



DISTRICT D

NEWSLETTER



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IMPORTANT DATES

FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2011

- 09/11/11.....Grandparent's Day
- 09/15/11-10/15/11..Hispanic Heritage Month
- 09/16/11.....U.S. Constitution Day
- 09/23/11.....First Day of Fall
- 10/01/11-10/31/11..Crime Prevention Month
- 10/01/11-10/31/11..Fire Prevention Month
- 10/10/11.....Columbus Day
- 10/10/11-10/14/11..National School Lunch Week
- 10/17/11.....Bosses' Day
- 10/17/11-10/21/11..National School Bus Safety Week
- 10/27/11.....Professional Development Day (No School for Students)
- 10/28/11.....Nevada Day (No School)

For a complete list of calendar dates, access
 CCSD 2011-2012 School Calendar
<http://ccsd.net/news/calendar/>

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

- September 8, 2011, 4:00 p.m.
 - September 22, 2011, 4:00 p.m.
 - October 6, 2011, 4:00 p.m.
 - October 20, 2011, 4:00 p.m.
- Edward A. Greer Education Center
 2832 E. Flamingo Road, Board Room
 Las Vegas, NV 89121

WORK SESSION MEETINGS:

- October 5, 2011, 9:30 a.m.
- Edward A. Greer Education Center
 2832 E. Flamingo Road, Board Room
 Las Vegas, NV 89121
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- October 13, 2011, 2:00 p.m.
- Administrative Center, Room 466
 5100 W. Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89146

SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS:

- September 24, 2011, 8:00 a.m. (Board Retreat)
 Southwest Career and Technical Academy (SWCTA)
 7050 W. Shelbourne Ave., Las Vegas, Nevada 89113

- September 29, 2011, 2:00 p.m.
 Administrative Center, Room 466
 5100 W. Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89146

- October 13, 2011, 9:30 a.m. (Mega PAC)
 Location: To be Announced

As you read this newsletter, I hope you and your families have enjoyed a terrific opening of school. September is Hispanic Heritage Month and I wish to thank our schools for sponsoring their various activities and events in celebration of the wonderful achievements of the Latino community!

Our August 2011 newsletter provided you with links to documents that highlighted the efforts of Superintendent Jones and our fine team of administrators, teachers, and support staff as they work to meet the goal of increasing student achievement for ALL students. This month, I want to share with you the results of an outside analysis of the District conducted by Gibson Consulting Group.

Funded by the UCLA Dream Foundation, the Gibson Group was tasked with identifying ways to better align resources and priorities in order to maximize student achievement at the lowest cost. The firm's report was presented to the Board of Trustees during our September 7, 2011, Work Session. Included in the report were 45 recommendations on how to increase operational efficiencies and increase student achievement. While the report identifies several paradigm shifts that would need to take place in order to implement the recommendations, it does offer the District an opportunity to boldly look at what things can be done differently to help students become the best adults they can possibly be! Please feel free to give me your feedback once you've read the report found at this link: http://www.ccsd.net/directory/budget-finance/publications/gibson_2011.php.

Last month the Board concluded the redistricting process. District D lost six schools and gained 21 schools! While I am going to miss working with the six schools that have been assigned to a different Trustee, I know each of them are in excellent hands. Moreover, I am thrilled to be working with the 21 new schools and hope to visit each District D campus soon! To see a map of the new Trustee boundaries please use this link: http://ccsd.net/trustees/pdf/DZG-95318_2011-12_CCSD-board-of-trustees-districts-map.pdf.

Before we close, I want to make sure you know about two very important dates. Thursday, September 22, 2011, is the date for our District D Advisory Committee meeting. Cambeiro ES will be hosting the event starting at 9:00 a.m. Spanish translators will be present. Our meeting will have two guest speakers. Ms. Karen Stanley will be teaching us about the Common Core Standards that are now being implemented in our schools, and Mr. Pat Skorkowski will be explaining the new performance zone structure of the District. My portion of the meeting will be devoted to getting your input on effective ways we can reach out and do a better job of engaging parents and the community as Trustees. I hope you will join us!

The second important date to mark on your calendar is October 13. The Board will be holding a Mega Parent Advisory Committee meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m. The location is still being determined, so please look for more details in the coming weeks.

It is truly an honor for me to serve as the District D Trustee. I am looking forward to working with you throughout this school year as we do great things for our students!

Your Partner in Education,

Lorraine
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DISTRICT D ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, September 22, 2011, 9:00 a.m.
 Cambeiro Elementary School
 2851 E. Harris Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

(Spanish Translators will be Present)

Clark County School District Board of Trustees Approve New District Boundaries

The Clark County School District Board of Trustees approved a redistricting plan at the August 22, 2011, Board meeting. Click [here](#) to identify the new Trustee District Boundaries.

“Back to School Reporter” is Now Online

A wealth of back to school information can be found in the Back to School Reporter. For more information, visit

[Back to School Reporter \(English\)](#)
[Back to School Reporter \(Spanish\)](#)



Professional Development Days for 2011-2012

The Clark County School District will hold the following staff development days during the upcoming school year. There will be no school for students on these days.

- Oct. 27, 2011
 - Nov. 10, 2011
 - Jan. 23, 2012
 - Feb. 21, 2012
 - Dec. 14, 2011 - PSTAPT for elementary schools (no school for elementary students)
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School Crossing Guards

Remember that school crossing guards are assigned based on traffic studies. The responsibility for assigning locations and monitoring crossing guard personnel is the responsibility of one of the local municipalities: Boulder City, Henderson, Las Vegas, Mesquite or North Las Vegas. For questions regarding crossing guards contact the appropriate municipality in question.

Clark County School District Collaborates with State on Growth Model *District- and school-level data available online*

With the release from the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) of the state's first growth model, the Clark County School District also launched its data on the district's website at <http://www.ccsd.net/growth-model/>.

The statewide growth model represents the collaborative work of the NDE, the Clark County School District (CCSD) and the Washoe County School District.

The Nevada Growth Model will provide the yearly growth results leading up to and including the 2010-2011 school year for each school in the state. The initial results reflect the Criterion-Referenced Tests (CRTs) in reading and mathematics for students in grades 4-8. Later this fall, individual student-level results will be made available to parents and guardians. The District will ensure that individual student records are secure.

“The Nevada Growth Model measures how much a student improves in academic performance over time,” Turner said. “It answers the question, ‘How much progress on statewide assessments did a student or group of students make in one year, as compared to academic peers across the state? Examining student academic growth will help districts and schools plan learning experiences to help students achieve higher levels of academic performance.’ To assist parents and staff in using the growth model, the CCSD website offers online videos that provide an introductory overview and tutorials for viewing the data, as well as an online resource of frequently asked questions. Inquiries to 765-9870 or growthmodel@interact.ccsd.net will be answered within one business day. CCSD will host professional development sessions for staff and demonstration events for parents, businesses and the general community in the coming months.

District Communications

We invite you to receive CCSD news releases to keep you aware of some of the great things happening at CCSD. If you would like to participate, please email lnary@interact.ccsd.net.

Students Have an Opportunity to Reclaim their Future by Graduating

The Clark County School District is joining forces with community volunteers on Saturday, September 10, 2011, to encourage students to reclaim their future by returning to the classroom. Volunteers along with CCSD educators will go door to door to re-engage students who do not return when school begins. Those interested are asked to sign up by Friday, September 2, 2011, by calling the CCSD Partnership Office at 799-6560.

Drive for Excellence Program in the 2011-2012 School Year

The [School-Community Partnership Program](#) will continue the "Drive for Excellence" program in the 2011-2012 school year. AutoNation will offer the winner of the program a choice between several new cars or a \$10,000 scholarship. The culminating event will take place June 7, 2012.

Gibson Middle School Student Attends National Jr. Tennis Camp

[Ainsley Osawa](#), an 8th grade student at Gibson Middle School, attended the National Junior Tennis and Learning Tennis Leadership Camp in July 2011 in Sonoma, California. The week-long camp for 40 students from around the U.S. was presented by U.S. Tennis Association.

School District's Top Lawyer Selected to Serve as United States Magistrate Judge

The Clark County School District (CCSD) congratulates its top attorney Bill Hoffman for being selected as a United States Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada. Bill Hoffman served as General Counsel for the Clark County School District since 1995.
