



CARSON CITY

School District

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A NOTE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT



As we enter the final stretch of this exciting school year, I am reminded of what a blessing it is to live in northern Nevada and truly experience four distinct seasons. It has certainly been winter with several inches of snow accumulated. Speaking collectively, I am sure all of us are looking forward to warmer weather and the start of Spring.

There is much to mark your calendar for in the coming weeks and months. Of note, if you have not yet taken the [Parent & Family Survey](#), registered for kindergarten or inquired about [nominations for GATE](#) programs, I would encourage you to do so. Similarly, the Carson City Schools Foundation will host an exciting, Star Wars themed bicycle event at Carson Middle School, Saturday, May 4; and Mark Twain Elementary will host their Color Fun Run again, Saturday, April 27, in Mills Park.

I am also excited about the new [#WhyITeach videos](#) our district is debuting. These series of videos highlight the reasons and motivation behind educators and provides insight into the craft of teaching. We are incredibly blessed with teachers who are dedicated to their work and children. It truly is an art of love and compassion. I hope you and your children share the excitement. As always, if you have questions or wish to discuss your child's academic progress or the school happenings, please do not hesitate to contact one of the staff members with whom your child works or myself.

Sincerely,
Richard Stokes, superintendent, Carson City School District

REMAIN APPRISED OF THE LATEST NEWS

Log on to our website, carsoncityschools.com, regularly to remain updated on all the wonderful events and accomplishments occurring across the district as we wind down the year together. This tool will inevitably help you stay informed throughout the summer months as we begin preparing for another fun and exciting school year. And if you don't already, be sure to "[LIKE](#)" us on Facebook, and choose to "[See First](#)" so you never miss an important news update. Also find us on [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).



FOUNDATION OFFERS 10 MORE MINI-GRANTS, APPLICATIONS DUE FRIDAY



Due to growth in support, the [Carson City Schools Foundation](#) is offering additional 10 Mini-grants this spring. **Applications** for this special round of Spring Grants for the 2018-2019 school year **are due Friday, February 15**. Teachers within the Carson City School District may [apply for mini-grants here](#).

Earlier this year, Carson City School District, on behalf of the Carson City Schools Foundation, was pleased to announce the [10 winners](#) of \$200 mini-grants. The competitive process garnered dozens of applications from district educators.



The winners included the following alphabetically by last name:

- Bonnie Benson, fifth grade teacher at Fritsch Elementary School
- Durrell Clark, Pre-K teacher, Boys & Girls Club of Western Nevada
- John Corbitt, math teacher at Pioneer High School
- Rachel Croft, STEM coach at Bordewich Bray Elementary
- Kelly Ehrenfeuchter, music teacher at Empire Elementary School
- Mark Lobsinger, Engineering/CADD Instructor at Carson High School
- Merri Pray, first grade teacher at Empire Elementary School
- Kari Pryor, professional learning & family engagement coordinator, Professional Development Center
- Teneya Rasmussen-Cramer, sixth and seventh grade English teacher at Eagle Valley Middle School
- Andrew Tiscareno, sixth and seventh grade Social Studies teacher at Eagle Valley Middle School

SCHOOL DISTRICT SEEKS FEEDBACK THROUGH PARENT & FAMILY SURVEY

Now through April 1, The Carson City School District is seeking parent and family feedback through an online 10-question survey. Available in English or Spanish, the survey may be completed using a desktop computer or mobile device.

Understanding that not everyone has a personal computer or mobile device with internet, the school district will provide access for parents and family members to take the survey at individual schools during parent conferences or other events and activities. Additionally, flyers and marketing materials have been distributed through grade-school take-home folders (PeeChees) and through QR codes on business cards at middle and high school events.

Access the survey by [clicking here](#).
[Take the survey in English here](#).
[Take the survey in Spanish here](#).



**WE NEED
WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.**

Please take a 10-question survey in English or Spanish. [Click here](#) to visit survey link.

carsoncityschools.com/parents/survey

#WHYTEACH VIDEOS HIGHLIGHT EDUCATORS' INSIGHT ON TEACHING



We are pleased to host a video series at CarsonCitySchools.com that highlights how incredible the teaching profession is as well as the many challenges faced and rewards that come from being an educator. "Why I Teach" is a visual concept that features the reasons and motivation behind teaching and provides insight into the craft of education. [Jessica Dunbar](#), a second grade teacher at Bordewich Bray Elementary School and [Robben Williams](#), a tenth grade teacher at Carson High School, are the first two teachers to be featured. We hope you are inspired and enjoy this inside look into an everyday life of one of our classrooms.

NOMINATIONS FOR INCLUSION IN GIFTED AND ACADEMICALLY TALENTED

The Carson City School District is accepting nominations for inclusion in the **Gifted and Academically Talented Education (GATE)** program for the 2019-2020 school year.

While teachers and other school personnel are responsible for nominating students in grades 2-7, parents can also request to have their child nominated for the GATE program. Parents are encouraged to contact their child's teacher to initiate the GATE nomination process. Please [click here to review or print the nomination packet](#).



The district's **GATE** program begins in third grade. The district provides **GATE Cluster** programs in grades 3-5 at all elementary schools and a **cluster** program in grades 6-8 at Eagle Valley Middle School. The district also offers a **full immersion** GATE program in grades 6-8 at Carson Middle School. All GATE students are taught by teachers with the GATE endorsement on their licenses, which includes 12 graduate credits in specialized instruction for GATE students.

Once the nomination process has been completed in April 2019, parents will receive written notification of their child's eligibility in GATE for the 2019-2020 school year. If you have any questions about the process, please contact Joanna Kaiser, GATE implementation specialist, 775-283-1591 or jkaiser@carson.k12.nv.us.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 4



The Carson City School District (CCSD) is asking parents to mark their calendars for Monday, **March 4**, to begin registering children who will be 5-years-old by Sept. 30, 2019, and **eligible for Kindergarten** for the coming 2019-2020 school year. Full-day Kindergarten classes are offered at all elementary schools in Carson City. Contact your neighborhood school:

- Bordewich Bray Elementary, 775-283-2400
- Empire Elementary, 775-283-1100
- Fremont Elementary, 775-283-1200
- Fritsch Elementary, 775-283-1400
- Mark Twain Elementary, 775-283-1000
- Seeliger Elementary, 775-283-2200

To review school boundaries, please check the district's website at carsoncityschools.com and click on "[School Zones](#)" under the "[Parents](#)" tab. Or [click here](#) to view the CCSD SchoolSite Locator on the district's website...click here to [view it in Spanish](#). Parents are also invited to visit their child's prospective school in person between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to provide the following required documents to register.

- **Birth certificate.**
- **Immunization records** (including Hepatitis A & B, DTAP, MMR, IPV & Varicella). Please contact your physician's office to ensure compliancy for school.
- **Proof of residency in Carson City** (Utility bill, Mortgage or Rental papers, Voter Registration, etc.).

QUALIFY FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN?

Pre-K registration begins Monday, **March 11**, at **604 W. Musser Street**, Carson City, NV 89702. Children who will be 4-years-old by September 30, 2019, and whose family qualifies under the federal household poverty guidelines, may apply for the district's Pre-K program for the 2019-2020 school year. **Enrollment is contingent** on income verification, school zone and the date the application is submitted. Parents will need to **provide proof of**



qualification by supplying the following documents to **Katie McDowell, 775-283-1509**, 604 West Musser Street, Carson City, Nevada 89702.

2019 U.S. Household Poverty Guidelines:

Family Size	Annual Income
1	\$24,980
2	\$33,820
3	\$42,660
4	\$51,500
5	\$60,340
6	\$69,180
7	\$78,020
8	\$86,860
9	\$95,700
10	\$104,540

1. Proof of **meeting poverty guidelines** by completing and submitting the [Income Verification Application](#) (English) or [Income Verification Application \(Spanish\)](#). Please bring your 3 most recent pay stubs or your 2018 filed tax report.
2. New [Student Enrollment Form](#).
3. **Birth certificate.**
4. **Immunization records** (including Hepatitis A & B, DTAP, MMR, IPV & Varicella). Please contact your physician to ensure compliancy for school.
5. Proof of **residency in Carson City** (Utility bill, Mortgage or Rental papers, Voter Registration, etc.).



[Carson City Schools Foundation](#) will host a **Bicycle Fun & Safety Day Saturday, May 4**, at **Carson Middle School**. Beginning at 9 a.m., registered participants will enjoy a Bicycle Safety Rodeo hosted by the Nevada Department of Transportation, Bicycle Roadworthiness Inspections and Safe Cycling Habits Training hosted by the Carson City Safe Routes to School Program. Additionally, there will be Child ID Kits, Bicycle Games and Contests, Guided Bicycle Fun Rides, Prizes and Gifts and Free Bicycle Helmets to the first 200 participants.

It is anticipated the Fun & Safety Day will become the largest youth bicycle event in the community building partnerships between existing bicycling resources, schools and families during **National Bicycling Month**. The event is **recommended for children 6-14 years old** and their parents or guardians. Participants are encouraged to register as soon as the online link is available. All individuals and families will need to **register and sign the event waiver** before they participate in the event. Registrations will be accepted the day of the event.

- Individuals: \$10 (donation)
- Families: \$20 (donation)

The mission of the foundation is to generate sustainable community funding for projects that further students' education experiences and achievement, going beyond the scope of those funded by district resources, PTSA's and existing support committees. They further their mission by working with the larger community and school staff to make schools a true community enterprise by promoting gifting, volunteerism and participation in schools.

**MAY THE FOURTH
RIDE WITH YOU**

**STAR WARS
Costume Contest...**
**Dress up yourself or
your bicycle in a
Star Wars Theme--
Prizes for the best!**

COMMUNITY PLC MEETINGS SET FOR FEBRUARY 27 & MAY 1



The Carson City School District is needing local community members to attend the quarterly Community PLC (Professional Learning Community) meeting Wednesday, Feb. 27 and May 1, 6 p.m., inside the Carson High School Library.

Typically, the purpose of the meeting is to accumulate feedback from community members on how the district's strategic plan is performing and suggest ideas and systems to meet the goals and objectives of the plan.

CARSON TAHOE HEALTH SPONSORS MOVIE ON SCREEN-TIME AFFECTS

With the sponsored support of [Carson Tahoe Health](#), the Carson City School District will host two evening showings of the 60-minute documentary titled [SCREENAGERS](#) Thursday, Feb. 28, at the recently remodeled Bob Boldrick Theatre in the Carson City Community Center. The two showings, beginning at 5:30 and 7:00 p.m., will be free and open to the public. Parents are encouraged to bring their children.

SCREENAGERS ([click here](#) to view the movie trailer) is the first feature documentary to explore the impact of screen technology on kids and offer parents and families proven solutions that work. What started out as a personal story for one has grown into a national movement, helping millions of teens and their families navigate growing up in a world with instant access to screens.



COLOR FUN RUN SET FOR APRIL 27, AT MILLS PARK



The students of Mark Twain Elementary School will host their fourth annual community wide **Color Fun Run Saturday, April 27, 9-11 a.m. at Mills Park**. The untimed two-mile walk, jog or run event is a fundraiser for the school. It is designed for all ages and is for all fitness abilities.

During the event, participants pass through vibrant color zones making it a “colorful experience.” Additionally, each pre-registered participant is provided with a single powder color pack that will be thrown in the air at the final color celebration at the finish line. **Sign up** for the run **by completing a paper registration form** from the school or [click here](#).



NOTABLE FUTURE DATES (Dates & Times are Subject to Change)

Feb. 15 (Friday)	Deadline for Foundation Mini-grant Application, click here to apply
Feb. 15-18 (Fri. & Mon.)	President's Day Weekend (School Holiday)
Feb. 25 (Monday)	Early Release Day (District-wide)
Feb. 26 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room
Feb. 27 (Wednesday)	Community PLC Meeting , 6 p.m., Carson High School Library
Feb. 28 (Thursday)	Sustainability Leadership Conference, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., WNC, Nugget Room
Feb. 28 (Thursday)	SCREENAGERS shown at 5:30 and 7:00 p.m., FREE, Community Center, Boldrick Theatre
March 4 (Monday)	Kindergarten Registration Begins, individual school sites (District-wide)
March 4 (Monday)	Early Release Day (District-wide)
March 10 (Sunday)	Daylight Savings Time begins , set clocks forward 1 hour
March 11 (Monday)	Pre-Kindergarten Registration Begins (District-wide)
March 12 (Tuesday)	All 11th grade students take ACT test
March 12 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room
March 15-18 (Fri. & Mon.)	No School Days
March 21 (Thursday)	Choir Palooza , 7 p.m., Carson High School Big Gym
March 25 to April 6	Senior Project Judging portfolio review days, Carson High School library (8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mon. – Fri.; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays)
March 26-27 (Tues./Wed.)	Elementary Parent Conferences (Minimum Days)
March 26 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room
March 28 (Thursday)	Band-O-Rama , 7 p.m., Carson High School Big Gym
April 1 (Monday)	Early Release Day (District-wide)
April 8 (Monday)	Professional Development (No School for students)
April 8 (Monday)	Senior Project Oral Presentations , Carson High School, three sessions (8:00-9:40 a.m., 10:00-11:40 a.m. and 12 noon to 1:40 p.m.)
April 9 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room
April 15-22	Spring Break (School Holiday)
April 23 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room
April 27 (Saturday)	Mark Twain Elementary School Color Run , Mills Park, US Highway 50 East
April 29 (Monday)	Early Release Day (District-wide)
May 1 (Wednesday)	Community PLC Meeting , 6 p.m., Carson High School Library
May 4 (Saturday)	Foundation's Bicycle Fun & Safety Day, 9 a.m., Carson Middle School
May 6 (Monday)	Early Release Day (District-wide)
May 13 (Monday)	Early Release Day (District-wide)
May 14 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room
May 27 (Monday)	Memorial Day Weekend (School Holiday)
May 28 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room
June 4 (Tuesday)	Minimum Day , Carson High School, dismiss at 11:40 a.m.
June 4 (Tuesday)	Minimum Day , Pioneer High School, dismiss at 11:30 a.m.
June 4 (Tuesday)	Minimum Day , Carson Middle School, dismiss at 12:00 noon
June 4 (Tuesday)	Minimum Day , Eagle Valley Middle School, dismiss at 12:00 noon
June 4 (Tuesday)	Eagle Valley Middle School 8th Grade Promotion , 1 p.m., EVMS Gym
June 4 (Tuesday)	Pioneer High School Graduation , 6 p.m., Community Center, Theater
June 5 (Wednesday)	Minimum Day, Last Day of School
June 5 (Wednesday)	Carson Middle School 8th Grade Promotion , 1 p.m., CMS Gym
June 8 (Saturday)	Carson High School Graduation , 9 a.m., Carson High School, Football Field
June 11 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room
June 25 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room

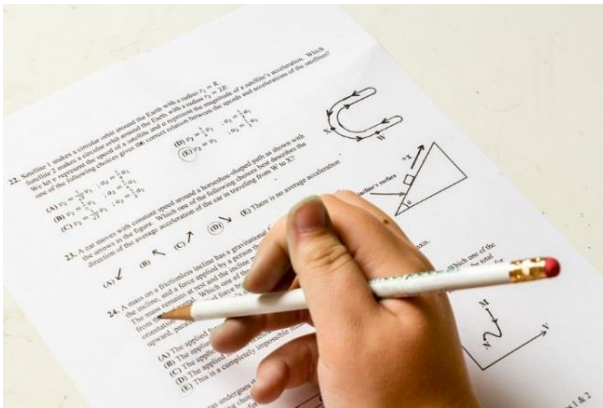
PREPARING FOR TESTING SEASON

Spring is the beginning of the testing season for elementary, middle and high school students. There are state and national tests (SBAC/ACT) for students in grades 3-12 and district assessments (MAP) for grades K-8 that begin now and continue through the end of the school year. Many of these tests are mandated by legislation.

There's no secret formula when it comes to passing a standardized test. It's important to remember that anxiety may hinder performance for the test taker, so take a deep breath and read through a few practical tips to help students prepare for standardized assessments. And please note, **don't schedule**

doctor's appointments before, after or during tests. As soon as a student begins taking a test, if they need to leave for an appointment, they will likely not be able to reschedule or finish the exam.

1. **Take practice tests.** The [Nevada Department of Education](#) website offers practice tests, which can help prepare children with understanding the test expectations, including the content and mechanics. SBAC offers good examples of practice tests. If the test format seems familiar on test day, kids are more likely to feel comfortable and know what to do.



2. **Promote a positive attitude.** Parents should promote a positive attitude towards learning and testing. Kids need to take tests seriously and be strategic, but also feel confident and mentally prepared. Parents can help children feel prepared for the test by encouraging children to visualize success on test day. In other words, ask children to close their eyes and imagine themselves taking the test and feeling great about it.

3. **Discuss what to do if you finish early.** Sometimes kids finish the test early. It's important to discuss that this is a good opportunity to double check and verify their answers for

accuracy. Parents can coach them to review certain questions that were hard and use the process of elimination to rule out some of the answer choices.

4. **Eat well, exercise and rest.** In the weeks leading up to the test, it is important for students to have adequate sleep (eight hours is recommended), eat balanced meals, drink plenty of water, and get exercise. Foods high in protein, and water help to stimulate the brain. Exercise, such as stretching and walking, helps to supply the brain with oxygen. Eating a healthy breakfast before school, particularly on the day of the test, gives the body the fuel it needs to maintain long periods of concentration.

5. **Plan enjoyable and relaxing activities.** Trying to squeeze a little more preparation in immediately before the test is not advised because it can lead to feeling overwhelmed. Studying the day before or day of the test leads to increased anxiety and should be avoided. Instead, plan enjoyable activities to feel relaxed and ready.



NEW TRUSTEES, LEADERSHIP ROLES FOR CARSON CITY SCHOOL BOARD



The Carson City School District welcomes two new school board members: Lupe Ramirez, District 1, and Richard Varner, District 4. Ramirez and Varner were accompanied by Stacie Wilke-McCulloch, District 3, and Don Carine, District 6, at the Carson City Court House Monday, Jan. 7, as [all four took their oaths of office](#) and were sworn in as elected city officials. Wilke-McCulloch was sworn in for her third term and Carine, who was appointed in 2017, was also sworn in for his first term. It is anticipated that each elected official will serve a four-year term as trustees on the Carson City School Board.

Additionally, at the first school board meeting of the year Tuesday, Jan. 8, Stacie Wilke-McCulloch was named the newest president of the Carson City School District Board of Trustees. She replaced former President Ron Swirczek, District 1, as the school board's leader. Trustees Mike Walker and Don Carine were also elected vice president and clerk, respectively. Walker replaced former Vice President Wilke-McCulloch and Carine replaced former Clerk Walker. Each of the three leaders will serve one-year terms on the Carson City School Board.



DISTRICT HAULS IN AWARDS AND POSITIONS FROM 2018 NASB CONFERENCE



The Carson City School District was a [point of highlight](#) at the Nevada Association of School Boards (NASB) Annual Conference this past Saturday, Nov. 17, in Las Vegas. Once a year, NASB recognizes the achievements and contributions of school boards, school trustees, teachers, administrators, educational advocates and others from across the state of Nevada. Additionally, the association elected new officers for 2018-2019. The Carson City School District [hailed in nearly a quarter of the awards](#) (5 out of 19) among the 17 districts

statewide. Additionally, two Carson City School Board trustees were recognized for their service and achievements in their roles as NASB elected officers.

School Board Trustee **Laurel Crossman** was honored as the state's Director of the Year; **Sarah Lobsinger**, Carson High School (CHS) implementation specialist, and **Jennifer Chandler**, CHS American Government teacher, were



Sarah Lobsinger & Jennifer Chandler



Phil Brady

recognized as Nevada’s Innovative Educators of the Year for their effort in coordinating the dual-credit introductory education course EDU 110; **Phil Brady**, CHS English and Journalism teacher, was honored with the state’s Media Award for Outstanding Education Reporting in a Print Journalism Format for his weekly feature article called “Senator Square;” and **Michelle Lewis**, recently retired CHS school administrator, was recognized as Nevada’s School Administrator of the Year.



Laurel Crossman

The association also recognized the 2017-2018 NASB President and Carson City School District

Board Trustee **Stacie Wilke-McCulloch** for her dedicated service to NASB over the course of the last year and for her vision in moving the association toward greater achievement of its strategic goals.

Additionally, the association recognized thirty-one departing school trustees from across Nevada with combined service totaling 252 years. Each departing school trustee received certificates of recognition from Senators Cortez Masto and Heller together with a certificate from NASB. Trustees **Ron Swirczek** and **Ryan Green** were recognized from the Carson City School Board.

THREE MORE TEACHERS EARN NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATIONS



The Carson City School District is pleased to announce [three more teachers earned certification](#) from the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). The NBPTS is widely considered to be the highest professional recognition for educators and includes a 5 percent pay increase in acknowledgement of accomplished teaching.

The teachers earning certification are **Nicolas Jacques**, NBCT for Music in Early Adolescent to Young Adult and Carson Middle School Director of Bands and Conductor of Community Band; **Amy Jensen**, NBCT as a Middle Childhood Generalist, masters in Teaching, fifth-grade teacher and GATE coordinator at Bordewich Bray Elementary; and **Joanna Kaiser**, NBCT in Literacy: Reading and Language Arts (Ages 3-12), masters in Literacy Studies and GATE Implementation Specialist.

These teachers join six other board certified teachers in the district: **Lacey Carey**, sixth-grade Social Studies teacher at Carson Middle School; **Jenny Chandler**, AP Government/AP Art History teacher and Social Studies department chair at Carson High School; **Rachel Croft**, STEM coach at Bordewich Bray Elementary; **Leah Hampton**, Math teacher at Carson High School; **Jeffrey Hendricks**, Adaptive Physical Education Teacher with Student Support Services; **Nicole Medeiros**, third-grade teacher at Bordewich Bray Elementary and **Pamela Shank**, fourth-grade teacher at Fremont Elementary. It is also important to note that Carson City School District currently has a cohort of five additional teachers who are pursuing board certification this coming year.

CARSON CITY TEACHER EARNS SUSTAINABILITY AWARD



Congratulations to **Kristina Britt**, speech language pathologist at Bordewich Bray Elementary School, on winning the [2019 Golden Pine Cone Award](#)! She was nominated and recognized in the Educator category for her visionary leadership in guiding the school and district to implement sustainable practices. [The Greenhouse Project](#), a hands-on learning center at Carson High School, was also recognized as a winner in the Nonprofit Category. Ms. Britt is a true sustainability and powerED champion, leading her Green Team in various activities including Power Patrol energy audits and gardening. Congrats, Kristina!

To date, Carson City School District has reduced its energy use district-wide by 12 percent! This includes electric, natural gas and water savings. Students and staff contribute to energy savings at schools by turning off items that aren't in use, removing unnecessary appliances/electronics, participating fully in building shutdowns and supporting efforts by maintenance and facility teams. Keep up the great work!



BUS DRIVER SAVES STUDENT, AWARDED CERTIFICATE OF MERIT



The Carson City School District and Board of Trustees recognized **Greg Hoeger**, bus driver with the Carson City School District, with a Certificate of Merit [for his immediate attention and awareness](#) that helped save the life of a student passenger.

“I am pleased this evening to present to you, Mr. Greg Hoeger, for meritorious service and recognition of your outstanding performance in preventing injury or death to a student who had exited your bus and had become a pedestrian.”

Richard Stokes, superintendent for the school district, said during his report to the board. “By using the horn, you were able to warn the student of an approaching vehicle that was illegally passing the stopped bus.”



GOVERNOR SISOLAK PROCLAIMS CTE MONTH AT CARSON HIGH SCHOOL



Carson High School was host to Nevada Gov. Steve Sisolak, who joined students and educators in recognition of national Career and Technical Education [\(CTE\) Month](#). The governor issued a formal [proclamation declaring February as CTE Month](#) in Nevada. He emphasized the important role that CTE programs play in the community.



CTE Month affords high school programs an opportunity to demonstrate how CTE makes students college and career ready, preparing them for high-wage, high-demand career fields.

CTE encompasses 94 percent of high school students and 13 million postsecondary students in the United States and includes high schools, career centers, community and technical colleges, four-year universities and more. Out of Carson High School's 2,240 students, more than 1,700 are enrolled in CTE courses.

MARK TWAIN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS SING AT STATE LEGISLATOR



Well done and congrats to Music Teacher and Performing Artist **Christina Bourne** and all the **choir students** from **Mark Twain Elementary School**. Ms. Bourne sang the National Anthem and the student choir sang two songs for Governor Sisolak's State of the State Address earlier this year at the Nevada State Legislature.

NEW LOGOS AT MARK TWAIN ELEMENTARY AND THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT



Have you noticed? Our schools brands and identities are a key part to their success. Updating a refreshing logos better represent our objectives for public education as well as convey important messages. Mark Twain Elementary School has updated its logo with modern design trends. Additionally several other schools have recently made improvements.



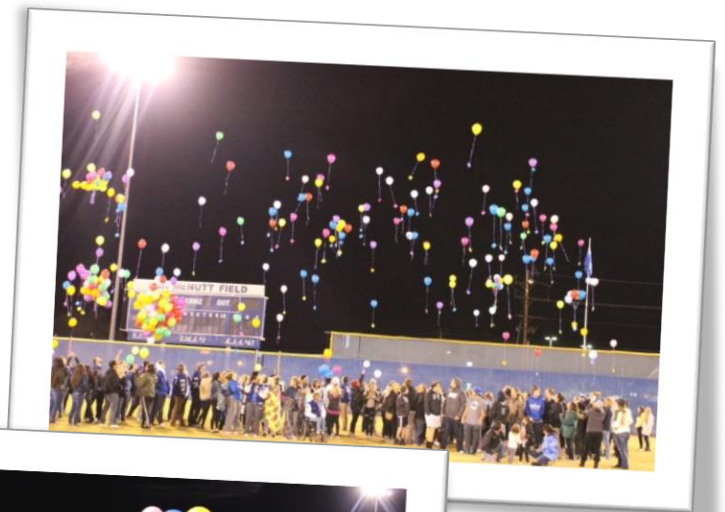
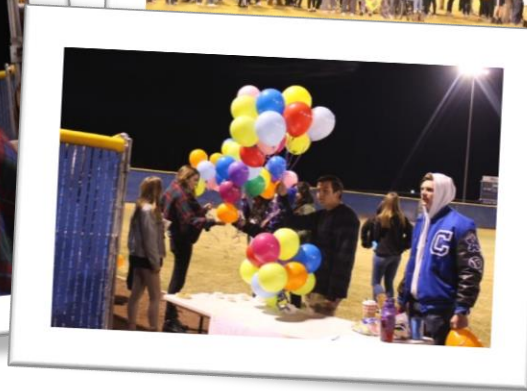
When it comes to education logos, there are so many options—from mascots to wordmarks to simple acronyms—each conveying their own subtle

impression. Education is aspirational by nature. It's about improving children and students so that they can one day improve the world around us. So why constrain ourselves to the most obvious tropes when a school logo can be inspired and new?



CELEBRATION OF LIFE HONORS CARSON CITY'S LOST LOVED ONES

Thanks for all those who joined us last November for the [Balloon Memorial](#) honoring all those impacted by the King's Canyon tragedy. Along with being a tribute to their lost loved ones, the balloon release also was a way for those who participated to show how this community has come together, how it has become stronger and to cope with their loss.



OTHER GREAT STORIES FOUND HERE:

There is so much great news about Carson City School District. Below are links to some of the recent and popular stories from events and activities throughout the district.



Supplies, Books and Funds to Paradise, Calif.

Posted on 12/26/2018

Carson City educators, students and families have stood together for the last few weeks in efforts to benefit schools in fire-devastated areas of northern California. All individuals involved learned lessons in kindness as well as how small efforts collectively may produce great and impactful outcomes. [READ MORE...](#)



Pioneer Students Learn Love of Giving

Posted on 12/21/2018

Mother Theresa reminded the world that “It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.” Pioneer High School’s leadership students and JAG students put a lot of effort into thinking of others this holiday season. Mrs. Allen’s leadership class had an eagerness to do something kind for local senior citizens. [READ MORE...](#)



Gift of Literacy this Holiday Season

Posted on 12/19/2018

Every student at Fremont Elementary School in Carson City will receive the gift of a book this holiday season. Thanks to a generous outpouring from community members and teachers alike, more than 550 new and used books were donated and will be sent home with each student from the school to read and enjoy over Christmas Break. [READ MORE...](#)



Students Build Homeless Kits

Posted on 12/17/2018

Students from Eagle Valley Middle School (EVMS) felt a little more of the spirit of the season last week as they helped prepare kits for the homeless at their SOAR Club meeting hosted during their lunch break Thursday. The SOAR Club (Students Offering Additional Resources) was created by Partnership Carson City with the help of Lee Conley, EVMS principal, Cami Asby, EVMS school advisor and safe school professional, and Samantha Szoyka, youth program coordinator for Partnership Carson City. [READ MORE...](#)



Four Students U.S. Presidential Scholars

Posted on 12/12/2018

Four CHS students were recognized as being named candidates as U.S. Presidential Scholars. There were two categories for the recognition: academic and Career and Technical Education (CTE) Presidential Scholars. CHS Senior Sophia Peterson was selected for the academic category and the CTE candidates announced were CHS students Maritza Filson, Briana Sanchez and Crystal Vargas. [READ MORE...](#)

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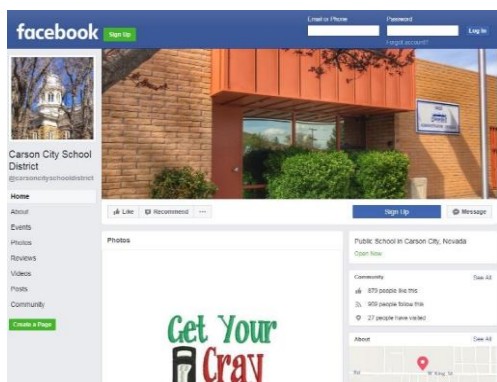
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If you do not already receive email notifications for this publication, please subscribe by completing the form at the bottom of the page. If you know someone who would benefit from this news, please share the link so they can sign up.



CONNECT WITH US!



Be sure to FOLLOW and LIKE [CCSD's Facebook](#): (facebook.com/carsoncityschooldistrict) and Twitter (twitter.com/carsonschools) pages. Each provide real-time district and school news to the community. The pages are used as a tool to relay information of school closures, emergencies, good news, events, etc.

The pages aim to engage the community about local, state and national education news/topics, report from live board of education meetings and other district

meetings and events and post student and staff pictures and achievements.



SHARE YOUR PHOTOS WITH US!

Have you captured some amazing photos at some of our school sites or around town?

Please share your photos with us. Feel free to email our Public Information Officer Dan Davis, APR, ddavis@carson.k12.nv.us, with any shots you'd like to share publicly through our social media. Or tag us [@carsoncityschooldistrict](#) on Facebook or [@carsonschools](#) on Twitter.



School Start Times & End Times:

Carson High School: 7:40 a.m. – 2:05 p.m.
Pioneer High School: 7:35 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Middle Schools: 7:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Elementary Schools: 8:25 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Pre-K Schools: 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

School Early Dismissal Times:

Carson High School: 1:00 p.m.
Pioneer High School: 12:50 p.m.
Middle Schools: 1:20 p.m.
Elementary Schools: 2:00 p.m.
Pre-K Schools: 12:15 p.m.

NOTES:

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For more information regarding the Carson City School District, don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Hours of Operation
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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