



CARSON CITY

School District

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A NOTE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT

As we complete the first month of the second semester and enter the final stretch of another exciting school year, I hope everyone is reminded of those relationships of which are of most value and importance. A fresh outlook seems to always be good for everyone. Please make a conscious effort to “be there” for someone. Listen. Be kind. Be patient. Smile. Laugh. Take the time to help. This simple effort will return to you in your times of need.

On behalf of the district, I offer condolences and love to the Roman family. Their loss has caused all our hearts to ache. There has been a great out-pouring of care and support in the face of this tragedy, and few of us can fathom the loss. May we all consider the preciousness of life and extend an added effort for kindness that will continue to light our community with love and compassion.

As we press forward, we have plenty to celebrate and there is much to accomplish in the coming weeks and months. Our students and staff are receiving well-deserved accolades for their achievements in academics, arts and other extra-curricular activities. I want to thank all of you for your service and commitment to our students and their families. I appreciate all that you do and am grateful to work alongside of each of you as we help to prepare our next generation of leaders.



Sincerely,
Richard Stokes
Superintendent, Carson City School District

GRADUATION RATES INCREASE FOR FOURTH YEAR IN A ROW



For the fourth year in a row, Carson City [high school students graduated at the highest rate ever](#) at **86.79 percent** for the Class of 2019, **an increase of 6.48 percentage points** since 2016 where it averaged 80.31 percent.

Carson High School achieved a graduation rate of **95.90 percent, up 7.80 percentage points** since 2016 when it averaged 88.10 percent. **Pioneer High School** achieved a graduation rate of **82.35 percent, up 10.35 percentage points** since 2016 when it averaged 72.00 percent.



SCHOOL DISTRICT AND TRUSTEES HAUL IN AWARDS AT NASB



The Carson City School District was a point of highlight at the Nevada Association of School Boards (NASB) Annual Conference in Reno, this past November. The school district and trustees hauled in nearly a quarter of all the awards (4 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.

The Carson City School District's **Board of Trustees** were honored as the state of Nevada's School Board of the Year, **Stacie Wilke-McCulloch** was named the state's

Individual School Board Member of the Year, **Mike Walker** was recognized as the state's New School Board Member of the Year and **Andrew Feuling**, director of fiscal services for the Carson City School District, and **Paul Johnson**, White Pine County School District chief financial officer, were jointly honored with the District Level Administrator Impacting Student Achievement award. Click here for additional details from [CarsonNow.org](https://www.carsonnow.org) regarding each of the awards.



CARSON CITY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEE LEADERS ELECTED FOR 2020



At the first school board meeting of the year, Jan. 14, **Mike Walker** was named the newest president of the Carson City School District Board of Trustees. He replaced former President Stacie Wilke-McCulloch, as the school board's leader. Trustees **Joe Cacioppo** and **Richard Varnner** were also elected vice president and clerk, respectively. Cacioppo replaced former Vice President Walker and Varnner replaced former Clerk Don Carine. Each of the three leaders will serve in these positions for a one-year term.

The 2020 School Board Members include alphabetically by last name Joe Cacioppo, District 7, vice president, Donald Carine, District 6, member, Laurel Crossman, District 2, member, Lupe Ramirez, District 1, member, Richard Varnner, District 4, clerk, Mike Walker, District 5, president, and Stacie Wilke-McCulloch, District 3, member. Read the [CarsonNow.org](https://www.carsonnow.org) article or the [KTVN, Ch. 2](https://www.ktvn.com) story here.

TWO TEACHERS EARNED NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATIONS, ONE RENEWED

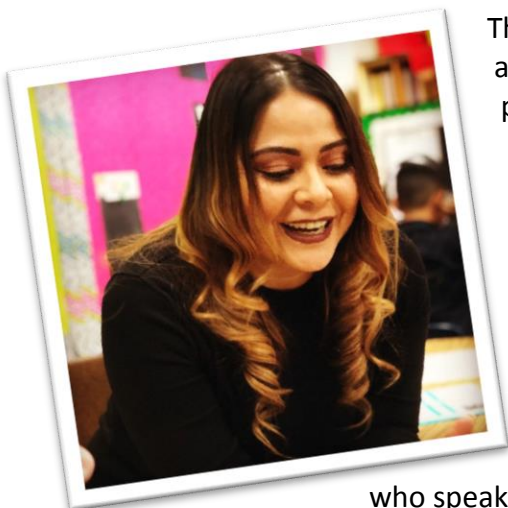
The Carson City School District celebrated two new National Board Certified Teachers (NBCT) from the [National Board of Professional Teaching Standards](#) (NBPTS). Recognition came at the Jan. 28, 2020 school board meeting. NBCT is widely considered to be the highest professional recognition for educators and includes a five percent pay increase in acknowledgement of accomplished teaching.

The teachers recognized earning certification were **Christina Bourne**, NBCT for Music in Early and Middle Childhood and Mark Twain Elementary School music teacher; and **Debra Crozier**, NBCT as a Generalist in Early Childhood. Additionally, **Rachel Croft**, fourth grade teacher at Bordewich Bray Elementary, renewed her NBCT for Literacy: Reading-Language Arts in Early and Middle Childhood.



With the addition of Bourne and Crozier, there are now 15 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; **Jessica Daniels**, principal of Carson Montessori School; **Luonne Gerow**, third grade GATE teacher at Fremont Elementary; **Jeff Hendricks**, special education teacher with Student Support Services; **Leah Hampton**, math teacher at Carson High School; **Amy Jenson**, fifth-grade teacher and GATE coordinator at Bordewich Bray Elementary; **Nicolas Jacques**, music and band teacher at Carson Middle School; **Joanna Kaiser**, GATE Implementation Specialist; **Molly Martin**, ESL Teacher at Mark Twain Elementary School; **Nicole Medeiros**, third-grade teacher at Bordewich Bray Elementary and **Pamela Shank**, fourth-grade teacher at Fremont Elementary. Read more from [CarsonNow.org](#), the [Nevada Appeal](#) or [KRNV, News 4](#).

NEW #WHYTEACHCARSON VIDEO DISCUSSES BILINGUAL EFFORTS



The Carson City School District recently added a [new video](#) to a playlist 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.

#WhyI TeachCarson is a visual concept that features the reasons and motivations behind teaching and provides insight into the craft of education. **Socorro Vega**, a first grade teacher at [Al Seeliger Elementary School](#), is the fourth teacher to be featured from the school district.

This specific video discusses some of the challenges for students who speak English as a second language. Being a bilingual student growing up and now a teacher, Vega also talks about what it takes to be a 5-Star school and the collective effort everyone makes daily to help students learn and progress. Please click here to [view the video](#).

WALK OR BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY WILL BE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

Set for Wednesday, March 18, 2020, schoolchildren joined by parents, teachers and administrators will take part in organized walks to promote walking or bicycling to school.

Nevada Moves Day is a statewide event started in 2010 by State of Nevada Safe Routes to School Coordinators. The day celebrates the fun and benefits of walking and bicycling to school. It also encourages K-8 students, school staff and families to get physically active.

Principals and/or staff will meet at the following locations and walk to the school with the students. All students who walk to or at school will be recognized.



- **Bordewich Bray Elementary School**, 110 Thompson St. (7:45-8:25 a.m.)
Start: Governor’s Mansion, 606 Mountain St., to the school
Start: Carson City Fire Department, 777 S Stewart St., to the school
- **Empire Elementary School**, 1260 Monte Rosa
No meeting place. Students who walk to school will be recognized.
- **Fremont Elementary School**, 1511 Firebox Road (7:45-8:25 a.m.)
Start: U.S. Post Office, 1111 S. Roop St., to the school
Start: Gas Station, 1615 E. 5th St., to the school
- **Fritsch Elementary School**, 504 Bath St. (7:50-8:25 a.m.)
Start: Corner of N. Ormsby Blvd. and W. Winnie Ln. to the school
- **Seeliger Elementary School**, 2800 South Saliman Road
No meeting place. Students who walk to school will be recognized.
- **Eagle Valley Middle School**, 4151 E. 5th St. (7:15-7:35 a.m.)
Start: Lady Tamales, 933 Woodside Drive (corner of Fairview and Desatoya Drive)
- **Mark Twain Elementary School**, 2111 Carriage Crest Dr
The school will celebrate Nevada Moves Day **Wednesday, March 25**.
No meeting place. Students who walk to school will be recognized.



REMINDER: NO DOGS OR PETS ALLOWED ON SCHOOL CAMPUSES



The Carson City School District would like to remind parents and families, only with the exception of “service animals,” **pets are not allowed** in any aspect on school grounds. The district acknowledges the important role that pets, dogs in particular, play in the community and the positive impact dogs can have on family life. For many community members, dogs are an important part of the family. A dog can be a joy, but they are also a big responsibility. The school district also acknowledges the benefits of walking to and from school in a family group with a dog. Recently, however, more dogs are being brought onto school grounds. This has the potential to increase the risk of injury to children caused by dogs (i.e. bites and scratches) through dogs reacting

adversely to unexpected noise and/or movement of children. Please refer to [Policy No. 250](#) and [Regulation 250](#) on how the district defines “service animals.”

PROPOSED CHANGE TO EAGLE VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ZONE

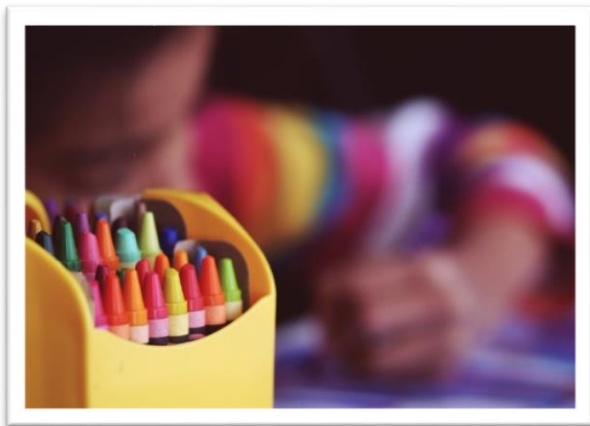
With anticipation of the [modification to middle school attendance zones](#) within the Carson City School District, district officials and administrators are inviting parents and families to **attend one of three meetings** to discuss the intricacies of the rezoning as well as variance options for families with older siblings already attending a specific middle school. Forums will be offered at the below dates, times and locations.

- Eagle Valley Middle School: Wednesday, February 12, 6:00 p.m. in the gym
- Carson Middle School: Thursday, February 13, 6:00 p.m., in the library
- Fremont Elementary School: Thursday, February 27, 5:30 p.m., in the library.



The proposed action would adjust the attendance zones so all current fifth grade students attending Fremont Elementary will promote and attend Eagle Valley Middle School when they become sixth-graders at the start of the new school year this fall.

PRE-K PARENT ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND ACTIVITIES



Please “Save The Date” for the following parent engagement opportunities and activities for Pre-K. Learn ways to support your child’s education and get answers to your questions and/or concerns. Also fulfill your parent involvement plan. All parents, families and students are invited. Spanish translation will be available at each event. [Click here for more information.](#)

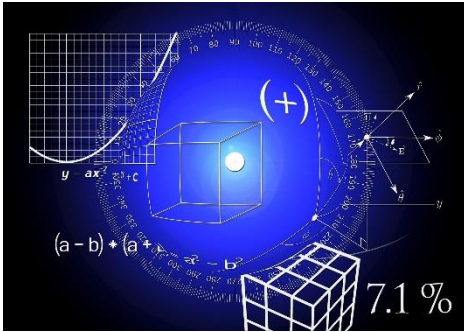
February 26, 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Carson City Public Library, 900 N Roop St. Learn how the Library can help your family with literacy. Take a tour, participate in activities and receive a library card.

March 19, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Mark Twain Elementary School, 2111 Carriage Crest Dr. Learn how language and communication are essential to success in school and life. Activity offered by Sarah Billings, speech and language pathologist with the Carson City School District.

April 23, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Children’s Museum of Northern Nevada, 813 N Carson St. Learn about the power of play for brain development and social maturity.



EAGLE VALLEY AND CARSON MIDDLE SCHOOL STEM NIGHT MARCH 24

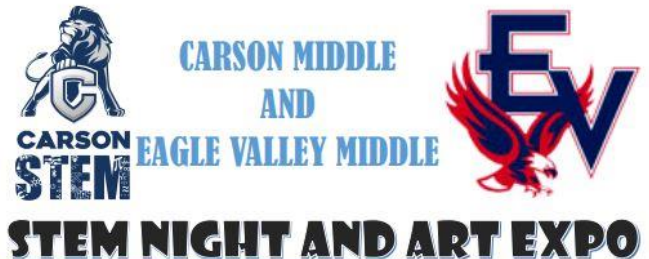


Eagle Valley and Carson Middle Schools will host a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (**STEM**) Night and Art Expo Tuesday, March 24, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the main gym at Carson Middle School.

Students from both middle schools invite friends, family and members of the

community to check out student projects, explore classroom activities and learn about STEM opportunities. Topics include the following:

- Automation and Robotics
- App Creators
- Computer Science for Innovators and Makers
- Design and Modeling
- Energy and the Environment
- Flight & Space
- Green Architecture
- Medical Detectives
- Project Recharge



GET READY TO LEARN, BE AMAZED, AND EXPLORE!

MARCH 24, 2020 5:30 PM - 7 PM

AT CARSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Check out **AWESOME** student projects, explore classroom activities and learn about STEM opportunities in the community!



CARSON CITY SCHOOLS AWARDED \$712,250 FOR STEM, SUSTAINABILITY



As part of [Tesla's K-12 Investment Fund](#), the Carson City School District is pleased to announce it is the most recent recipient of nearly a million dollars in grant funding. The money will help fund a district-wide sustainability initiative for the next three years.

The \$712,250 fund comes as part of Tesla's commitment through [education grants](#) to encourage students of all backgrounds to consider careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) or sustainability, and to develop the next generation of engineers in Nevada.

Through community partnerships and by linking sustainability to its [strategic plan](#), [Carson City School District](#), Nevada's most energy-efficient school district, will continue to wring savings out of schools by advancing district initiatives and catalyzing education for sustainability. This collaborative effort is made possible through [GreenPrint](#) with the [Green Schools National Network](#) (GSNN), [Carson City, Project Recharge](#) through [Envirolution](#) and [Tesla](#).

COLOR FUN RUN SET FOR MAY 2 AT MILLS PARK



The students of Mark Twain Elementary School will host their annual community-wide **Color Fun Run Saturday, May 2, 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.

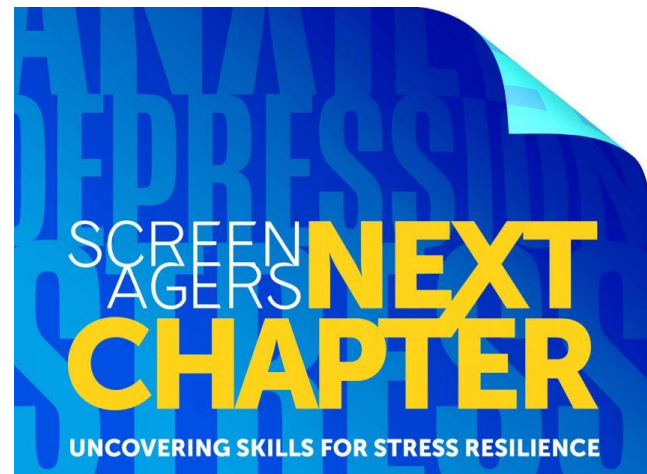
During the event, participants pass through vibrant color zones making it a “colorful experience.” Additionally, each pre-registered participant is provided with a single powder color pack that will be thrown in the air at the final color celebration at the finish line. [Click here to register](#) before April 21 (\$15 per person). Same day registration will be available (\$20 per person). Extra color packets will be on sale for \$3.



FREE DOCUMENTARY SHOWING EXPLORES IMPACT OF SCREEN-TIME

The Carson City School District will host two evening showings of the 60-minute documentary titled [SCREENAGERS](#) Thursday, Feb. 20, at the Bob Boldrick Theatre in the Carson City Community Center. The two showings, beginning at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m., will be **free and open to the public**. Parents are encouraged to bring their children.

We have invited a panel of experts from our community to host a panel discussion & Q/A from 6:45 PM - 7:15 PM. Viewers who come for the 5:30 PM show are invited to stay until 7:15 PM and participate in the Q&A, and the viewers for the 7:30 PM show may arrive early at 6:45 PM to participate in the Q&A and then stay for the video. [Click here](#) to view the movie trailer.



COMMUNITY PLC MEETINGS SET FOR FEBRUARY 26 & MAY 6



The Carson City School District invites local community members to attend the quarterly Community PLC (Professional Learning Community) meeting Wednesday, Feb. 26 and May 6, 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO JUDGE SENIOR PROJECTS AT CARSON HIGH



In order to be eligible to graduate, each senior must complete a Senior Project. Since 2001, this challenging and successful endeavor provides students an opportunity to demonstrate the skills and knowledge they have accumulated and apply these to an area of their own interest. Last year, nearly 400 community volunteer judges reviewed project portfolios and sat on panels to score oral presentations (approx. 25,000 volunteer hours).

Carson High School is still in **need of community volunteers** to **review** project **portfolios** and assist with **judging** one the three sessions of oral presentations Monday, April 23, at Carson High School (8:00-9:40 a.m., 10:00-11:40 a.m. and 12:00 noon to 1:40 p.m.). Recommended **training sessions** to become a Senior Project Panel Judge will be held at the following dates and times. [Click here](#) for additional information on how you can volunteer.

- Saturday, April 4, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
- Tuesday, April 7, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 9, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

Please refer to the School District's [Academic School Calendar](#) for additional information regarding school holidays and other important releases. Below are some notable and important future dates.

Now through Feb. 20	After School Tutoring for ACT Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays only
Feb. 11 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room
Feb. 14 – 17 (Fri./Mon.)	President's Day Weekend (School Holiday)
Feb. 20 (Thursday)	SCREENAGERS , 5:30 and 7:00 p.m., FREE, Community Center, Boldrick Theatre
Feb. 24 (Monday)	Early Release Day (District-wide)
Feb. 25 (Tuesday)	All 11th grade students take ACT test (only juniors attend High School)
Feb. 25 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room
Feb. 26 (Wednesday)	Community PLC Meeting , 6:00 p.m., Carson High School Library
Feb. 26 (Wednesday)	Pre-K Literacy Engagement Activity , 6:00-7:00 p.m., Carson City Public Library
March 2 (Monday)	Early Release Day (District-wide)
March 2 (Monday)	Kindergarten Registration begins, individual school sites (District-wide)
March 8 (Sunday)	Daylight Savings Time begins, set clocks forward 1 hour
March 9 (Monday)	Pre-K Registration begins
March 10 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room
March 13-16 (Fri./Mon.)	Non-School Days
March 19 (Thursday)	Pre-K Language Engagement Activity , 5:30-6:30 p.m., Mark Twain Elementary
March 24 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room
March 25 (Wednesday)	Elementary Minimum Day (elementary schools only) dismiss at 12:40 p.m.
March 26 (Thursday)	Elementary Minimum Day (elementary schools only) dismiss at 12:40 p.m.
March 26 (Thursday)	Band-O-Rama , 7 p.m., Carson High School Big Gym
March 30 (Monday)	Early Release Day (District-wide)
April 4 (Saturday)	Senior Project Judging portfolio review, CHS library, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

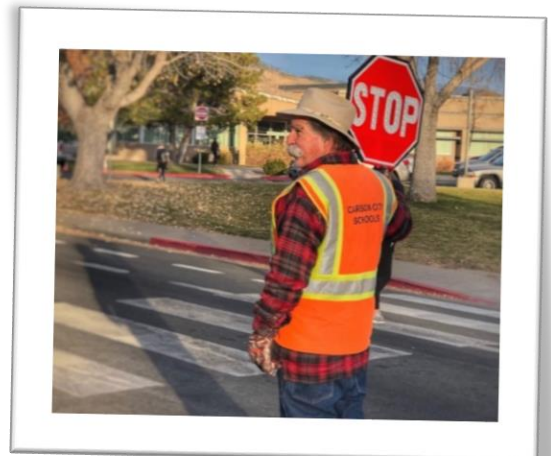
OTHER NOTABLE FUTURE DATES CONTINUED... (Dates & Times are Subject to Change)

April 6 – 9 (Mon.-Thurs.)	Senior Project Judging portfolio review days, CHS library, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
April 9 (Thursday)	Choir Palooza , 7 p.m., Carson High School Big Gym
April 10 – 17 (Fri.-Fri.)	Spring Break (School Holiday)
April 14 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room
April 20 (Monday)	Classes resume following Spring Break
April 20 – 24 (Mon.-Fri.)	Senior Project Judging portfolio review days, CHS library, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
April 23 (Thursday)	Pre-K Engagement Activity , 5:30-6:30 p.m., Children’s Museum Northern Nevada
April 25 (Saturday)	Senior Project Judging portfolio review, CHS library, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
April 27 (Monday)	Staff Professional Development (No School for students)
April 27 (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 28 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Carson High School, Senator Square
May 2 (Saturday)	Mark Twain Elementary School Color Run , Mills Park, US Highway 50 East
May 4 (Monday)	Early Release Day (District-wide)
May 6 (Wednesday)	Community PLC Meeting , 6 p.m., Carson High School Library
May 11 (Monday)	Early Release Day (District-wide)
May 12 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room
May 25 (Monday)	Memorial Day (School Holiday)
May 26 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room
June 2 (Tuesday)	Minimum Day , Carson High School, dismiss at 11:40 a.m.
June 2 (Tuesday)	Minimum Day , Pioneer High School, dismiss at 11:30 a.m.
June 2 (Tuesday)	Minimum Day , Carson Middle School, dismiss at 12:00 noon
June 2 (Tuesday)	Minimum Day , Eagle Valley Middle School, dismiss at 12:00 noon
June 2 (Tuesday)	Eagle Valley Middle School 8th Grade Promotion , 1 p.m., EVMS Gym
June 2 (Tuesday)	Pioneer High School Graduation , 6 p.m., Community Center, Theater
June 3 (Wednesday)	Minimum Day, Last Day of School
June 3 (Wednesday)	Carson Middle School 8th Grade Promotion , 1 p.m., CMS Gym
June 6 (Saturday)	Carson High School Graduation , 9 a.m., Carson High School, Football Field
June 9 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room
June 23 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room

DISTRICT IN NEED OF CROSSING GUARDS

The school district has had two crossing guard positions open since the beginning of the school year. The positions are only 20 hours a week and pay a little more than \$10 per hour. Approximate hours include 45 minutes in the morning and 45 minutes in the afternoon. [Click here to apply.](#)

Job Description: Assist students in crossing the street to insure their safety to and from school on scheduled school days. Fill in for regular crossing guard at a variety of school campuses. Paid training provided.



PARTICIPATION IN 2020 CENSUS WILL HELP FUND OUR SCHOOLS

Every 10 years, the United States Census Bureau counts every person living in the United States regardless of their country of origin or immigration status. This includes children and newborn babies, grandparents, friends, nonrelatives and everyone who is living or staying with you as of April 1, 2020. In the 2010 Census, the net undercount of children under the age of 5 was 4.6 percent. That's nearly 1 million children. How does this affect you? The 2020 Census will help determine how more than \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed to communities for the next 10 years—basically, an entire childhood.



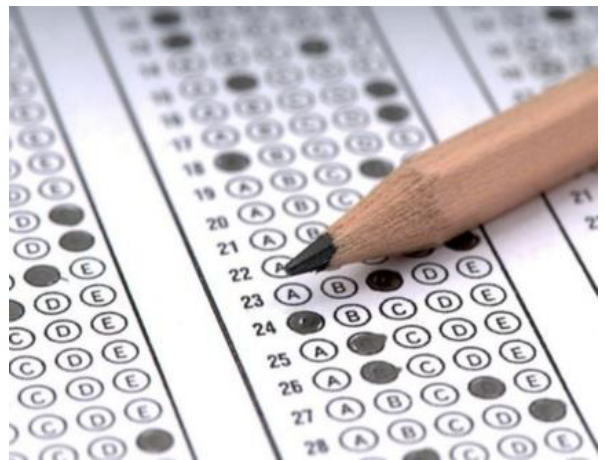
Responses to the census are safe and confidential. Your information is protected by law and cannot be shared with other law enforcement agencies – not the FBI, ICE or even local police. The census is available in many languages, including Spanish. You can respond [online](#), by phone or by mail. Your answers to the 2020 Census will impact funding decisions for the next 10 years for important services in our communities, including:

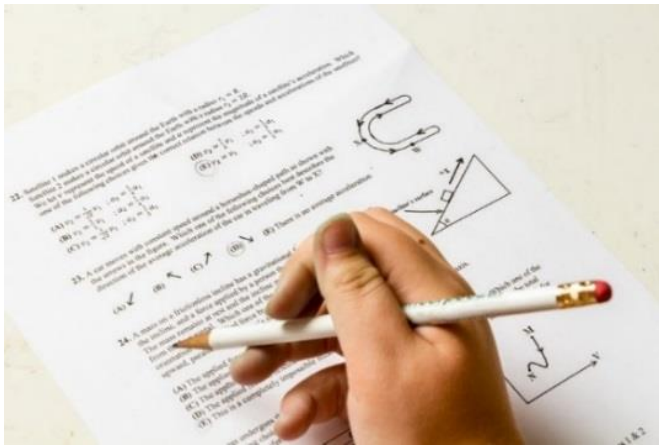
- Schools
- Afterschool programs
- School lunch programs
- Playgrounds
- Health Clinics
- Public Transportation
- Roads
- Community centers for seniors

TESTING SEASON IS UPON US

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. District assessments (MAP) for grades K-8 begin now and continue through the end of the school year and many of these tests are mandated by legislation.

All 11th grade students (juniors) are required (in order to graduate) to take the ACT Tuesday, February 25. To help students prepare, Carson High School is providing afterschool tutoring Tues., Wed. and Thurs. now through Feb. 20. Please note, students will not have access to their cell phones during the ACT. Also, CHS does not provide calculators, so students will need to bring their own ([review Calculator Policy here](#)). Every student has been notified of their testing room assignment and should arrive at the school by 7:30 a.m. All 9th, 10th and 12th grade students do not attend school that day (Feb. 25). If students have questions about testing room assignments, they should go to the main office for assistance.





TIPS AND HOW TO PREPARE FOR TESTS

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](https://www.nvde.net) 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 be positive about 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 them to visualize success on test day. In other words, ask them to close their eyes and imagine themselves taking the test and feeling great about it.
3. **Discuss what to do if you finish 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.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 2



The Carson City School District (CCSD) is asking parents to mark their calendars for Monday, **March 2**, to begin registering children who will be 5-years-old by Sept. 30, 2020, and **eligible for Kindergarten** for the coming 2020-2021 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 2 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.).



DOES YOUR CHILD QUALIFY FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN?

Pre-K registration begins Monday, **March 9**, at **604 W. Musser Street**, Carson City, NV 89702. Children who will be 4-years-old by September 30, 2020 may submit their application for the district's Pre-K program for the 2020-2021 school year. **Enrollment is contingent** on income verification, school zone and the date the application is submitted. Pre-K schools include Bordewich Bray, Empire, Fremont and Mark Twain Elementary Schools. Parents will need to **provide proof of**

qualification by supplying the following documents to the Pre-K office at 604 West Musser Street, Carson City, Nevada 89703, **775-283-1509**:

1. Proof of **meeting income guidelines** by completing and submitting the [Income Verification Application \(English\)](#) or [Income Verification Application \(Spanish\)](#). You will also be required to bring your 3 most recent pay stubs for all working members of your household or your 2019 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.
5. Proof of **residency in Carson City** (Utility bill, Mortgage or Rental papers, Voter Registration, etc.).

2020 U.S. Household Poverty Guidelines:

Family Size	Annual Income
1	\$25,520
2	\$34,480
3	\$43,440
4	\$52,400
5	\$61,360
6	\$70,320
7	\$79,280
8	\$88,240
9	\$97,200
10	\$106,160

NATIONAL SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK WEEK, MARCH 1-7

The week of March 1-7, 2020, marks the celebration of School Social Work Week. With the theme of "Beacon of Hope," school social workers across the country will shine a light on their vital role in helping students meet the academic, social, and emotional challenges on the road to becoming successful and productive young adults.



"School social workers are Specialized Instructional Support Personnel, working with students and their families, so that children feel supported at home and at school," said Dave Caloiaro, MSW, LISW, School Social Worker and Mental Health Services Program Manager, Consultant for the Carson City School District.

Under the leadership of the School Social Work Association of America (SSWAA), this celebration also emphasizes School Social Work contributions to focusing on the "whole-child," linking families to community resources, a valuable voice as part of the school's multi-disciplinary team and advocating for the profession of School Social Work. Please join in the celebration by thanking school social workers.

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.



Crookshanks Named Delegate for SRM

Posted on 01/16/2020

Carson High School Senior Cade Crookshanks, 17, was selected by the Nevada Section of the Society for Range Management (SRM) to participate in the High School Youth Forum (HSYF), a SRM sponsored youth activity held jointly during the 73 Annual SRM meeting. The meeting was held in Denver, Colo., Feb. 16-20, 2020. [READ MORE...](#)



LEGO League Team Earns 2nd Place

Posted on 01/06/2020

Mark Twain Elementary School was selected to receive funding and support for the next five years to build and maintain a FIRST LEGO League team for students in grades 4-8, ages 9-14. The funding opportunity, totaling more than \$6,150 over the course of the next five years, came as part of the Tesla K-12 Education Investment in Nevada program. [READ MORE...](#)



NJROTC Raises Over \$3,000 for Angel Tree Project

Posted on 12/24/2019

Prior to the holidays, the Carson High School Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) program raised more than \$3,000 for the local Angel Tree gift program. CHS NJROTC has raised money for the charity for the past three years. [READ MORE...](#)



Lenox Hired as Director of Student Support Services

Posted on 12/23/2019

Christine Lenox, Ed.D., has been appointed as director of Student Support Services for the Carson City School District (CCSD). She began her role with the district after it was announced at the school board meeting Jan. 14, 2020.

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Empire Elementary Hosts STEM Parent Night

Posted on 12/18/2019

Empire Elementary School hosted the second of four Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Parent Nights Tuesday, Dec. 17. More than 250 participants gathered to experience fun hands-on experiments and student-showcased STEM projects, which were taught throughout the last quarter of activities and learning. [READ MORE...](#)



EVMS AVID 8 Students Read to Grade Schoolers

Posted on 12/17/2019

As part of the AVID 8 (Advancement Via Individual Determination), eighth graders from Eagle Valley Middle School took time to read books to elementary students (kindergarteners through second grade) at Fremont and Seeliger Elementary schools in Carson City, Dec. 6, 2019. [READ MORE...](#)



Posada Event to Increase Family Involvement

Posted on 12/13/2019

Administrators and educators at Mark Twain Elementary School hosted Posada 2019, Dec. 17. The event, open to all Mark Twain Elementary students and families, was part of the school’s English Second Language (ESL) Department’s iCan Initiative designed to increase parent and family involvement for students and to help reinforce and extend learning taught during regular classroom instruction. [READ MORE...](#)

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Be sure to FOLLOW and LIKE [CCSD's Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/carsoncityschoolistrict): ([facebook.com/carsoncityschoolistrict](https://www.facebook.com/carsoncityschoolistrict)) 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.

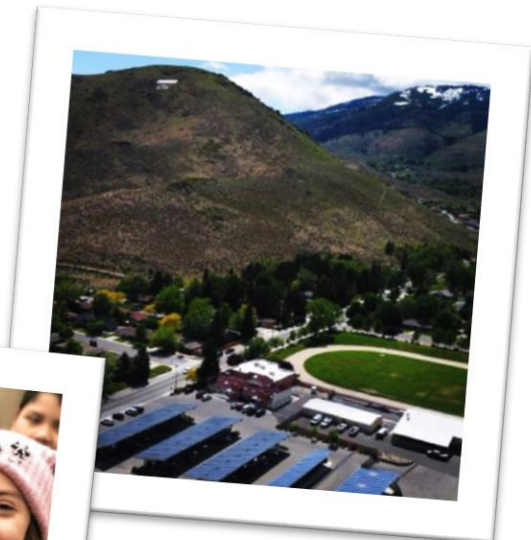
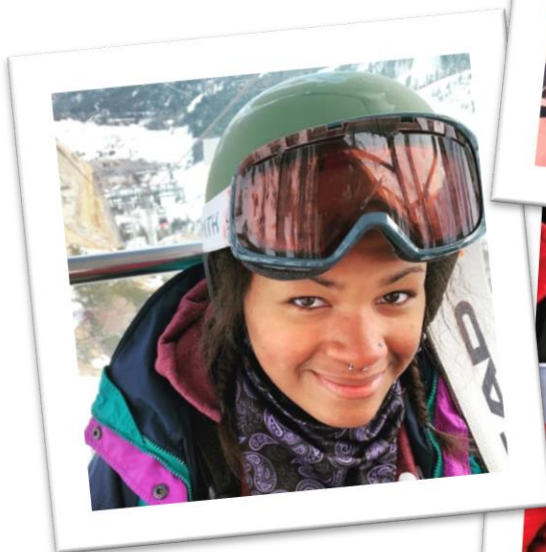
The pages aim to engage the community about local, state and national education news/topics, report from live board of education meetings and other district meetings and events and post student and staff pictures and achievements.



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 [@carsoncityschoolistrict](https://www.facebook.com/carsoncityschoolistrict) on Facebook or [@carsonschools](https://twitter.com/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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