniors who demonstrate excellence in academics, athletics and community service.

Estes McDoniel Elementary School and Sue H. Morrow Elementary School were jointly named Nevada’s Elementary Schools of the Year, as well as national finalists, in the National Energy Education Development project. Leading the project locally were GATE teachers Tanya Guarino and Kimberly Carriero.

Staff and students at Robert Taylor Elementary School in Henderson honored their crossing guards at an appreciation breakfast May 17, 2012. Students wrote essays to show appreciation to the crossing guards. As reported by KTNV-TV, the breakfast was organized by Look Out Kids About.

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