



# CARSON CITY

## School District

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### A NOTE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT

As we enter the final stretch of this unprecedented and unusual school year, I am hopeful of more normality on the horizon. The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged us in so many ways, but we are seeing light at the end of the tunnel. More and more teachers and employees have received vaccinations. Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders were reintroduced to a more traditional education model where they attend school in-person, 4-days per week, while students at Carson High School remain in a hybrid model through the remainder of the school year. But we do look forward to the possibilities of normal “school as usual” for the coming 2021-2022 school year. We will continue to monitor the health conditions at the regional and local levels and will work collaboratively with government and industry leaders to help keep students and staff safe.



With the Governor’s announcement to return to full occupancy June 1, I am pleased with Carson High School’s decision to host an in-person graduation ceremony Sat., June 5. I was also glad to hear Carson High’s ability to host Prom for seniors who have endured so much this past year. As we press forward, we have plenty to celebrate and there is much to accomplish these last two weeks. 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

### CARSON HIGH SCHOOL IN-PERSON GRADUATION SET FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 5



Carson High School will host a traditional [in-person graduation ceremony](#) for the Class of 2021, Saturday, June 5, 2021, starting at 9 a.m. The ceremony will take place on the football field. Attendees will be able to sit in the bleachers and other areas will be available such as grass areas and the outside edge of the football field. Attendees must wear a mask and are encouraged to sit with their families or selected pods. The high school asks that families/pods socially distance from each other.

Please remember that if the community health status takes a turn for the worse and the City or State guidance changes, Carson High School will have to adapt graduation plans to match health directives and expectations. [More info here.](#)



## MASKS REQUIRED THROUGH REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

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It is good news to hear the CDC has eased outdoor and indoor mask-wearing guidance. We are hopeful of more normality on the horizon. However, to be more fully clear for our parents, families, employees and educators, the Carson City School District will continue to follow the health and safety protocols that currently exists within the district and the COVID-19 Mitigation Transition Plan set forth by the Carson City Board of Supervisors. Therefore, for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, **masks will continue to be required** indoors and where individuals are unable to socially distance, **regardless of vaccination status.**

Face coverings must be worn on all school campuses and sites, on school buses and during school-associated activities by all students, faculty, staff, contractors and visitors. By taking this step, there will be less disruption to the school day and we can continue with the classroom habits that we have learned this year. We will revisit the plan this summer and make any necessary changes prior to the start of school, but we do look forward to the possibilities of normal “school as usual” for the coming 2021-2022 school year. For [more information](#), please contact the Carson City School District at 775-283-2100.

## NO MAKE UP DAYS REQUIRED FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER FOR STUDENTS

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The Carson City School District is pleased to announce it meets or exceeds the minimum number of minutes taught per day, and in turn, **students will not be required to make up the days** lost due to a weather-related school cancellation at the end of the school year. The last day of school for students will remain Thursday, June 3, 2021. Teachers and staff, however, must return to school June 4, 7 and 8 to fulfill their contracts and receive professional development.

After reviewing CCSD’s submitted calendar revisions for the 2020-2021 school year, the Nevada Department of Education (NDOE) determined CCSD to be in compliance with [NAC 387.120](#). NDOE formally approved the missed days (Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, September 15, 16 and 18, 2020 as well as Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, January 27, 28 and 29, 2021) and, based upon the annual instructional time, counted them as ‘days in session’ for the calendar school year 2020-2021. Read more here.



## EDUCATORS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR HONORED

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**Tad Williams, Jr.**, fifth grade teacher at Fritsch Elementary School, was honored April 27 as the Carson City School District's **Educator of the Year**. Additionally, **Jillian Shufelt**, Distance Education assistant at Pioneer High School, was recognized as the **Education Support Professional (ESP) Employee of the Year** for the district.

During the school board meeting and annual event, the Carson City School District also recognized **Dan Brown**, principal at Fritsch

Elementary School as the district's **Administrator of the Year**.

Williams and Shufelt were selected from 25 site winners including 11 teachers and 14 ESP employees who were selected from peers and administrators from various sites and schools within the district. The Administrator of the Year was selected from nominations from 27 school administrators. Each candidate endured a series of strenuous



interview questions from a panel of comprehensive

judges. Upon conclusion of those interviews, the panel then made the difficult decision of selecting "one" ESP employee of the year, "one" educator of the year and "one" administrator of the year. To see the [complete list of individual site winners](#), please click here or [view the entire meeting on YouTube](#).



## REMINDER: SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAM EXTENDED THROUGH JUNE 2022

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The Carson City School District's (CCSD) Nutrition Services is pleased to announce the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) plans to provide [free lunch and breakfast for all students 18 and under for the 2021-2022 school year](#) (ending June 2022).

The USDA's national school meal programs have long been a vital source of nutritious meals for students. Families normally need to meet income requirements to qualify for free or reduced breakfasts and lunches. But as schools closed during the pandemic, the USDA eased restrictions so schools could focus on providing meals while keeping families and staff safe. CCSD's Nutrition Services is excited to continue to do this without the hassle of free or reduced applications.





## EMPLOYEES HONORED FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO EDUCATION

Thirty-six employees who have worked a collective 740 years with the Carson City School District will retire this year. The retirees will be recognized at the school board meeting Tuesday, May 25.

“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.

- Joseph Arnote, ESL Teacher, Carson High School, 2001-2021
- Laura Austin, ESL Director, Professional Development Center, 2002-2020
- Susan Bond, Cook/Baker, Empire Elementary School, 2000-2021
- Elizabeth Corda, 1st Grade Teacher, Fremont Elementary School, 1988-2021
- Jennifer Correlli, 1st Grade Teacher, Fritsch Elementary School, 2007-2020
- Denise DiMarzo, Administrative Assistant II, Eagle Valley Middle School, 2000-2021
- Sundee Dobson, Cafeteria Manager, Seeliger Elementary School, 1989-2021
- Laurel Dority, 6th Grade Science Teacher, Carson Middle School, 2005-2021
- Taya Drew, Early Childhood/Special Education Teacher, Student Support Services, 2008-2020
- Ann Fitzgerald, Administrative Assistant I, Fremont Elementary School, 2010-2021
- Deanne Foley, School Nurse – R.N., Student Support Services, 2010-2021
- Tanya Fontes, 5th Grade Teacher, Fritsch Elementary School, 2006-2020
- James Franz, American Government, Psychology and Martial Arts Teacher, Carson High School, 1991-2021
- Shawn Greenberg, Bus Driver, Transportation Department, 1999-2020
- Lisa Hagen, 4th Grade Teacher, Mark Twain Elementary School, 1994-2021
- Carl Hampton, Computer Lab Teacher, Eagle Valley Middle School, 1994-2021
- Lisa Hutchison, Principal, Bordewich Bray Elementary School, 1998-2021
- Elizabeth Isaacs, Speech Language Pathologist, Student Support Services, 1992-2021
- Cecilia Jimenez, Custodian II, Fritsch Elementary School, 1996-2021
- Bonnie Judd, Cook/Baker, Fremont Elementary School, 2009-2021
- Sharon Kind, Special Education Para Professional II, Fremont Elementary School, 2002-2021
- Karen Klug, Special Education Para Professional II, Bordewich Bray Elementary School, 2002-2021
- Cherie Mathis, Counselor, Eagle Valley Middle School, 1991-2021
- Wendy McConnell, Cafeteria Manager – Central Kitchen, Carson High School, 1995-2020 (\*deceased)
- Valentina Midboe, Adaptive Physical Education Teacher, Student Support Services, 2008-2020
- David Mital, Chemistry Teacher, Carson High School, 1989-2021
- Phillip Molleson, Custodian III, Pioneer High School, 2006-2020
- Nancy Pradere, 2nd Grade Teacher, Fritsch Elementary School, 1990-2021
- Tara Purinton, TOSA/Instructional Coach, Fremont Elementary School, 2007-2020
- Shelly Randall, LD/Special Education Teacher, Carson Middle School, 1998-2021
- Christi Schmid, 1st Grade Teacher, Mark Twain Elementary School, 1998-2021
- Margaret “Peggy” Sweetland, TOSA/Special Projects Coordinator, Professional Development Center, 1998-2021
- Wendy Tims, CLS/Special Education Teacher, Carson High School, 2008-2021
- Elaine Torres, Special Education Para Professional II, Fremont Elementary School, 2003-2021
- Ruby Tun, 6th and 7th Grade Science Teacher, Eagle Valley Middle School, 2005-2021
- Chelsea White, Speech Language Pathologist, Mark Twain Elementary School, 1998-2021

## THREE TEACHERS EARNED NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATIONS



We are celebrating three new National Board Certified Teachers (NBCT) from the [National Board of Professional Teaching Standards](#) (NBPTS). The teachers recognized earning certification are **Katheryn Brown**, Special Education teacher at Bordewich Bray Elementary School, **Alyssa Jensen**, Second/Third Grade GATE teacher at Mark Twain Elementary School, and **Jennifer Palmer**, Special Education teacher at Eagle Valley Middle School.

Brown, Jensen and Palmer join **16 other board certified teachers** in the district: **Patricia Ababio**, Graphic Arts teacher in the Career and Technical Education (CTE) program at Carson High School; **Christina Bourne**, Music teacher at Mark Twain Elementary School; **Lacey Carey**, Literacy Specialist ELA at Fritsch Elementary School; **Jenny Chandler**, Social Studies

teacher and department chair at Carson High School; **Rachel Croft**, Fourth Grade teacher at Bordewich Bray Elementary; **Debra Crozier**, Second Grade teacher at Mark Twain Elementary School; **Jessica Daniels**, Principal of Carson Montessori School; **Leah Hampton**, Math teacher at Carson High School; **Jeff Hendricks**, Special Education teacher with Student Support Services; **Rhonda Holloway**, English teacher at Carson Middle School; **Amy Jensen**, Fifth Grade teacher and GATE coordinator at Bordewich Bray Elementary; **Nicolas Jacques**, Music and Band teacher at Carson High School; **Joanna Kaiser**, GATE Implementation Specialist; **Molly Martin**, First Grade teacher at Mark Twain Elementary School; **Nicole Medeiros**, Second Grade teacher at Bordewich Bray Elementary and **Pamela Shank**, Fourth/Fifth Grade teacher at Fremont Elementary. [Read more](#) here.

## MUCH-OVERDUE CELEBRATION FOR NICK JACQUES

Superintendent of Public Instruction, Jhone Ebert, visited Carson High School and presented Nick Jacques with the Milken Educator Award obelisk on Wednesday, May 12. This much-overdue celebration follows the [October 2019 school assembly](#) where [Mr. Jacques was surprised](#) with the [Milken Educator Award and a \\$25,000](#) award check.



Often called the "Oscars of teaching," the Milken Educator Award has become a national symbol of the crucial role those outstanding educators play in strengthening the skills, knowledge, and experiences of students in our schools.



Mr. Jacques is the Director of Bands at Carson High School and is in his 10th year of teaching overall. Mr. Jacques earned his National Board Certification in 2018, was recognized as Carson City School District's Teacher of the Year in 2019, and a finalist for Nevada's Teacher of the Year also in 2019.



## MOTHER-DAUGHTER PAIRS TEACH, REACH TOGETHER

[As seen in the Nevada Appeal...](#) Mother's Day was a little more low-key this year coming out of the pandemic, but the celebration was no less special for at least four Carson City moms and daughters working daily to help students succeed.

The following four duos affirmed the value of having close family members in the Carson City School District with similar interests as teachers or education support professionals in previous capacities as they've completed their college degrees, pursued their Nevada exams, National Board Certifications or acquired their Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) or other licenses, bounced ideas off each other for the classroom to help their students or simply have been there for each other in life and to celebrate Mother's Day in traditional ways – or not – by choice. [Read the full article here.](#)

Our most sincere apologies for missing Ms. Snelling and Ms. Ashbaugh-Lorett in the article. We worked diligently with our Human Resources Department to help identify these unique teaching relationships within the district, and we regret that we missed these two. Initially, HR only identified two mother-daughter pairs. Only when we began doing interviews did we later learn of two additional pairs. So sorry to miss another great teaching duo. Please know, these two teachers are just as appreciated as the other four pairs featured in the article. Happy belated Mother's Day.



## UNIMAGINABLE IVY LEAGUE DREAM FOR CRISTIAN GARCIA PEREZ

Carson High School Senior Cristian Garcia Perez never believed that he would leave Carson City in order to attend an Ivy League university. However, this August he will be headed to Hanover, New Hampshire where he [will be attending Dartmouth College](#) with a scholarship covering nearly all tuition and expenses. This year, Dartmouth's acceptance rate was only 6%, making it one of the most competitive schools in the nation.



It is uncommon for a [Carson City student to be accepted at an Ivy League school](#), let

alone be granted a large scholarship to do so. He has also received offers at many other top universities including: University of Southern California, University of Pennsylvania (5% acceptance rate), Cornell, Carleton, Vanderbilt, Duke (4% acceptance rate) and several others.

"I went from last year, planning on heading to Western Nevada College or maybe even just straight to work, to accomplishing all of this," Cristian, an Advance Placement (AP) student with a GPA of 5.1, said. "It's honestly really emotional because I always felt like I was just a mediocre kid, but this has changed my entire perspective." [Read the full story here.](#)

## #WHYTEACHCARSON VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS TEACHING IN A PANDEMIC

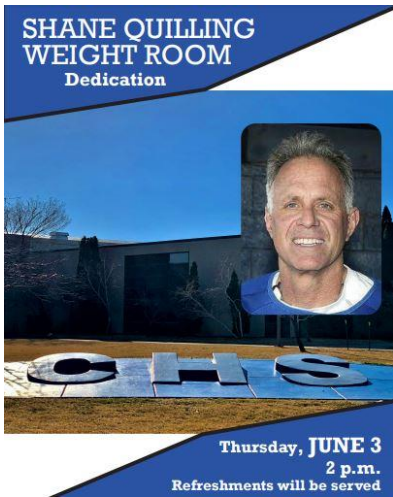
The Carson City School District recently added a [new video](#) to a playlist at [CarsonCitySchools.com](#) that highlights how incredible the teaching profession is, as well as the many challenges faced and rewards that come from being an educator.

#WhyI Teach Carson is a visual concept that features the reasons and motivations behind teaching and provides insight into the craft of education. **Alyssa Jensen**, a third grade teacher at Mark Twain Elementary School, is the fifth teacher to be featured from the school district.



This specific video discusses some of the challenges associated with teaching in a pandemic and how eager and "hungry" students are to physically be in school and learn with their friends and from their teacher(s). Ms. Jensen also talks about her experience being a product of the Carson City School District and which teacher helped influence her desires to make a career in teaching. Please click here to [view the video](#).





## SHANE QUILLING WEIGHT ROOM DEDICATION

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Carson High School will be renaming its weight room in honor of the late, long-time CHS teacher and coach, Shane Quilling. The dedication will be held Thursday, June 3, at 2 p.m., outside in the area between the weight room back exit/entrance and the team/player entrance to the football field.

Quilling taught and coached at Carson High for more than 18 years. He served as head coach of the Carson High Senators Varsity Football Team for 7 years before stepping down in 2007. He also coached Track and Field and Softball. Along with his coaching career, Quilling taught various P.E. and Health classes.

## FULL-TIME ONLINE LEARNING OFFERED ONLY THROUGH PIONEER ACADEMY

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For the coming 2021-2022 school year, the Carson City School District (CCSD) is shifting all full-time online education for elementary, middle and high school students to one consolidated site: [Pioneer Academy](#) (grades 1-12). Pioneer Academy will replace all individual school site remote learning models the district created at the start of the 2020-2021 school year amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.



Because these shifts in practice have in essence created an entirely new school, the district is requiring all families who wish to continue with (or enroll in) full-time online learning to **complete and submit applications** for acceptance into Pioneer Academy. Pioneer Academy has a limited number of spaces available for all three levels (elementary, middle, and high). Approved applications will go onto a first-come, first-served waiting list. [Click here for additional details](#) and student and family expectations.

## DISTRICT OFFICE EXPANSION AND REMODEL JUNE 7 THROUGH NOVEMBER

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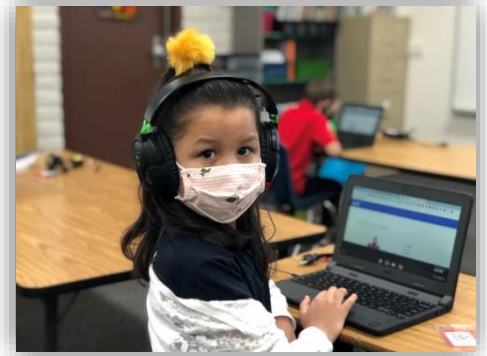


Effective Monday, June 7, the Carson City School District office building will undergo an expansion and remodel. The majority of the staff will be temporarily relocated until November 2021 while construction ensues. During the remodel, those needing to visit Human Resources should check-in at the district office from the east entrance through Fiscal Services. Employees of Educational Services and the Office of the Superintendent will be relocated to the Professional Development Center (PDC) at 604 West Musser Street. Neither the Department of Information Technology nor Fiscal Services will be affected by the construction. Please call 775-283-2000 before visiting to ensure the correct location of your intended destination.

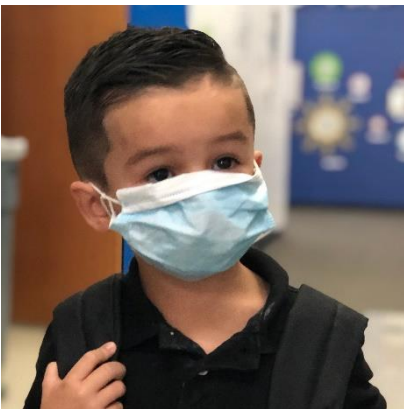


## PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION AND ANNUAL UPDATES

Online registration, annual updates and elective class selections are underway in the Carson City School District. The annual update is an online process that allows families to verify and submit yearly required information such as current home address, contact information and emergency contacts, which are necessary in order for district administrators and teachers to contact parents or families. This online process eliminates the forms and paperwork that used to be required for annual registration.



Using the online [Infinite Campus Parent Portal registration tool](#), parents and families can easily update student information from any device. With each new school year, the district requires that every student's demographic information including phone numbers, (home, work and cell) and emergency contacts are up-to-date and accurate. The district also needs this information updated each year to allow students to attend field trips, have their photo taken, update medical records, use district technologies, etc. Students will not receive a Chromebook unless the online updates have been completed. Additionally, students that do not have updates submitted prior to the first day of school cannot be guaranteed their choice of classes including electives. [Please click here](#) for a complete list of directions and other necessary links and helpful information.



### DOES YOUR CHILD QUALIFY FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN?

Pre-K registration began April 6 at all elementary schools in the Carson City School District. Children who will be **4-years-old by September 30, 2021** may [submit their application](#) for the district's [Pre-Kindergarten program](#) for the 2021-2022 school year, 775-283-2350. **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:

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. **Birth certificate.**
3. **Immunization records** (including Hepatitis A & B, DTAP, MMR, IPV & Varicella). Please contact your physician to ensure compliancy.
4. Proof of **residency in Carson City** (Utility bill, Mortgage or Rental papers, Voter Registration, etc.).
5. [Annual Student Health Update](#): Parents/Guardians are responsible for notifying the school if there is a new or existing health condition. This helps ensure your child receives safe and appropriate care at school. Please take the time to fill out the Annual Student Health Update form or [in Spanish here](#).

### 2021 U.S. Household Poverty Guidelines:

Family Size	Annual Income
1	\$25,600
2	\$34,840
3	\$43,920
4	\$53,000
5	\$62,080
6	\$71,160
7	\$80,240
8	\$89,320
9	\$98,400
10	\$107,480

## 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.

May 25 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Center, Bob Boldrick Theater
May 28-31 (Fri. – Mon.)	<b>Memorial Day Weekend (School Holiday)</b>
June 2 (Wednesday)	<b>Minimum Day</b> , Carson High School, dismiss at 11:40 a.m.
June 2 (Wednesday)	<b>Minimum Day</b> , Pioneer High School, dismiss at 11:30 a.m.
June 2 (Wednesday)	<b>Minimum Day</b> , Carson Middle School, dismiss at 12:00 noon
June 2 (Wednesday)	<b>Minimum Day</b> , Eagle Valley Middle School, dismiss at 12:00 noon
June 2 (Wednesday)	<b>Pioneer High School In-person Graduation</b> , with a drive-through, 6 p.m., at PHS
June 3 (Thursday)	<b>Minimum Day, Last Day of School</b> , elementary schools dismiss at 12:40, see above for secondary schools
June 3 (Thursday)	Shane Quilling <b>Weight Room Dedication</b> , 2 p.m., at Carson High School
June 4 (Friday)	Designated make-up day for staff for weather-related closures
June 4 (Friday)	<b>Carson Middle School 8th Grade Drive-through Promotion</b> , 10 a.m., at CMS
June 4 (Friday)	<b>Eagle Valley Middle School Drive-through 8th Grade Promotion</b> , 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at EVMS
June 5 (Saturday)	<b>Carson High School In-person Graduation</b> , 9 a.m., at CHS Football Field, (masks required)
June 7 (Mon.) – Nov.	District Office construction begins, several staff members relocated
June 7 (Monday)	Designated make-up day for staff for weather-related closures
June 8 (Tuesday)	Designated make-up day for staff for weather-related closures
June 8 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Center, Robert Crowell Board Room
June 9-30 (Wed.-Wed.)	<b>Summer School, Credit Recovery</b>
June 22 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Center, Robert Crowell Board Room
July 13 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Center, Robert Crowell Board Room
July 27 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Center, Robert Crowell Board Room
August 10 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Center, Robert Crowell Board Room
August 16 (Monday)	<b>First Day of School</b>
August 24 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Center, Robert Crowell Board Room

## FOUNDATION SUPPORTS WNC JUMP START, SEEKS DONATIONS

The [Carson City Schools Foundation](#), in support of the Carson City School District, seeks community donors to match its efforts to 'Sponsor a Student' for the [Western Nevada College](#) (WNC) Jump Start College program. From now through June 30, 2021, the foundation is supporting and will match community sponsorships up to \$6,250 to help make up the cost of textbooks and materials for the up-coming school year.



To make a contribution to help 'Sponsor a Student' for the Jump Start College program, please [click here](#). For more information about the Carson City School's Foundation, visit [ccschoolsfoundation.org](https://ccschoolsfoundation.org). you may also donate by sending a check to the Carson City Schools Foundation at P.O. Box 92, Carson City, Nevada 89702. [More information is available here](#).

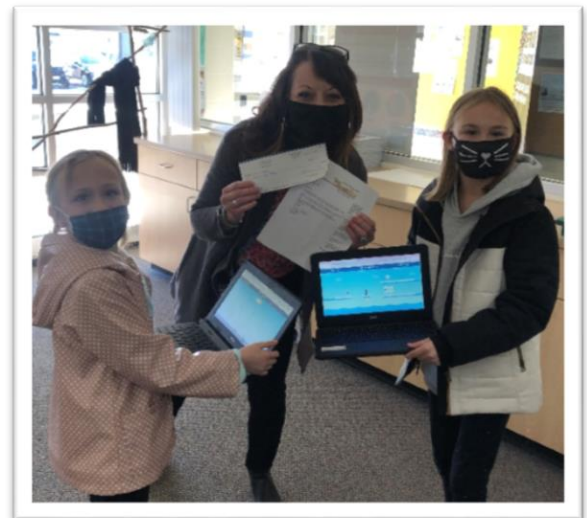
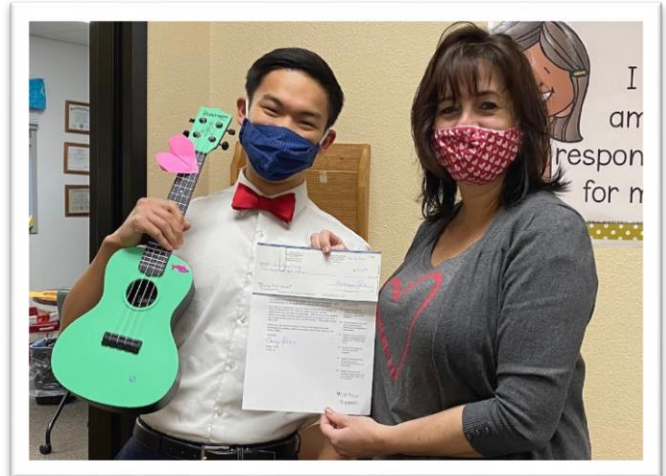


## FOUNDATION AWARDS MINI GRANTS TO SUPPORT STUDENTS, EDUCATORS

Each semester, the [Carson City Schools Foundation](#) (CCSF), gives back to educators and students alike. In February, 2021, the foundation announced the latest winners for its popular \$200 Mini Grants, which supports teachers and staff with funding for creative, educational projects traditional funding sources may not reach.

The Spring 2021 \$200 mini-grant winners include the following alphabetically by school:

- **Candi Ruf**, Carson High School: To support participation of community partners and students in the upcoming virtual Career Fair
- **Anne Marie Aydelott**, Carson Middle School: Purchasing Turing Tumbles and puzzle books to support problem solving and general interest in math/computer science
- **Kiersten Piekarz**, Carson Middle School: Implement a school-wide 12-week tiered reading incentive program
- **Joshlyn Jensen**, Empire Elementary School: Adding flexible seating to her classroom
- **Camilla Jorst**, Empire Elementary School: To support the upcoming "Week of Kindness" by implementing "Watch Kindness Grow" a school-wide planting and read-aloud activity
- **Laura Ricks**, Empire Elementary School: To purchase books for a teacher book club
- **Susan Squires**, Empire Elementary School: Building a sensory path on the playground
- **Jonathan Chang**, Fremont Elementary School: To purchase ukuleles for the school's music program
- **Gina Hoppe**, Fritsch Elementary School: Increase math performance by incentivizing students to utilize ST Math
- **Beth Jones & Adrienne Turner**, Mark Twain Elementary School: Creating a painted bike bath for Pre-K students
- **Jackie Smith**, Seeliger Elementary School: To provide nutritious snacks for an after-school program for English Learners



CCSF is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting community involvement and investment in the public schools of Carson City. This project is one of the many results of "[Empower Carson City 2022](#)" Strategic Plan – a five-year strategic plan for extraordinary schools built by the community of Carson City.

## WALK OR BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY



Thanks to all who participated in Fritsch Elementary School's Nevada Moves Day observance Wednesday, May 12. Mr. Brown and Ms. Hoppe met several students at the John Mankins Park in Silver Oak at 7:45am and started the walk and bike to school caravan.

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.



## 'SPONSOR A CAREGIVER' FUNDRAISER HELPS STUDENTS LEARN COMPASSION



Care and compassion: taught in the classroom, practiced inside and out. Students at Mark Twain Elementary School answered the call to help Carson Tahoe Health raise money for their 'Sponsor A Caregiver' fundraiser (helping supply 1,000 staff members with N95 Envo masks). The school even turned it into a classroom competition to see which class could raise the most funds! Way to go Mark Twain Elementary!

## PRINCIPALS GET SLIMED, DANCE, BRING BALLOONS FOR READING, TESTING

Reading week and testing weeks are exciting times at elementary schools and often include special events like visits from hot air balloons or exciting dress-up days. Kudos to all the principals, vice principals and teachers and staff who either danced for or were slimed by students who surpassed reading goals during National Reading Week or who reached their MAP test Growth Targets.

Whether it was a jaw-dropping, foot-stomping dance competition that generated jeers and cheers from students or a dousing of a sticky and ooey-goey concoction created of vanilla pudding and apple sauce with green or pink food coloring, all were great sports in celebrating with students who met their reading and testing goals.





## VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR HELPS STUDENTS EXPLORE PROFESSIONAL OPTIONS



The Carson City School District's Work-based Learning Department hosted a [Virtual Career Fair](#), via Zoom and other virtual platforms, Monday, March 22. The virtual meeting(s) consisted of six, 20-min. sessions, where a dozen or more business and college professionals (each session) shared expertise and career pathway options.

The event was designed to provide Carson High, Pioneer

High, Carson Middle, Eagle Valley Middle School students and soon-to-be high school graduates with job and career exploration opportunities. It also helped students connect what they have been learning in the classroom to 'Real World' work. [Click here to watch](#) the recordings from various presenters.

## 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.



### Carson High School Names Prom King and Queen

Posted on 05/16/2021

Congrats to Kassandra Medina-Torres and Izayah Pando, Carson High's Prom Queen and King. And congrats to Giselle Rodiles Saldana and William Escalante, CHS's Friendship Queen and King. Prom Queen Candidates included Brayer Fancher, Cady Garrett, Rosalind Macy, Kassandra Medina-Torres, Ashley Pacheco and Lilly Roman. Prom King Candidates included Cash Farnworth, Kalin Gordon, Jeremy Heaton, Kobe Morgan, Izayah Pando and Michael Roman. Friendship Queen Candidates also included Kaitlyn Grime and Mikayla Portch. [READ MORE...](#)



### Superintendent's Letter: Teacher Appreciation Week

Posted on 05/07/2021

I want to let you know of my appreciation for all of our staff members and the extraordinary efforts you have accomplished this year. Everyone has adapted his or her assignments this year within the requirements associated with the pandemic and it has required no small effort. [READ MORE...](#)



### **Pinewood Derby Gives CHS Engineering Students Hands-on Experience**

Posted on 05/05/2021

Carson High School Career and Technical Education (CTE) students received hands-on experience last month when they created and raced their own pinewood derby cars. The experience was more sophisticated than a typical Cub Scout contest because the architectural and civil engineering students had to first create the car design using the computer-aided design (CAD) software, Autodesk. Then they used power tools to build their car from a block of wood to fit the specifications of their CAD results. [READ MORE...](#)



### **School Program Provides Shoes to Needy Students in Transition**

Posted on 04/27/2021

Carson City School District's McKinney-Vento Students in Transition 'Step Into Spring' program provided 219 pairs of new shoes with pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade students in transition this past April. Students in Transition are those individuals who lack a fixed, regular or adequate nighttime residence. [READ MORE...](#)



### **Earth Day STEM Focused Site-wide Cleanup at Empire Elementary**

Posted on 04/22/2021

In celebration of Earth Day and Earth Week, and in partnership with Envirolution, Empire Elementary School hosted a STEM focused site-wide cleanup focused on reducing the use of single-use plastic bags. Students also wrote letters to local stores and city government officials. [SEE MORE PHOTOS...](#)



### **State Superintendent Visits Pioneer High School in Carson City**

Posted on 04/20/2021

Eleanor Roosevelt said, "A good leader inspires people to have confidence in the leader. A great leader inspires people to have confidence in themselves." Jhone Ebert, Nevada's state superintendent of public instruction, exhibited the traits of a great leader during her April 16 visit to Carson City School District's Pioneer High School. [READ MORE...](#)



### **School District Honors School Librarians in National Observance**

Posted on 04/13/2021

The district was pleased to honor school librarians during National School Library Month in April. The theme for this year's National School Library Month was "Everyone Belongs," which promoted the idea of inclusion and accessibility of resources that foster a sense of belonging and community through learning, discovery and exploration. [READ MORE...](#)



### **School District Serves More Than 500,000 Meals During COVID-19**

Posted on 03/29/2021

The past 12 months have arguably been some of the most tumultuous for students and their families, but the one thing they haven't had to worry about as their lives turned upside down, was where their next meal would come from. [READ MORE...](#)





### **Bullseye! Fritsch Elementary School’s Archery Team Wins State**

Posted on 03/25/2021

The Fritsch Elementary School Archery Team earned the highest marks for an elementary school in the Nevada State Archery Competition for the 2020-2021 season. The achievement brought the State Title, trophy and honor home to Carson City for the first time in program history. [READ MORE...](#)



### **Greater Nevada Credit Union Partners with Foundation, Delivers Donuts**

Posted on 03/15/2021

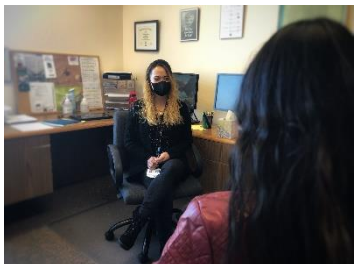
Many thanks to the Carson City Schools Foundation and their partnership with Greater Nevada Credit Union. Together, they delivered Dutch Bros Coffee and Doughboys Donuts to all our teachers and staff within the Carson City School District. [SEE MORE PHOTOS...](#)



### **CHS Students Design Book Cover(s), Earn Contracts with Publisher**

Posted on 03/11/2021

Carson City School District was pleased to announce Carson High School Seniors Jaden Anderson, 17, and Damien King, 18, both earned contracts with the Three Ravens Publishing Company for their graphic design work in creating winning designs for a new epic fantasy novel, “The Raven and the Crow: Dark Storm Rising,” written by Michael K. Falciani, the pen name of Mr. Kinkade DeJoseph, a teacher at Bordewich Bray Elementary School. [READ MORE...](#)



### **School District Honors School Social Workers in National Observance**

Posted on 03/08/2021

We honored 13 school social workers during National School Social Work Week, March 7-13. Sponsored by the School Social Work Association of America, the week helped highlight the impact school social workers have in addressing students’ social, emotional and mental health needs, especially during the past year in the COVID-19 pandemic. [READ MORE...](#)



### **Students Celebrate 10 Years of Digital Learning Days**

Posted on 02/22/2021

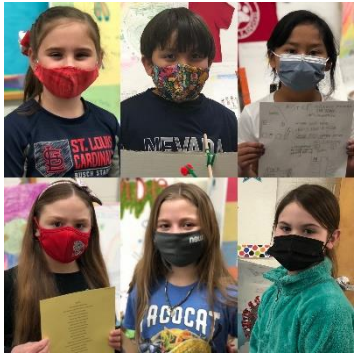
In celebration of National Digital Learning Day, Feb. 25, students advocated for the state’s continued support of technology in schools across the state. In particular, students with the Carson High School orienteering class spent some time to learn the Catching Features software that enabled them to navigate virtually as well as physically over land. [READ MORE...](#)



### **Raspberry-filled Churros Help Spread the Love for Valentine’s Day**

Posted on 02/12/2021

Although more traditionally known for his signature bow and arrow, Cupid donned a chef’s hat February 12 in Carson City. Food and Nutrition workers cooked up some Valentine’s Day love for students in the Carson City School District. Understanding holidays had been anything but normal the past 11 months, employees at the school district went out of their way to share proverbial “Hugs and Kisses” with the young romantics. [READ MORE...](#)



### Fritsch Elementary “Reflects” on how COVID has Changed Lives

Posted on 02/08/2021

The Carson City School District and Fritsch Elementary School recognized several grade-school-aged students (a winner from each grade) who competed in the “2021 Reflections Contest” to celebrate the schools 100th day of school as well as how students continue to triumph and endure through changes imposed by COVID-19. With the 3rd-5th graders coming back to school full-time January 19, Principal Dan Brown and Vice Principal Gina Hoppe decided the contest would be a fun, reflective way to welcome back all students to school. [READ MORE...](#)



### Carson High Announces 2021 Winterfest King and Queen

Posted on 02/05/2021

Carson High School named Will Breeding and Serena Dantzler as the 2021 Winterfest King and Queen. Additionally, Wesley Dunkin and Reese MacKenzie were named the 11th grade Winterfest Prince and Princess, Trevor Britt and Anika Corder were named the 10th grade Winterfest Prince and Princess, David Stoffer and Corinne Ternau were named the 9th grade Winterfest Prince and Princess. Congratulations to all those involved and named as candidates.

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### School District Honors Counselors for National School Counseling Week

Posted on 02/01/2021

We honored school counselors during National School Counseling Week, Feb. 1-5, 2021. Sponsored by the American School Counselor Association, the week helped focus attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems and how students are different as a result of what school counselors do. [READ MORE...](#)

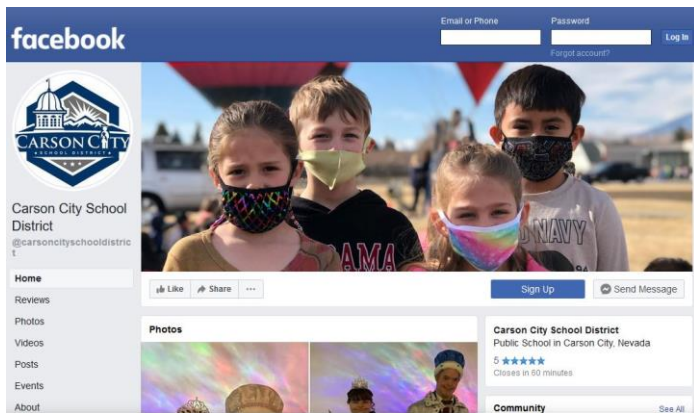
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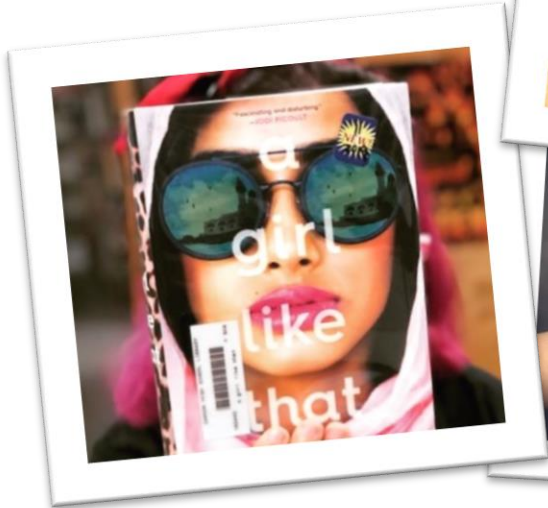
The pages aim to engage the community about local, state and national education news/topics, report from live board of education meetings and other district meetings and events and post student and staff pictures and achievements.



## 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](mailto: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.

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