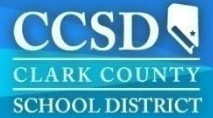




# PACE

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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### IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

- 09/07.....Labor Day (No School)
- 9/14.....First Day of School for Track 1
- 09/15-10/15.....Hispanic Heritage Month
- 09/22.....First Day of Fall
- 10/05.....Staff Development (No School)

For a complete list of calendar dates, access [CCSD 2009-2010 School Calendar](#)

### REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

- September 10, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
- September 24, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
- October 8, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
- October 22, 2009, 4:00 p.m.

The above Board meetings will be held at the Edward A. Greer Education Center, Board Room, 2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121.

### SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

September 2, 2009, 9:00 a.m.  
Southwest Career & Technical Academy, Building B, Room 112, 7050 W. Shelbourne Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89113

October 7, 2009, 9:00 a.m.  
Edward A. Greer Education Center, Board Room, 2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121.

Access the District's web site at [www.ccsd.net](http://www.ccsd.net)

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Registration, zoning, and Standard Student Attire are just some of the back-to-school questions addressed in the web site listed below.

<http://ccsd.net/directory/news/faq/>

### A Parent's Guide to Adequate Yearly Progress

As a parent, I value the importance of my children receiving a quality education and want to ensure that the school they attend creates a successful learning environment. I am sometimes asked by parents if the school their child attends is failing because it did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). My simple answer is – *NO, the school is not failing.*

Because a school did not make AYP does not mean it is a failing school. The labels attached to the federal No Child Left Behind Act, explained in greater detail by the U.S. Department of Education at <http://www.ed.gov/nclb/landing.jhtml>, as well as by the Nevada Department of Education at [http://www.doe.nv.gov/Accountability\\_NCLB.htm](http://www.doe.nv.gov/Accountability_NCLB.htm), are not true indicators of what kind of education your child is receiving.

As part of its continued vision to provide all students with the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values necessary to achieve academically, the Clark County School District has implemented a Quality Assurance Framework (QAF). The framework is available at [http://ccsd.net/trustees/pdf/Monitoring\\_Report.pdf](http://ccsd.net/trustees/pdf/Monitoring_Report.pdf) and provides a far more accurate indicator of how your school is fairing academically, as well as the plans in place to ensure your child is receiving a quality education. In addition to the districtwide QAF, which is one way the School Board Monitors the Superintendent, each school has developed a QAF to guide them. If we really want to hold our schools accountable, this document provides a good start.

I understand that much of this information can be confusing or overwhelming for many of us; However, Clark County School District staff and the Board of School Trustees recognize the importance of discussing this information with the community. If you have questions or concerns about your school making AYP, please contact your neighborhood school principal. Additionally, I would like to invite you to join me in a discussion with Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, Dr. Lauren Kohut-Rost, at our October PACE meeting. We will be meeting at Lummis Elementary School, 9000 Hillpointe Rd., Las Vegas on Wednesday, October 21, at 9:30 a.m., room 34, telephone number 799-4380.

As the school year proceeds, I will also try to help our schools promote their events through this newsletter. Please send me any news or information you would like to share about your school at [janistd@interact.ccsd.net](mailto:janistd@interact.ccsd.net). I can't think of a better way to start the new school year than with the Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Lummis Parent Teacher Association at Lummis Elementary School on Saturday, September 26, 2009, from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. All proceeds will benefit the DIBELS literacy program. More information is available at <http://lummis.ccsd.net>.

Have a great year and I look forward to seeing you at our first PACE meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2009, 9:30 a.m. at Hancock Elementary School, Multipurpose Room, 1661 Lindell Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89146, telephone number 799-4205.

*Terri Janison, President  
Board of School Trustees*