



CARSON CITY

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A NOTE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT



The following is an excerpt from an **electronic address to all the teachers** within the Carson City School District. Mr. Stokes was expressing his gratitude for all educators during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 6-10.

“...As I think of you collectively, I recognize and honor all of you for the roles you play as teachers. I have worked in our District now for 18 years and feel I know your hearts. I hear of your selfless acts every day. I know of the time, talent and treasure that you freely offer to your students that is merely a part of the breadth, depth, and width of your influence. I observe you giving up a Saturday to improve a school's wetland classroom. I see you applying for and earning mini-grants to supplement and enrich the activities in your classrooms. I hear the gratitude in students' voices who appreciate your willingness to supervise a new volleyball club or sponsor a Super Smash Brothers (video game) club. I hear from

appreciative families who receive meals or calls of support and care as you attempt to ease the suffering or sorrow in their lives. I hear from your supervisors, colleagues, and citizens of the thousands of selfless acts that the staff in our District perform. There is no doubt that by doing what you love, your students hear your voice and see you as one of the individuals in their lives that has influenced them for good. You have stirred their emotions. You have instilled virtues and ideals. You have challenged their thinking. You have provided safety and care where maybe they can't find it elsewhere. You have encouraged and expanded eager minds, bodies, and spirits in ways that you may never fully comprehend. You are their teacher. Thank you for your work this year and always. I wish each of you a pleasant and happy end to the current school year.”

With Sincere Appreciation and Gratitude,
Richard Stokes, superintendent, Carson City School District

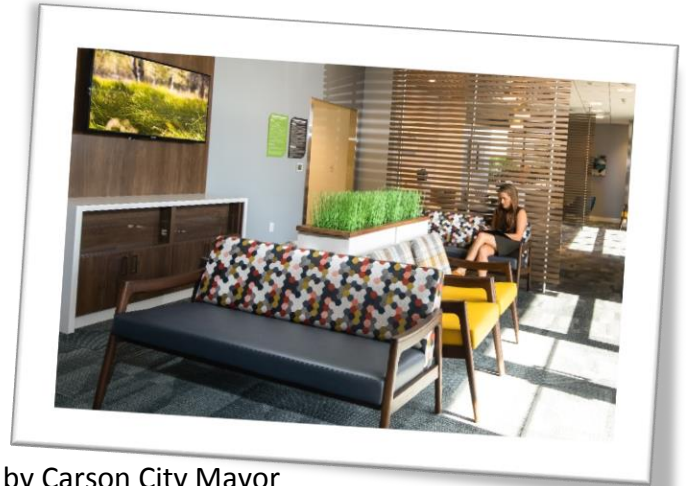
REMAIN APPRISED OF THE LATEST NEWS

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](#).



PROMINENCE HEALTH INTRODUCES NEW CARE CENTER IN CARSON CITY

A **Grand Opening** celebration of the [Prominence Care Center — Carson City](#), in partnership with [Vera Whole Health](#) and presented by [Prominence Health Plan](#), is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 22, at 4 p.m.**, 180 E Winnie Lane, Carson City. Prominence Care Center facilities feature full-time medical teams and health coaches dedicated to helping patients achieve their ultimate well-being, while coordinating and managing healthcare costs for all members. This includes employees of the Carson City School District as well as Medicare Advantage members. Dr. Bernard Farzin, Chief Medical Officer for Prominence Health Plan, will officiate a ribbon cutting ceremony with opening remarks by Carson City Mayor Bob Crowell. Guests will be able to tour the care center, meet the staff and learn more about the benefits and services available to members.



CARSON MIDDLE SCHOOL TO HOST STEM NIGHT TUESDAY, MAY 28



STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) students at Carson Middle School will be showcasing their classroom projects and inviting friends, family, community members, community partners and other students to explore classroom activities and learn about STEM opportunities within the local

community next Tuesday, May 28, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., in the cafeteria at Carson Middle School.

The event will include hands-on STEM demonstrations highlighting course work and classroom activities such as Automation and Robotics, App Creation, Computer Science for Innovators and Makers, Design and Modeling, Energy and the Environment, Flight and Space, Green Architecture and Medical Detectives.



ELEMENTARYS TO HELP TRANSITION PRE-K STUDENTS TO KINDERGARTEN



Elementary schools in the Carson City School District are hosting individual school site welcome events this week for all transitioning preschoolers. The events are designed for students and parents to tour their new school, meet teachers and administrators and build on the fun and excitement about going to school.



“The transition into kindergarten is important to young learners in providing confidence and dispelling ‘first-day-of-school’ fears,” said Assistant Director of Student Support Services Christine Lenox, Ph.D. “We want to help them feel as welcome and comfortable as possible. If the new students know who their teacher may be, which hallway they need to travel down and where their classroom is, the tension and stress preceding the start of school subsides immensely.”

The events offer raffle prizes and an opportunity to have any questions answered. [Click here](#) for more information about school locations, dates and times of each event.

NUTRITION PROGRAM UPDATES SET FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR



The Carson City School District’s Nutrition Department will work over the summer to implement a new point-of-service system and online nutrition program portal. The current online payment method goes through [MyPaymentsPlus](#), but starting this fall, all food related payments will be through the Titan Family Portal at titank12.com.

All existing balances will automatically roll over into Titan beginning July 9, 2019, so as far as the child

is concerned, it will be like

nothing has changed. Applications for free and reduced meal status may also be completed through the Titan Family Portal. Unlike the district’s current system, parents and families will be able to apply online as many times as they need to throughout the year. The Titan family portal ensures user-friendliness. Through the new portal, parents and families will be able to set up an account to manage their child’s nutrition account, get low balance notifications and much more.



Did you know most of what students eat when they order hot lunch is cooked from scratch? The school district has partnered with [Aramark](#) for many years now. Aramark crafts nutritious menus with many cooked-from-scratch options. For more information regarding the new portal, please contact Elizabeth Snyder, director of Nutrition, 775-283-2150.

FUTURE EDUCATORS HONORED AT NEVADA GOVERNOR'S MANSION



Reno, CHS offers the EDU 110 course for students interested in pursuing a teaching career.

The dual credit course, provided during the school day to accommodate student schedules, first began as a club: "Educators Rising." The school effort was designed to grow the local teaching workforce. For the 2018-2019 school year, a total of 34 students were enrolled in the course and were offered college credit through UNR. [Click here](#) to read the full story.

Thirty-four juniors and seniors from Carson High School were honored at Nevada Governor's Mansion Tuesday evening, May 14, for their efforts in a university level introductory education course. In partnership with the College of Education at the University of Nevada –



CRYSTAL VARGAS AMONG 3 STUDENTS NAMED U.S. PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS



Carson High School's Crystal Giselle Vargas is one of three Nevada students, among the 161 high school seniors nationwide, to be named as a U.S. Presidential Scholar as announced by the U.S. Department of Education. She was named a U.S. Presidential Scholar in Career and Technical Education (CTE). Vargas and three other CHS students were picked last December as Presidential Scholars candidates representing Carson High School.

As part of the judging criteria, Vargas created and proposed an Emergency Medical Preparedness Plan for Carson High School and established a partnership between the Carson High School HOSA chapter and the Nevada Medical Reserve Corp. For the CTE component, students are initially selected based on their accomplishments in career and technical education fields. [Click here](#) to view the full report from KTVN, Ch. 2.

DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARDS



The Carson City School District took time at the School Board meeting May 14 to recognize 22 students with the “Distinguished Student Award.” The student winners were selected by administrators and recognized in pairs from their respective schools as having specific qualities, skills and characteristics that distinguished them.

The award defines the term ‘distinguished’ as something

special in a person that can be recognized or identified from others by unique features or characteristics. The word implies any subtle or small differences that are good or honorable that sets one person apart from others. Winners of this award may be identified as good scholars, helpful, on-time, nice, obeying the rules and protecting others.



EDUCATORS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR!



Nicolas Jacques, music teacher at Carson Middle School, was honored April 28 as the Carson City School District’s **Educator of the Year**. Additionally, **James “Jim” Pike**, special needs school bus driver for transportation, was recognized as the **Education Support Professional (ESP) Employee of the Year** for the district. During the school board meeting and annual event, the district also recognized **Tasha Fuson**, principal at Carson High School, as the **Administrator of the Year** and **Vicki Thomas**, LPN, school nurse at Empire Elementary School, as the **Health Professional of the Year**. [Click here](#) to read the full story from CarsonNow.org.

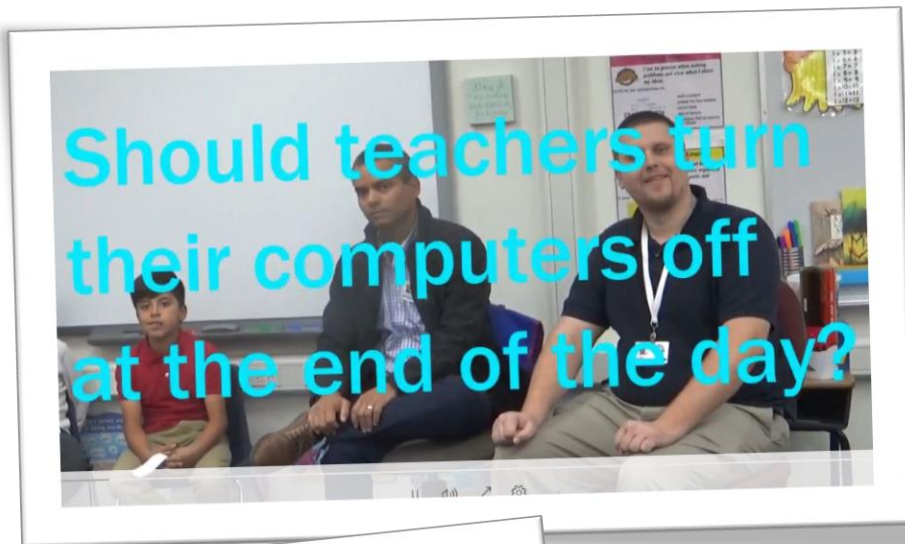
CHS'S CHARLES MANN 1 OF 5 TEACHERS CHOSEN AS NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

The National Association of Agriculture Educators hosted a "National Teach Ag" campaign to encourage school-based agriculture programs and address the national demand for agriculture teachers. Mr. Charles Mann, Agriculture Science teacher at Carson High School, was 1 of 5 teachers chosen to be featured as a national spotlight.

The recognition came as part of National Teacher Appreciation Week, May 6-10. Over the course of five days, the National Teach Ag campaign team visited five teachers across the country to showcase the endless impact agriculture teachers have on their students and communities. Each day the team was in a new part of the country sharing classroom, Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) and National FFA (Future Farmers of America) organization related moments on social media of the featured teacher. Mr. Mann was the first spotlight of the week, highlighted Monday, May 6. [Click here](#) to view a full report from KTVN, Ch. 2.



INTERVIEW WITH EXPERTS! STUDENTS PRODUCE ENERGY EFFICIENCY VIDEO



Students at Empire Elementary School had an educational opportunity to interview computer technology experts with the Carson City School District's Department of Innovation and Technology. They were able to inquire about energy efficiency topics like "Should teachers turn their computers off at the end of the day?" [The video](#) was created solely by the students under the supervision of Ms. Nancy Cole, third grade teacher at Empire Elementary.



According to a U.S. Department of Energy report, money spent on fueling a school exceeds the money spent on salaries, supplies and books. Annually, schools spend in excess of \$6 billion on energy alone, a cost that could be cut by 25% with better energy-saving initiatives. The Carson City School District is considered the most energy efficient in Nevada, on a utility cost per student basis.

EMPLOYEES HONORED FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO THE DISTRICT

Thirty-two employees who have worked a collective 671 years with Carson City School District will retire this year. The retirees will be recognized at the school board meeting Tuesday, May 28.

“There have been some familiar faces here for a long time, and they all have provided meaningful and dedicated service,” said Richard Stokes, superintendent. “They have all been great friends and outstanding colleagues. We wish them all a well-deserved retirement.”



Each employee recognized below has worked within the school district for 10 or more years. Listed below by **last name (alphabetized)** followed by their first name, last position or title held and duration of employment with the district.

- Elizabeth Beltrami, Pre-K teacher, Fremont Elementary School, 1984-2019
- Bridget Brush, TOSA/intervention specialist, Mark Twain Elementary School, 1996-2019
- Todd Burchiel, computer teacher, Mark Twain Elementary School, 1992-2019
- Sherri Chenin, second grade teacher, Fremont Elementary School, 2005-2019
- Tedra Cook, seventh grade English teacher, Carson Middle School, 2004-2019
- Christina Cooper, Nutrition Services coordinator, Operations Services, 1999-2019
- Julie Cowan, vice principal, Seeliger Elementary School, 2007-2019
- Judy Falkowski, accountant, Fiscal Services, 1989-2019
- Nathan Girdner, Math teacher, Carson High School, 2008-2019
- Wade Greenlee, TOSA/technology integration specialist, Eagle Valley Middle School, 2000-2019
- Misty Guantonio, Physical Education teacher, Carson High School, 1999-2019
- Dianne Hale, speech language pathologist, Fritsch Elementary School, 1993-2019
- Linda Hixenbaugh, Science teacher, Carson High School, 1992-2019
- Lisa Holland, LD/Special Education teacher, Fritsch Elementary School, 2000-2019
- Robin Hutchinson, third grade teacher, Bordewich Bray Elementary School, 1991-2019
- Rebecca Jaeger, third grade teacher, Fremont Elementary School, 2007-2019
- Susan Keema, associate superintendent, Educational Services, 1995-2019
- Margaret Kersten, Pre-K teacher, Empire Elementary School, 2008-2019
- Anne Lenhares, TOSA/implementation specialist – instructional coach, Carson Middle School, 1993-2019
- Janet Lyda, administration office specialist, Transportation Department, 2008-2019
- John Martin, Ceramics teacher, Carson High School, 2008-2019
- Gail Mauer, para professional I – Title I, Bordewich Bray Elementary School, 1997-2019
- Maurice “Bud” Milstead, disabled students bus driver, Transportation Department, 2007-2019
- Pennie Nichols, RTI/IC liaison, Student Support Services, 2001-2019
- Rhoda “Beth” Prause, sixth grade English teacher, Carson Middle School, 2003-2019
- Deborah Robison, English/ESL teacher, Prison Education System, 1998-2019
- Catherine Ruggeri, para professional IV, Eagle Valley Middle School, 2000-2019
- Christy Telling, para professional III, Seeliger Elementary School, 1998-2019
- Elizabeth Tryon, third grade teacher, Mark Twain Elementary School, 1989-2019
- Vickie Tyrrell, attendance office specialist, Carson Middle School, 2000-2019
- Kristin Winnicki, speech language pathologist, Bordewich Bray Elementary School, 2007-2019
- Kathy Yao, Spanish teacher, Carson High School, 2001-2019

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

May 22 (Wednesday)	Gear Up for Kindergarten, Empire Elementary, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
May 22 (Wednesday)	Grand Opening Celebration, Prominence Care Center, 4 p.m., 180 E Winnie Lane
May 23 (Thursday)	Gear Up for Kindergarten, Fritsch Elementary, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
May 24 (Friday)	Gear Up for Kindergarten, Mark Twain Elementary, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
May 27 (Monday)	Memorial Day Weekend (School Holiday)
May 28 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 6 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room
May 28 (Tuesday)	CMS STEM Night, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., cafeteria at Carson Middle School
May 28 (Tuesday)	CHS Musical Theater & Dance Performances, 7 p.m., Community Center
May 29 (Wednesday)	Mark Twain Elementary (grades K-4) Awards Assembly and Perfect Attendance, (8:45 – 10:00 a.m., MP Room)
May 29 (Wednesday)	CHS Choral Ensembles Concert, 7 p.m., Community Center
May 30 (Thursday)	Pre-K Family Fun Day, 11:30 p.m., (Ms. Cassidy and Ms. Taya, Student Support Services)
	Pre-K Family Fun Day, 12:00 p.m. (Ms. Bridget, Student Support Services)
May 30 (Thursday)	Bordewich Bray Elementary Kindergarten “Spring Sing,” 6 p.m.
May 31 (Friday)	Fritsch Kindergarten Celebration, 1:30 p.m.
May 31 (Friday)	Last Day for Pre-K students
May 31 (Friday)	CHS Big Blue Bash (upcoming 8 th grade dance), 7-9 p.m., Senator Square at CHS
June 3 (Monday)	EVMS Award Presentations, including Perfect Attendance: 6 th grade, 8:15 – 9:15 a.m. 7 th grade, 10:10 – 11:10 a.m. 8 th grade, 12:35 – 1:30 p.m.
June 3 (Monday)	Bordewich Bray Elementary (grades K-4) Awards Presentation and Perfect Attendance, (8:45 a.m.)
June 3 (Monday)	Fremont Elementary 4 th Quarter Awards, and Perfect Attendance (grades 1-4), 8:45 a.m.
June 3 (Monday)	Empire (grades 1-4) Awards Presentations and Perfect Attendance (grades 1-2, 9 a.m.) and (grades 3-4, 9:45 a.m.)
June 3 (Monday)	Seeliger Elementary 5 th grade Promotion & K-5 Perfect Attendance, 9:00 a.m.
June 3 (Monday)	Mark Twain Kindergarten Promotion, 2:30 p.m.
June 4 (Tuesday)	Fritsch Elementary (grades K-4) Awards Presentation and Perfect Attendance, (8:30 – 11:00 a.m.)
June 4 (Tuesday)	Mark Twain 5 th grade Promotion, including Perfect Attendance, 9 a.m.
June 4 (Tuesday)	Fremont Kindergarten Promotion, and Perfect Attendance, 2 p.m.
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)	Fritsch 5 th grade Promotion, including Perfect Attendance & DARE Graduation, 1:30 p.m.
June 4 (Tuesday)	Pioneer High School Graduation , 6 p.m., Community Center, Theater
June 5 (Wednesday)	Bordewich 5 th grade Promotion, including Perfect Attendance, 8:45 a.m.
June 5 (Wednesday)	Empire 5 th grade Promotion, including Perfect Attendance, 10 a.m.
June 5 (Wednesday)	Fremont 5 th grade Promotion, including Perfect Attendance & DARE Graduation, 10 a.m.
June 5 (Wednesday)	CHS Senior Assembly & Awards, including Perfect Attendance, 11:40 a.m., GYM
June 5 (Wednesday)	Minimum Day, Last Day of School (Students) Pioneer High School/BIP Program – 11:30 a.m. Carson High School – 11:40 a.m. Middle Schools – 12 noon Elementary Schools – 12:40 p.m.
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

NOTABLE FUTURE DATES CONTINUED...

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
July 9 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room
July 23 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room
August 13 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room
August 16 (Tuesday)	Gear Up for Kindergarten, Seeliger Elementary, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Aug. 19 (Monday)	First Day of School , K-12
Aug. 26 (Monday)	First Day of School , Pre-K
August 27 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Community Center, Sierra Room

2019-2020 ACADEMIC CALENDAR POSTED

The 2019-2020 Academic Year School Calendar has been posted to the district Website. [Click here](#) to view all the upcoming and important school holidays, minimum days, early release dates and more.

CARSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT Academic Year 2019-2020

	<p>District Early Release Days ○ (9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 10/7, 10/14, 11/4, 12/2, 12/20, 1/13, 1/27, 2/24, 3/2, 3/30, 5/4, 5/11)</p> <p>CHS & PHS Early Release Day ONLY ◇ 12/19</p> <p>CHS, PHS, CMS & EMVS Minimum Day ONLY △ 6/2</p> <p>Elementary Minimum Days ONLY ◊ 10/30, 10/31, 11/1, 3/25, 3/26</p> <p>First & Last Day All Schools ☆ 8/19 (Full Day - All Schools) 6/3 (Minimum Day - All Schools)</p> <p>Holidays & Non-School Days □</p>	<p>FAMILY INFORMATION:</p> <p>First Day of School K-12 Aug 19 Last Day for Students K-12 June 3 June 4, 5, & 8 designated make-up days if necessary (for staff and students)</p> <p>First Day for Pre-K Aug 26 Last Day for Pre-K May 29</p> <p>Start Times & End Times: Carson H.S.: 7:40 a.m. – 2:05 p.m. Pioneer H.S.: 7:35 a.m. – 2:15 p.m. Middle Schools: 7:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Elementary: 8:25 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. Pre-K: 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>ERD Dismissal Times: Carson High School – 1:00 p.m. Pioneer High School – 12:50 p.m. Middle School – 1:20 p.m. Elementary School – 2:00 p.m. Pre-K – 12:15 p.m.</p> <p>Minimum Day Dismissal Times: High School – 11:40 a.m. Pioneer H.S. – 11:30 a.m. Middle School – 12:00 p.m. Elementary School – 12:40 p.m. Pre-K – 10:55 a.m.</p> <p>Quarter End Dates: First Quarter – October 18 (44) Second Quarter – December 20 (40) Third Quarter – March 13 (46) Fourth Quarter – June 3 (50)</p>	<p>Elementary Parent Conferences Minimum Days: October 30 & 31, 2019 November 1, 2019 March 25 & 26, 2020</p> <p>Middle School Student Led Conferences: February 3, 2020</p> <p>Senior Project Presentations: April 27, 2020</p> <p>Promotion Dates: EVMS – June 2, 2020, 1:00 p.m. CMS – June 3, 2020, 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Graduation Dates: PHS – June 2, 2020, 6:00 p.m. CHS – June 6, 2020, 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>School Holidays & Non-School Days:</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Labor Day</td><td>Sept 2</td></tr> <tr><td>Staff Prof Dev</td><td>Sept 30</td></tr> <tr><td>Nevada Day</td><td>Oct 25</td></tr> <tr><td>Veteran's Day</td><td>Nov 11</td></tr> <tr><td>Thanksgiving</td><td>Nov 27 – 29</td></tr> <tr><td>Winter Break</td><td>Dec 23 – Jan 3</td></tr> <tr><td>Martin Luther King</td><td>Jan 20</td></tr> <tr><td>Staff Prof Dev</td><td>Feb 3</td></tr> <tr><td>President's Day</td><td>Feb 14 & 17</td></tr> <tr><td>Non-School Days</td><td>March 13 & 16</td></tr> <tr><td>Spring Break</td><td>April 10 – 17</td></tr> <tr><td>Staff Prof Dev</td><td>April 27</td></tr> <tr><td>Memorial Day</td><td>May 25</td></tr> </table>	Labor Day	Sept 2	Staff Prof Dev	Sept 30	Nevada Day	Oct 25	Veteran's Day	Nov 11	Thanksgiving	Nov 27 – 29	Winter Break	Dec 23 – Jan 3	Martin Luther King	Jan 20	Staff Prof Dev	Feb 3	President's Day	Feb 14 & 17	Non-School Days	March 13 & 16	Spring Break	April 10 – 17	Staff Prof Dev	April 27	Memorial Day	May 25	<p>STAFF INFORMATION:</p> <p>New Teacher Training (NT) Aug 6 – 9 Returning Teachers Report Aug 14 Teacher Training (TT) Aug 14 – 16 Classified - 181 Day Aug 16 – June 3 Classified - 201 Day Aug 5 – June 18 If you're not sure, please check with your Supervisor</p> <p>First Day of School Aug 19 Last Day for Students June 3 Last Day for Teachers June 3 June 4, 5, & 8 designated make-up days if necessary (for staff and students)</p> <p>Year round employees observe the following holidays: July 4 September 2 October 25 November 11 November 28, 29 December 24, 25, 31 January 1 January 20 February 17 April 13 May 25</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Board Approved 1/8/19 REVISED 1/11/19</p>
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PARENT SURVEY FEEDBACK POSTED

Your feedback has been valuable. Below are links to the results of the 10 question Parent and Family Survey collected in March of 2019. Surveys were completed using personal computers, computer labs or mobile devices.

[Click here to review the 2019 data](#) from more than 980 respondents who took the survey in English.

[Click here to review the 2019 Spanish data](#) from more than 110 respondents who took the survey in Spanish.



WE NEED YOU.
WE WANT TO HEAR FROM

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

carsoncityschools.com/parents/survey

LATEST #WHYTEACH VIDEO PROVIDES GLIMSE AT CARSON MIDDLE SCHOOL



The Carson City School District is hosting 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. #WhyITeach 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. [Ashley Killeen](#), a seventh grade teacher at Carson Middle School, is the third teacher to be featured. We hope you are inspired and enjoy this inside look into an everyday life of one of our classrooms.

SCHOOL DISTRICT HOSTS SUSTAINABILITY NIGHT



Carson City School District hosted a [Community Sustainability Night](#) Thursday, May 16, at Empire Elementary School. Families and members of the community were invited to come celebrate initiatives and partnerships for sustainable practices.

The event included highlights from

the district's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and sustainability initiatives, the [Capital City Sustainability Partnership](#) through the [Nevada Green Institute](#), the new single-stream recycling program through [Waste Management](#) and the recently launched [Green Dining District](#). The event also included fun student-created videos, prizes, awards, light snacks and refreshments.



ARTIST IN RESIDENCE AT FRITSCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

For more than 7 years, students at Fritsch Elementary School have been provided opportunities to elaborate and expound upon their artistic abilities. With the assistance of the school's Parent Teacher

Association (PTA) the Artist in Residence program has brought in local artists from the community to teach students a variety of art mediums in classes.

On Monday, April 29, with the help of parents, teachers and

the Resident Artist Adriane Wacker, the kids at Fritsch Elementary School painted rock fish using acrylic paints. The project helped the students focus on being individual and expressing themselves independently. [Click here](#) to read the full report from the Nevada Appeal.



EAGLE VALLEY'S ANAKIN GUZZETTA 1 OF 3 WINNERS IN THE NATION



[Project Tomorrow](#), a national education nonprofit group based in Irvine, Calif. hosted a nationwide challenge "[Speak Up](#)" to all students, grades K-12, where they submitted viewpoints about key educational issues, particularly concerning digital learning and the use of technology to support future ready schools. In April, the organization announced through their blog the first-round winners of the 2018-19 Speak Up Challenge. Among the first three winners to be announced was seventh-grader Anakin Guzzetta from Eagle Valley Middle School (EVMS).

The challenge required students to write and submit a 500-word blog or create a 2-3 minute vlog answering the following prompt: "Help us predict the future of learning! What will "school" be like in 2025? How will new technologies change the way students go to school, learn, and interact with their teachers and classmates?" The prizes included \$100 for each student winner and \$100 for supporting teachers.

"Technology is quickly advancing and it's going to affect everyone who does or doesn't use tech," Guzzetta said in his winning blog submission. "There might be new programs for school on tablets. These tablets could have a very high amount of storage to download textbooks, assignments, podcasts, etc." [Click here](#) to read the full story.

HIGH SCHOOLERS LEARN THE SCIENCE OF HOT AIR BALLOONING



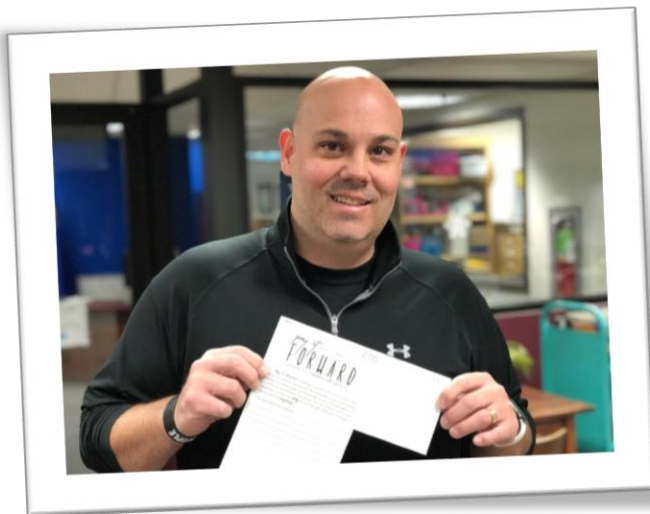
Science students from Mr. Michael Reynolds class at Carson High School had an elevating opportunity to go Up Up and Away...well, err...tethered, April 23. Karalyn Mumm, owner and commercial pilot of the balloon "Citrus in the Sky," provided tethered hot air balloon rides on the front lawn at the high school.

Mr. Reynolds, CHS science teacher and military veteran, said each student had been

studying not only the science necessary for flight including the outside air temperature, weight, buoyancy and the temperature inside the balloon, but also other factors including weather, wind shear and gases. The outdoor aerial demonstration served as the lab portion of the course work. [Click here](#) to read the full story.



CHS TEACHERS AND STAFF RECEIVED \$10,000 TO PAY IT FORWARD



Carson High School teachers and support staff were surprised this past April at one regularly scheduled 7 a.m. faculty meeting in the library before classes began. A total of \$10,000, parceled out in individual envelopes containing \$50 bills, sat neatly organized on a table across the room. Every teacher, custodian, kitchen worker, counselor, para pro and faculty member was given \$50 to "Pay It Forward."

Pastor Chris White from [Fountain Foursquare Church](#) in Carson City made the donation and announcement to Carson City School District employees at the meeting.

"Every year, our church gives some sort of donation to a school in the area," he said. "The idea behind this donation is, we wanted to give every teacher, faculty and staff member \$50 in cash for you to use however you want. We trust each of you will use your best judgement on how to pay that forward: whether it be to benefit a student or someone in need or accept it as a gift yourself." [Click here](#) to view the full report from KTVN, Ch. 2.



MARK TWAIN ELEMENTARY PTO HOSTS FOURTH ANNUAL COLOR FUN RUN



The students of Mark Twain Elementary School hosted their fourth annual community-wide “My School Color Run” this past April at Mills Park. The untimed two-mile walk, jog or run event was a Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) 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 participant is provided with a single powder color pack to be thrown in the air at the final color celebration at the finish line.

MAY THE FOURTH RIDE WITH YOU BICYCLE EVENT BENEFITS FOUNDATION



The Carson City School District’s [Bicycle Fun & Safety Day](#) benefited the [Carson City Schools Foundation](#) “May the Fourth.” The event was held at Fritsch Elementary School. Sponsored by [Carson Tahoe Health](#) and hosted by the [Carson City School District](#), the [Nevada Department of Transportation](#), [Safe Routes to School](#), local bike clubs and shops, the inaugural event

served as a proving ground to acquaint experienced and less experienced bike riders with their eco-friendly transport mechanisms.

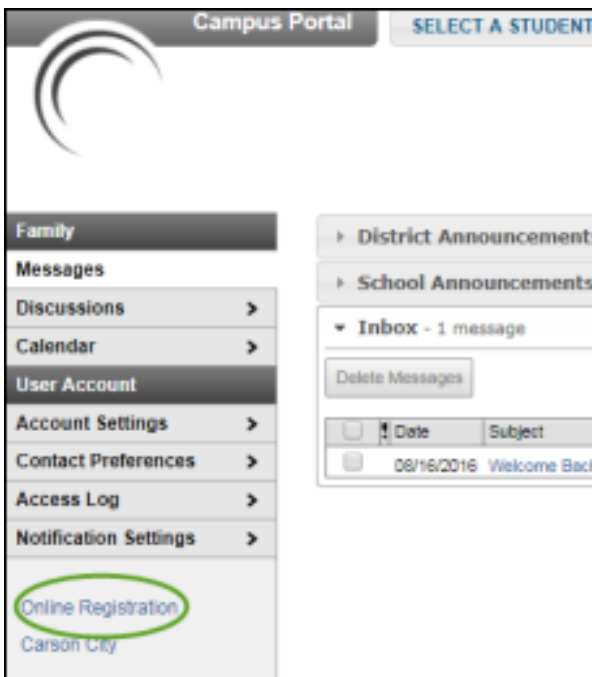
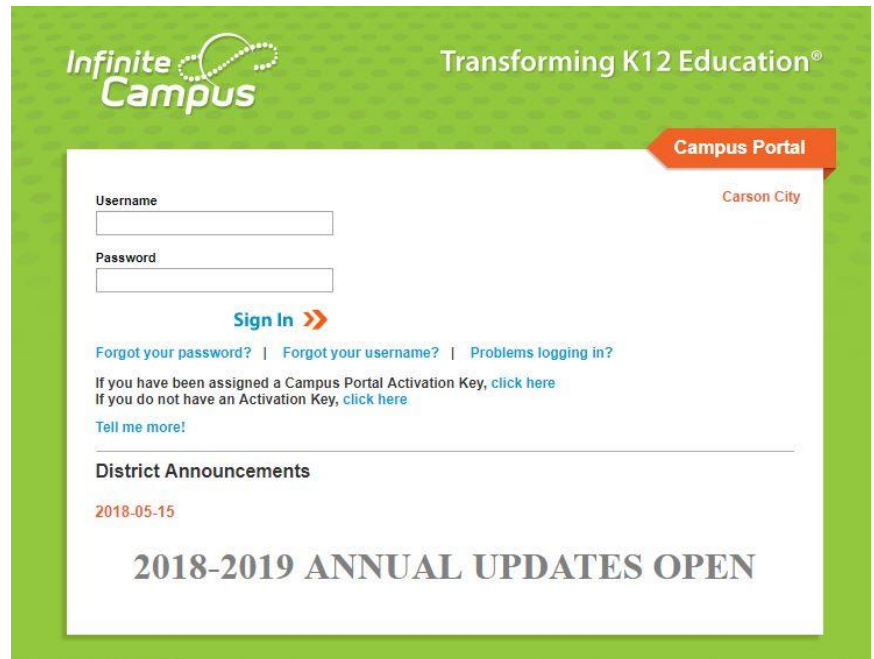
The event offered a bicycle safety rodeo – with many fun and informative bicycle challenges, bike safety checks and roadworthiness inspections, guided fun rides and free helmets to the first 300 participants who needed them.



INFINITE CAMPUS ONLINE REGISTRATION/ANNUAL UPDATES NOW OPEN!

With each new school year, the Carson City School District requires that every student's demographic information including phone numbers (home, work & cell) and emergency contacts are up-to-date and accurate in the event we need to contact you regarding your child. The district also needs this information updated each year to allow your child to attend field trips, have their photo taken, update medical records, use district technologies, etc. **Students will not receive a Chromebook unless the online update has been completed.**

***NOTE:** "Allow Popups" must be turned on. FIREFOX is the preferred browser by Infinite Campus.



STEP 1: Please go online to

WWW.CARSONCITYSCHOOLS.COM

STEP 2: Click on the bright green "[Infinite Campus](#)" button.

STEP 3: Under Existing Users – Login to Infinite Campus.

Use drop down box to **select** "[I AM A PARENT/GUARDIAN](#)"

STEP 4: Log in with your username and password. If you cannot remember your username or password, please [call the individual school](#) where your child is attending.

STEP 5: You may receive a prompt to input an email address and password. Please enter your email address and your Infinite Campus password.

STEP 6: Click on "[Online Registration](#)" link on left hand side of screen.

STEP 7: Click on "[Begin Registration](#)." If it says "YES" under Online Registration Submitted, you have already completed all steps and we thank you so much.

FINAL STEP: Please make sure that you click the "**SUBMIT**" button when all information has been updated.

For more information about Infinite Campus, including training, how to navigate the campus portal, installing the app on your phone and more, please [click here](#).

You must submit your application by clicking the following button.

Submit

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.



Music Ensembles Win Big in So. Calif.

Posted on 05/09/2019

The Carson High School (CHS) Wind Ensemble and Midnight Blues Jazz Ensemble performed in southern California taking home numerous awards at the Music in the Parks Festival. The Festival took place at the Performing Arts Center of Baldwin Park and ended with an awards ceremony at the Universal Studios CityWalk in Universal City, Calif. The music teams competed among many other schools from multiple states. [READ MORE...](#)



CMS Students Donate to Foster Children

Posted on 04/25/2019

Seventh-grade science students from Ashley Killeen's class at Carson Middle School completed a donation drive that benefited foster children in rural Nevada. Representatives from the Nevada Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) were there to accept the items. [READ MORE...](#)



Program Provides Shoes for Students in Transition

Posted on 04/23/2019

Carson City School District's McKinney-Vento Students in Transition 'Step Into Spring' program will provide 275 pairs of new shoes to pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade students in transition. Students in Transition are those individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence. [READ MORE...](#)



HOSA Students Compete in State

Posted on 03/27/2019

A total of 93 CTE HOSA students competed in the Nevada State Leadership Conference held at the Rio in Las Vegas, March 18-20. There were a total of 74 students from Carson High School, 6 from Pioneer High School and 13 from Carson Middle School. [READ MORE...](#)



CHS Teacher Chosen as 2019 ACT K-12 Champion

Posted on 03/12/2019

The ACT College and Career Readiness Campaign has chosen Carson High School Health Teacher Erin Been as its 2019 ACT K-12 Champion for Nevada in recognition of her work to enhance student performance on the ACT. She represents the Northwest Division which includes Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. [READ MORE...](#)

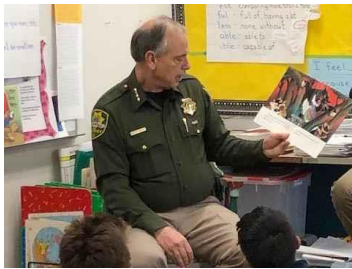
OTHER GREAT STORIES CONTINUED HERE:



Does Your Child Qualify for Pre-Kindergarten?

Posted on 03/11/2019

Children who will be 4-years-old by September 30, 2019 may submit their application for the district's Pre-Kindergarten program for the 2019-2020 school year. Enrollment is contingent on income verification, school zone and the date the application is submitted. [READ MORE...](#)



Guest-readers at Fremont During Reading Week

Posted on 03/06/2019

Grade-schoolers at Fremont Elementary School temporarily experienced a reprieve from their day-to-day academic endeavors when several community partners and local dignitaries visited classrooms to read to students. The effort was organized by a committee of teachers who came together to create several fun and engaging events to encourage students to gain, increase and appreciate their love for reading. [READ MORE...](#)



Kindergarten Registration Underway

Posted on 02/28/2019

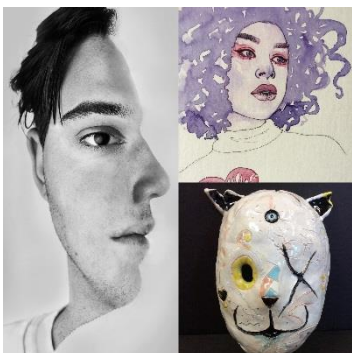
Full-day Kindergarten classes are offered at all elementary schools in Carson City. As of March 4, the Carson City School District began registering students for Kindergarten for the coming 2019-2020 school year. Children eligible for registration must be 5-years-old by Sept. 30, 2019, [READ MORE...](#)



CHS Robotics Team Wins State Championship

Posted on 02/27/2019

Putting an exclamation point on the best season yet, the Carson High School robotics team, Cyber Mafia, was crowned state champions at the Nevada State FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) Championship held in Las Vegas Saturday, Feb. 9. [READ MORE...](#)



Scholastic Art Award Winners

Posted on 02/19/2019

The Nevada Museum of Art announced the 2019 Scholastic Art Award Winners, and on the list were a senior and junior from Carson High and one seventh-grader from Carson Middle School. Emily Richardson, 17-years-old, Sarah Woods, 17-years-old, Keira Serpa, 13-years-old, were all recognized as Gold Key winners. [READ MORE...](#)

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Be sure to FOLLOW and LIKE [CCSD's Facebook](#): (facebook.com/carsoncityschoolistrict) and Twitter (twitter.com/carsonschoools) 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](#) on Facebook or [@carsonschoools](#) 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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