



# SLO Newsday

Happy Holidays



School Liaison Officer Newsletter for Nellis AFB, Creech AFB, and Nevada Test and Training Range Communities

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## News You Can Use

### The Exceptional Family Member Program-Family Support (EFMP-FS)



Coordinator is hosting a **Create-a-Book Social** 5:30-7pm Friday, Dec. 2 at the Airman & Family Readiness Center (A&FRC). This is a chance for EFMP

families to write and to draw their family holiday stories and to share them with others. Call the A&FRC at (702) 652-3327 to register.

**The US Air Force Academy (USAFA) Summer Seminar application process opens Dec. 1-Feb. 29.** Beginning January, admissions are on a rolling basis, so apply early. The Summer Seminar represents a unique opportunity for students to get a realistic idea of what it means to attend USAFA. Attendees are exposed to more than 30 workshops, while they stay in dorms and work with cadets and faculty. For more information email [usafa\\_summer\\_seminar@usafa.edu](mailto:usafa_summer_seminar@usafa.edu) or [Major.Jennifer.Morrison](mailto:Major.Jennifer.Morrison). A YouTube video is available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bsm2jPvBrk8>.

**The Clark County School District's (CCSD) Magnet School and Career & Technical Academy (CTA) application process is now open until Feb. 6 and available online.** CCSD is hosting a Parent Information Night 6-8pm Tuesday, Dec. 6 at [Rogich Middle School](#) located at 235 Pavilion Center Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89144.

**Federal Impact Aid Survey should be completed by families associated with Nellis, Creech, and NTTR who have an enrolled or recently enrolled children in public school.** Once completed -- especially name and rank -- parents should mail it to the address listed on the form or deliver it to the school. Families have from now until Jan. 31 to submit the survey. Anyone who fails to receive the survey should select the Federal Impact Aid icon above to access a copy found the SLO homepage or visit the A&FRC to obtain a hard copy.



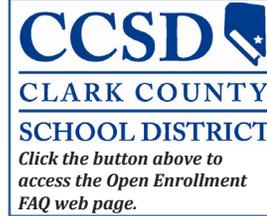
## CCSD Again Offers 'Limited' Open Enrollment

Clark County School District (CCSD) again is offering **open enrollment** to all students and their families interested in *selected schools with open seats outside their attendance zone during the 2012-2013 academic year.* This is the second consecutive year CCSD

has offered this initiative, which does not apply to all schools, but only those posted on the district's website at <http://ccsd.net/open>. The website also has maps detailing how many seats are available at each school. **Interest forms must be submitted online and will be accepted through Jan. 6.** Interested families without Internet access who wish to view the document or to submit an interest form are encouraged to visit A&FRC, Nellis AFB library, or their neighborhood school where a computer will be available for their use.

Of the schools zoned for students living at Nellis Air Force Base, [Carroll M. Johnston Middle School](#), and [Mojave High School](#) are among the selected schools listed with 96 and 439 open seats, respectively. [Lomie G. Heard Elementary School](#) is not among the selected schools.

Parents/guardians can select no more than three schools from the list of elementary,



middle, and high schools rank ordering their choices from first to third. If there are more requests to attend a specific school than there are seats available, then a lottery will be used to place students randomly. Applicants who fail to secure their first choice will be considered for their second or third. CCSD received more than 1,200 interest forms during the 2010-2011 academic year for this year, with all but 18 being matched to attend either their first or second choice.

Once a parent accepts the new school, it becomes the neighborhood school for the student from the grade they enter until the terminal grade. So, if a parent uses open enrollment to move their ninth grade student to another school, the child would be allowed to stay at that school through grade 12 without forced reapplication every year as with zone variances. But like zone variances, students also must find their own transportation to and from school.

Anyone interested in learning more about open enrollment should peruse the frequently asked questions (FAQ) sheet available by selecting the CCSD logo above or call CCSD Communications Office at (702) 799-5304.

## Vice Commander Becomes 'Principal for a Day'



**Col. Carol Yannarella**, vice commander of the 99 Air Base Wing, listens to first grader **Quentin Crane** during her stint as "Principal for a Day" at Lomie G. Heard Elementary School Nov. 15. Sponsored by the Clark County School District School-Community Partnership Program, the event provides opportunities for community leaders to "shadow" CCSD principals and learn firsthand the rewards and challenges of educating local public school students. Yannarella and Lomie G. Heard Principal **Traci Dyer** are scheduled to reconvene with other Principal for a Day participants at the Northwest Career & Technical Academy Dec. 6 to discuss challenges and strengths of the local education system and future collaboration opportunities.



Yannarella reciprocated the job shadow experience Nov. 21, allowing Dyer (right) to accompany her as she fulfilled her daily duties around Nellis AFB, including welcoming some military members after their return from deployment.



Lomie Heard School Counselor **Terry Colletto** (far left) recounts a story while Yannarella and Dyer listen.



## Nevada Prepaid Tuition Open Enrollment Runs Until Feb. 28

Open Enrollment for Nevada's Prepaid Tuition Program runs from **Dec. 1 to Feb. 28**. The Prepaid Tuition Program enables Nevada parents, grandparents, and family friends to lock in future college tuition rates at today's prices saving thousands of dollars in future costs due to tuition increases.

Parents can pay a lump sum, spread the payment out over five years with 60 equal payments, or pay each month from the time of enrollment until the child is ready to start college. **The program is also fully transferable to private or public out-of-state colleges and universities.** A new component of the program for this year is a gift option that can be used by other family members and friends to give the gift of a college education.

Since the inception of the Nevada Prepaid College Tuition's program more a decade ago, more than 14,000 Nevada children have enrolled in the Nevada Prepaid Tuition program saving their families hundreds of thousands of dollars, according to Nevada Office of the State Treasurer.

For more information on the Nevada Prepaid Tuition Program, other college savings programs, or the millennium scholarship, go to <https://nevadatreasurer.gov/index.htm> or call (702) 486-2025 or (888) 477-2667. (The above article was provided by the Nevada Office of the State Treasurer).

### PREPAID TUITION PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

- **Lock-in the cost of future higher education tuition costs for Nevada colleges and universities at today's rates.**
- **Program earnings are free from federal taxes if the benefits are used to pay for the cost of future college credit hours.**
- **Flexibility and portability: a variety of plan and payment options, including monthly payments up and until the date the beneficiary graduates from high school.**
- **Contract can also be used to pay tuition costs at out-of-state eligible public or private colleges and universities.**
- **Contracts may be canceled at any time and a refund issued, minus a \$100 administrative fee.**
- **Open enrollment is Dec. 1- Feb. 28. For newborns, the deadline is June 30.**

Information about other college savings programs, such as the USAA College Savings Plan, visit [https://nevadatreasurer.gov/Documents/CollegeSavings/2010\\_CSP\\_Brochure.pdf](https://nevadatreasurer.gov/Documents/CollegeSavings/2010_CSP_Brochure.pdf)

## HOT TOPICS

**CCSD SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS:** Clark County School District Board of Trustees have scheduled work sessions and school board meetings on the following days and times:

- **Work Session** Dec. 7 9am
- **Board Meeting** Dec. 8 4pm

Work sessions and regular board meetings are held at the Edward Greer Education Building located at 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89121. For more information visit School Board of Trustees [website](#).

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** For more scholarship information, visit <http://cpd.ccsd.net/guidance/guidance.html>.

- **Most Valuable Student Scholarship**  
**Amount:** Up to \$1,000  
**Eligibility:** Physically challenged CCSD HS Seniors planning to attend an accredited university or vocational school  
**Deadline:** Dec. 2  
**Website:** [www.elks.org/emf/scholars](http://www.elks.org/emf/scholars)
- **Hispanic Scholarship Fund (National)**  
**Amount:** Varies  
**Eligibility:** Graduating high school seniors of Hispanic heritage with plans to attend a two-year or four-year institution. Must have at least a 3.0 GPA on 4.0 scale (or equivalent)  
**Deadline:** Dec. 15  
**Website:** <http://www.hsf.net>
- **Ron Brown Scholar Program (National)**  
**Amount:** 10 - \$10,000 (for four years)  
**Eligibility:** African-American high school seniors who excel academically, exhibit leadership, serve the community, and demonstrate financial need  
**Deadline:** Jan. 9  
**Website:** <http://www.ronbrown.org/Apply/EligibilityRequirements.aspx>
- **Gates Millennium Scholars (National)**  
**Amount:** TBD  
**Eligibility:** Senior, African-American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific American, or Hispanic American. Minimum Unweighted 3.3 GPA.  
**Deadline:** Jan. 11  
**Website:** [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org)

**TUTOR.COM:** Tutor.com is free for military families and available online 24/7. Any military member or his or her dependent interested in taking advantage of this free service should visit [www.tutor.com/military](http://www.tutor.com/military).



**NELLIS YOUTH CENTER TUTORING:** The award-winning Nellis AFB Youth Center offers free tutoring **Tuesday through Thursday** from 3-6pm for grades 1-12. Call (702) 652-9307.

## Students Experience 'Frenzy' of Aviation Nation



More than 500 public, charter and home school students, teachers, and parents participated in Nellis AFB's Annual Aviation Nation Flightline Frenzy Nov. 11. Attendees listened to speakers, which included a NASA astronaut, Thunderbird pilot, and Miss Nevada Teen USA. Students, escorted by Company Grade officers Council volunteers, toured static displays along the flightline after presentations.