



# CARSON CITY

## School District

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### A NOTE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT



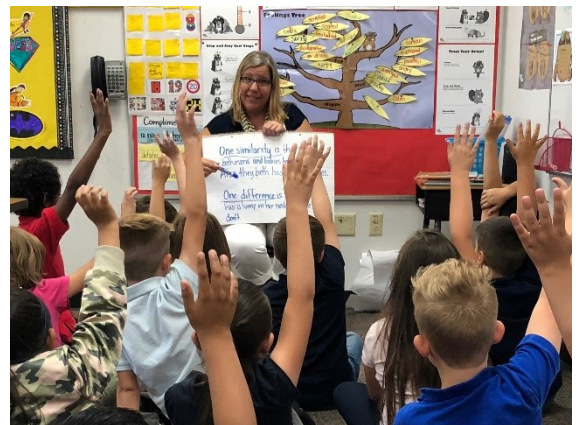
I hope everyone will take some time to be with family, friends and loved ones this holiday season. As we move into the second half of the school year, we have plenty to celebrate. Our students and staff are receiving well-deserved accolades for their achievements in academics, arts and other extra-curricular activities.

I believe all students can learn and excel. As Superintendent, I appreciate working with talented individuals who are committed to success for all of our students. I also appreciate all of your efforts to make sure your students are in school every day ready to learn and to make education a priority at home. It is a team effort between schools and families to assure the best of opportunities and greatest success for our children. I wish you all a very happy holiday season.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Feuling  
Superintendent, Carson City School District

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS, INCREASES STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

What has the most impact on student achievement? Teacher effectiveness will arguably remain the strongest school-related determinant of student success, but [chronic student absenteeism](#) reduces even the best teacher's ability to provide learning opportunities. In short, if a student is not present, not even the best educators can teach them. Therefore, students who attend school regularly will be more successful and achieve at higher levels than students who do not have consistent attendance or are tardy frequently.



“School attendance has shown to be a key indicator significantly correlated with high school graduation,” said Ricky Medina, Ph.D., director of accountability and assessment for the Carson City School District. “The effects of lost school days build up one absence at a time with individual students. The best way to counteract that is to build up regular attendance, one day at a time and to help parents and families unify with schools and understand the importance and overall impact of missing school.” [Read more here.](#)



## NASB RECOGNIZES EXCEPTIONAL EMPLOYEES, COMMUNITY PARTNERS



The Nevada Association of School Boards (NASB) honored exceptional employees of Carson City School District and Carson City community partners with four prestigious awards at its annual conference and awards banquet Nov. 11-12, 2022. District officials took time to recognize each individual winner and introduce them to trustees at the School Board meeting, Dec. 13, 2022.

Carson Middle School Technology Teacher **Rob Hostler** was honored as the NASB 2022 Innovative Educator of the Year, Fremont Elementary School Principal **Dr. Jennifer Ward** was honored as the NASB 2022 Administrator of the Year, **EagleMark Savings Bank – Harley Davidson** was honored as the NASB 2022 Individual Friend of K-12 Education and Nevada Appeal Education Reporter **Jessica Garcia** was honored with the NASB 2022 Media Award for Outstanding Education Reporting.

Once a year, NASB recognizes the achievements and contributions of school boards, school trustees, teachers, administrators, educational advocates and others from across the state of Nevada. **There are more than 20,000 educators who teach approximately 486,682 students from more than 763 schools in the state of Nevada.** To be singled out and recognized among these ranks, truly is an honor. [Read more on each individual winner.](#)



## OUTGOING TRUSTEES HONORED FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO EDUCATION



Superintendent Andrew Feuling and School Board President Richard Varner took time to honor Carson City School Board Trustees Stacie Wilke-McCulloch and Don Carine at the Dec. 13 school board meeting. Carine and Wilke-McCulloch were acknowledged for their dedication to education and the children of the Carson City School District.

Carine served a total of six years on the board after being appointed to the position in 2016. He elected to not run again when his term ended this year. Wilke-McCulloch, served multiple terms spanning multiple years, this being her final year before being termed out of the position.

We welcome **Matt Clapham**, who will take the District 3 seat being vacated by Stacie Wilke-McCulloch and **Molly Walt**, [who was elected](#) to take the District 6 seat vacated by Don Carine. Richard Varner and Lupe Ramirez were also re-elected to their positions of District 4 and District 1, respectively.

## EVMS ROBOTICS TEAMS EARN PERFORMANCE AND BREAKTHROUGH AWARDS

The after-school robotics program at Eagle Valley Middle School (EVMS) was recently recognized for earning the **Robot Performance Award** and the **Breakthrough Award** at the FIRST LEGO League Qualifier at Trainer Middle School in Reno earlier this month. Three robotics teams had an opportunity to showcase their skill and talent in a friendly competition against 22 other teams from middle schools across northern Nevada Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022. They were judged in four categories: The Robot Game, Core Values, Innovation Project and Gracious Professionalism.



EVMS's Robotics Team 1 earned an outstanding 250 points in the Robot Game and took home the Robot Performance Award. Team 1 surpassed the second-place team by 55 points. Team 2 (an all-girls team) received 7th place while Team 3 received 9th

place overall. Team 2 took home the Breakthrough Award and will be advancing to the championship competition that will be hosted at Eagle Valley Middle School on February 4, 2023. [Read more.](#)



## WIGGINS HONORED AS FINALIST FOR 2023 NEVADA TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Empire Elementary School's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Teacher [Adrienne Wiggins](#) was honored Oct. 11, 2022, as one of the five statewide finalists for the Nevada Teacher of the Year, recognized by the [Nevada Department of Education](#).

Ms. Wiggins was surprised during the school's morning faculty meeting where the announcement was made via Zoom. Ultimately, Connie Hall of the Lloyd Diedrichsen Elementary School in the Washoe County School District was named the 2023 Nevada Teacher of the Year.

Out of the 17 school districts in the state of Nevada, the Carson City School District has had teachers represented as a top five finalist for the last five years running, including the following: 2023 – Adrienne Wiggins, 2022 – Rachel Croft, 2021 – Christina Bourne, 2020 – Nick Jacques and 2019 – Joanna Kaiser. Additionally, the Carson City School District has had four teachers win the prestigious Nevada Teacher of the Year award. Those include the following: 2013 – Adam Whatley, 2012 – Deanna LeBlanc, 2011 – Cheryl Macy and 2008 – LeAnn Morris. [Read more here.](#)

## THREE EDUCATORS FEATURED AT 'TEACHERS OF THE YEAR' CONFERENCE

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Three Carson City educators were highlighted as presenters at the Nevada State Teachers of the Year's (NVSTOY) Early Career Educator Leadership Conference October 14 and 15, 2022.

**Lacey Carey**, instructional coach for the Carson City School District, **Joanna Kaiser**, GATE implementation specialist for the Carson City School District and **Nicole Witkowski**, music educator at Fritsch Elementary School, presented uplifting and actionable professional learning designed specifically for Nevada educators early in their careers (third through sixth year of teaching).



The free virtual conference offered professional and personal practices that help make teaching a joyful and fulfilling career. The presentations focused primarily on three concepts: communication (building relationships with and expanding advocacy for students, families and educators), self-care (actively preserving or improving physical, mental and emotional well-being) and reflective practice (learning from experience and actions to improve outcomes). [Read more](#) about each presenter.

## THREE TEACHERS WITH LEAD ROLES IN LOCAL MUSICAL PRODUCTION

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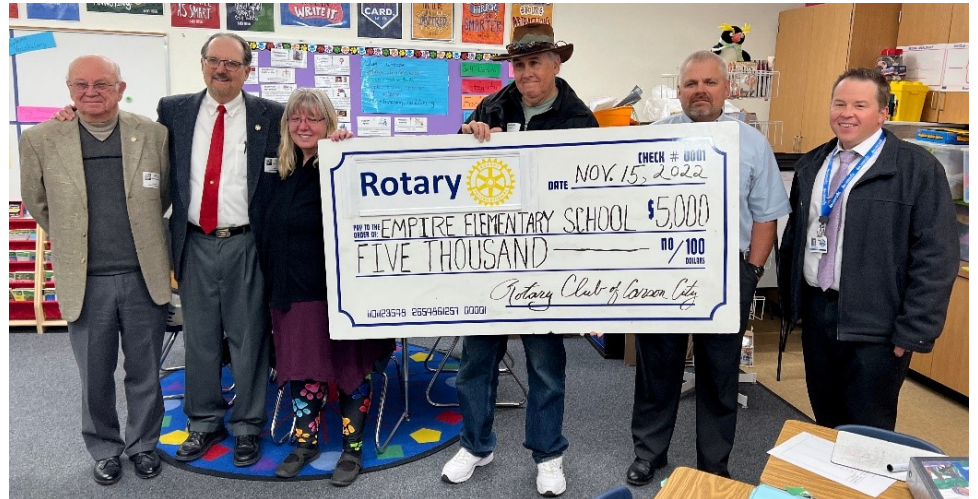
To say the talent is strong among teachers and employees in the Carson City School District would be an understatement. Earlier this Fall, within one local Broadway production of "Into The Woods," three Carson City teachers retained lead roles including Ms. **Darby Beckwith**, Drama teacher at Carson High, as Cinderella; Ms. **Tara Rispin**, Science teacher at Eagle Valley Middle School, as Little Red Riding Hood and Ms. **Lynette Gardner**, American Literature, Honors English and AVID IV teacher at Carson High School, as Jack's Mother from Jack and the Beanstalk.

According to the [ThisIsReno.com review](#), the 1987 Steven Sondheim musical blended traditional fairy tales to create a wildly funny—and, at times, ridiculous—story enacted through song, dance, a few skirmishes and tomfoolery among the

characters. Attendees could immediately pick up on characters from Little Red Riding Hood, Cinderella and Jack and The Beanstalk, among some of the fairy tales that inspire the modern rendition. The cast featured more than 25 people of all ages – and featured incredibly talented local performers. [Read more](#).

## EMPIRE ELEMENTARY EDUCATORS AWARDED \$5,000 ROTARY GRANT

Empire Elementary, a Governor designated Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) school, got a big boost from the Noon Rotary Club of Carson City. The club awarded its annual Rotary Education Grant to Instructional Coach Laura Ricks and Third Grade Teacher Nancy Cole. The \$5,000 in grant money will fund an Integrated Math Knowledge Project.



The money will allow Ricks and Cole to purchase math-based reading materials for its Lending Library. The library provides resources teachers use to help individual or groups of students gain a better grasp of multiple subjects. “Our lending library has a lot to offer in the areas of literature, social studies and science. But we have a huge gap in books about math,” she said. “As a STEM school, it’s important that teachers have access to more math resources to help their students. I truly believe our students will benefit from these books, and we will see the results in higher test scores later in the school year.” [Read more.](#)

## GNCU RECOGNIZES SCHOOL EMPLOYEES WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Earlier this month, Greater Nevada Credit Union (GNCU) launched a new campaign titled **Carson CARES**, which recognizes Carson City School District employees who exemplify positivity in school and make a difference in their school community.

GNCU awarded five grand prizes where winners

received a \$500 donation for their classroom or program as well as a \$100 gift certificate or gift card to their favorite local restaurant. Additionally, out of all the nominees, one individual was selected in a random drawing to win a hosted pizza party for their classroom or team, valued up to \$400.



More than 85 nominations were submitted. Click here to [see the full list](#) of Carson City School District winners.

## FOUNDATION AWARDS \$11,300 TO SUPPORT STUDENTS, EDUCATORS



Each semester, the Carson City Schools Foundation gives back to educators and students alike. This last semester, the foundation awarded \$11,300 in various \$200 mini-grants and \$2,000 grants for a department, school or grade-level project(s).

In total, CCSF has contributed nearly \$40,000 in 2022 and more than \$100,000 to students and educators since 2017.

The Fall 2022 \$200 mini-grant winners include the following alphabetically by school:

- **Allie Davis**, Bordewich Bray Elementary School for fifth grade leadership shirts
- **Haley Brown**, Carson High School for military family engagement (\$300 mini grant)
- **Abner Perez**, on behalf of Carson High School Social Workers for painting group focused on communication and emotional intelligence
- **Janelle Kaufer**, Carson Middle School for high interest Spanish readers
- **Christy Calverley**, Empire Elementary School for student planners and success necklaces
- **Brian Peterson**, Seeliger Elementary School for social emotional books



The Fall 2022 \$2,000 department-grant winners include the following alphabetically by department, school or grade-level projects:

- **LeAnn Morris** for districtwide computer science algorithms and programming mats
- **Elizabeth Martinez**, Carson High School for a salad and sandwich bar
- **Mirjam Caster**, Carson Middle School for graphic novels and manga expansion
- **Liz Bryan**, Empire Elementary School for science forces and motion wall
- **Marc Rodina**, Mark Twain Elementary School for Positive Hawks MTSS/PBIS system incentives



## FOUNDATION & GNCU AWARD IPADS FOR EMPLOYEE PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS



The [Carson City Schools Foundation](#) (CCSF), was pleased to accept a generous \$1,000 donation from [Greater Nevada Credit Union](#) (GNCU) to support student learning in the Carson City School District. Additionally, the foundation announced Jeremy Batten, counselor at Carson Middle School, and Karen Mouradian, fifth-grade teacher at Fremont Elementary School as the winners of the foundation’s drawing from those making voluntary payroll deduction donations. GNCU sponsored the drawing and graciously provided the prizes, an iPad for each.

Batten and Mouradian’s name were drawn from more than 120 school district employees. The foundation hosted the drawing as a way to reward school district contributors who regularly donate (every paycheck) through payroll deductions. Funding from payroll donations support educators and



students in the classroom where traditional funding sources may not reach otherwise.



Individuals and organizations are also able to make a one-time donation using a credit card. To make a one-time donation, or for more information, please visit [ccschoolsfoundation.org/how-to-contribute/](https://ccschoolsfoundation.org/how-to-contribute/). Read more.

## STUDENTS PARTAKE IN “LOVE IT OR LOSE IT” LUNCH MENU EVENTS



Earlier this month, [Nutrition Services](#) was pleased to have students throughout the district partake in Student Choice “[Love It or Lose It](#)” events during lunch where they tasted new menu concepts and voted on keeping it on the menu or losing it.

On Dec. 1, students at Eagle Valley Middle School sampled a Nashville Hot Chicken

Sandwich, and then Dec. 2, they tasted a BBQ Pulled Pork Mac N’ Cheese. After sampling each, the students were able to provide immediate feedback using a touchscreen device, voting in favor (Love It) or against (Lose It).



Both items were overwhelmingly popular and will be featured during ‘Station Takeovers’ on select Fridays throughout the remainder of the school year. Please [check the student menus](#) for details. [Read more.](#)

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

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Please refer to the School District's [Academic School Calendar](#) for additional information regarding district professional learning and early release days, school holidays and other important information. Below are some notable and important future dates.

Dec. 21 (Wednesday)	<b>District Professional Learning, Minimum/Early Release Day</b>
Dec. 22-Jan. 6	<b>Christmas Break (School Holiday: Dec. 22 – Jan. 6)</b>
Jan. 9 (Monday)	School classes resume
Jan. 10 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Center, Bob Crowell Board Room
Jan. 11 (Wednesday)	<b>District Professional Learning, Minimum/Early Release Day</b>
Jan. 16 (Monday)	<b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day (School Holiday)</b>
Jan. 24 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Center, Bob Crowell Board Room
Jan. 25 (Wednesday)	<b>District Professional Learning, Minimum/Early Release Day</b>
Feb. 8 (Wednesday)	<b>District Professional Learning, Minimum/Early Release Day</b>
Feb. 14 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Center, Bob Crowell Board Room
Feb. 15 (Wednesday)	<b>District Professional Learning, Minimum/Early Release Day</b>
Feb. 20 (Monday)	<b>President's Day (School Holiday)</b>
Feb. 22 (Wednesday)	<b>Community PLC Meeting</b> , 6 p.m., Carson High School Library
Feb. 28 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Center, Bob Crowell Board Room
March 7 (Tuesday)	All 11th grade students take <b>ACT test</b> (only juniors attending High School)
March 8 (Wednesday)	<b>District Professional Learning, Minimum/Early Release Day</b>
March 12 (Sunday)	<b>Daylight Savings Time</b> begins, set clocks forward 1 hour
March 14 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Center, Bob Crowell Board Room
March 28 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Center, Bob Crowell Board Room
March 29 (Wednesday)	<b>District Professional Learning, Minimum/Early Release Day</b>
March 30 (Thursday)	<b>Elementary Parent Conf. Min. Day</b> , all elementary schools dismiss at 12:40 p.m.
March 31 (Friday)	<b>Elementary Parent Conf. Min. Day</b> , all elementary schools dismiss at 12:40 p.m.
April 3-10	<b>Spring Break (School Holiday)</b>
April 11 (Tuesday)	School classes resume
April 11 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Center, Bob Crowell Board Room
April 19 (Wednesday)	<b>District Professional Learning, Minimum/Early Release Day</b>
April 25 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Center, Bob Crowell Board Room
April 26 (Wednesday)	<b>District Professional Learning, Minimum/Early Release Day</b>
May 3 (Wednesday)	<b>Community PLC Meeting</b> , 6 p.m., Carson High School Library
May 9 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Center, Bob Crowell Board Room
May 17 (Wednesday)	<b>District Professional Learning, Minimum/Early Release Day</b>
May 23 (Tuesday)	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Center, Bob Crowell Board Room
May 29 (Monday)	<b>Memorial Day (School Holiday)</b>
May 31 (Wednesday)	<b>Minimum Day</b> , Carson High School, dismiss at 11:40 a.m.
May 31 (Wednesday)	<b>Minimum Day</b> , Pioneer Academy, dismiss at 11:50 a.m.
May 31 (Wednesday)	<b>Minimum Day</b> , Carson Middle School, dismiss at 12:00 noon
May 31 (Wednesday)	<b>Minimum Day</b> , Eagle Valley Middle School, dismiss at 12:00 noon
May 31 (Wednesday)	<b>Eagle Valley Middle School 8th Grade Promotion</b> , 1 p.m., EVMS parking lot
May 31 (Wednesday)	<b>Pioneer Academy Graduation</b> , 6 p.m., Community Center, Theater
June 1 (Thursday)	<b>Minimum Day, Last Day of School</b>
June 1 (Thursday)	<b>Carson Middle School 8th Grade Promotion</b> , 1 p.m., CMS parking lot
June 3 (Saturday)	<b>Carson High School Graduation</b> , 9 a.m., Carson High School, Football Field





## HOLIDAY EVENTS

In education, we love to get into the spirit of holidays. Whether it is Halloween, Christmas, Thanksgiving, Veteran's Day, Dia de los Muertos or Nevada Day, we love looking for a reason to celebrate. Please click on each of these photos to read stories or visit our social media channels and posts.



## SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS FEATURED ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE

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Each week (usually...as they align with Rotary Club luncheons), Carson High School or Pioneer Academy school counselors will feature a “[Senior in the Spotlight](#).” These spotlights highlight the interesting and amazing things each student is doing or has done, details specific challenges they may have dealt with as well as how they were able to overcome those trials.

The brief write-ups are not only featured on the district website, but they are also featured in local news media including CarsonNow.org and the Nevada Appeal. They are also featured on the district’s social media channels.

Each Senior Spotlight student is later invited as a personal guest of Superintendent Andrew Feuling and introduced at that week’s Rotary Club Meeting.



## NEW #WHYTEACHCARSON VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS HEATHER CANFIELD

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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.

#WhyITeachCarson is a visual concept that features the reasons and motivations behind teaching and provides insight into the craft of education. **Heather Canfield**, a Kindergarten Teacher at Fritsch Elementary School, is the sixth teacher to be featured from the school district.

This specific video highlights why Ms. Canfield selected the Carson City School District to establish her career as an educator. Additionally, Ms. Canfield discusses her experience being a product of the Carson City School District, what her first day of teaching was like and which teacher helped influence her desires to become an educator. Please click here to [view the video](#).

## WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!

The success of many of our fall sports teams and other extra-curricular activities and organizations certainly provides us all with a [reason to celebrate](#).

Primarily of note, the [Carson High School girls cross-country](#) team [claimed the first Class 5A state title](#) in program history. The Senators did so by edging out two other teams from northern Nevada including Bishop Manogue and Galena. The

most recent girls cross-country state title for Carson came in 2011 in Class 4A.

Celebrate with them by watching their [2022 season video](#).

Additionally, Carson Middle School (CMS) dominated several Tah-Neva League Championships with eighth-grade boys cross-country ending their perfect season (undefeated in each race this season) with a perfect score and win in the big-school division at the championship race. Also, three CMS basketball

teams, including seventh and eighth-grade girls and seventh-grade boys, took home Tah-Neva League Championship trophies. Of note, both the [seventh-grade boys](#) and the [eighth-grade girls](#)

teams finished the season undefeated.

Carson High School's Blue Thunder Band ended a successful season with a 3rd place finish at the Napa Valley Band Reserve in California, Nov. 12. The band competed against a

total of 9 bands in their division, including 8 from the bay area and 1 from southern Oregon.

The Carson High varsity football team defeated Douglas, bringing home the rivalry trophy and numerous smiles, and [CHS Speech and Debate](#) has also shown huge success in competitions.



## MATH WEEK DESIGNED TO CHANGE THE WAY MATH IS EXPERIENCED



In an effort to deepen relationships with math by changing the way math is experienced, students and teachers (in partnership with [Mind Research Institute](#)) hosted special events and activities designed to create a passion for fostering mathematical thinking.

Fremont Elementary School observed Math Madness Week, Oct. 24-27, 2022. Bordewich Bray, Fritsch and Mark Twain Elementary Schools observed Math Madness Week, Nov. 7-12, 2022. Seeliger Elementary School will observe Math Madness Week, Jan. 30 to Feb. 3, 2023.



A team of teachers from the elementary schools in the Carson City School District collaborated to create the exciting activities for students, staff and parents that encouraged celebrating mathematics. Studies show that by 2023, there will be more than 9 million jobs in Science, Technology,



Engineering and Math (STEM) fields, and that these positions are

expanding faster than non-STEM jobs. Additionally, studies have shown that critical thinking and problem-solving skills developed using rigorous mathematics curricula can play a big role in building students' confidence and leadership abilities. [Read more.](#)

## PIONEER ACADEMY ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY STUDENTS VISIT ROC

The Anatomy and Physiology students from Pioneer Academy were introduced to an assortment of career options with a hands-on job shadowing opportunity at the [Reno Orthopedic Clinic](#) (ROC) in Reno last month.

Carson City School District Science Coordinator Cara Tirado and Pioneer Academy Science Teacher Amy Westre collaborated with orthopedic and healthcare professionals to provide the students with shadow positions in the clinic.



Students shadowed the front desk, surgery scheduling, physical therapists, occupational therapists and nurses. Two students also had the opportunity to shadow a surgeon and observe surgeries in real-time. They all learned about types of bone fractures, how some fractures occur and even reassembled a femur that had varying types of breaks. [More here.](#)

## DIAL 988 FOR 24/7 MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS CARE DURING THE HOLIDAYS

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With the winter break and more than 2 weeks away from school, friends, supports, social workers and counselors, the Carson City School District is reminding students and families that there is help at the touch of their fingertips. Back in July of this year, the [U.S. transitioned the 10-digit National Suicide Prevention Lifeline to 988](#), an easy-to-remember three-digit number for 24/7 mental health crisis care.

The move to the three-digit 988 phone number makes it easier to dial when emotions are running high. It also alleviates suicide-related calls to 911, redirecting the caller to a mental health professional who's able to better assist them and their immediate needs. [Read more.](#)

## OTHER GREAT STORIES FOUND HERE:

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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.



### Miss Carson City Helps 5th Graders Write Holiday Letters for the Elderly

Posted on 12/15/2022

Fifth graders at Seeliger Elementary School got into the spirit of the holiday a little bit early with a special visit from Miss Carson City Brianna Cross who helped the students write holiday letters for the elderly in the Carson City community. [READ MORE...](#)



### Jhone Ebert Visits Eagle Valley Middle School for Computer Science Week

Posted on 12/06/2022

In observance of Computer Science Education Week, Eagle Valley Middle School students were able to display their coding skills for Nevada Department of Education Superintendent Jhone Ebert, Dec. 5, 2022. The activities highlighted computer programming efforts in Mr. Jeremy Smith and Mr. Mark Kuniya's sixth and seventh grade classes (respectively). [READ MORE...](#)



### City Pioneer Academy Helps 30 Families Enjoy Thanksgiving

Posted on 12/01/2022

The gift of giving was alive and well at Pioneer Academy during the week leading up to Thanksgiving. Thanks to the annual support and generosity of the Hernandez family, Jenn and the managers at FoodMaxx, and the Pioneer students and staff, the school was able to provide a full Thanksgiving meal to 30 families in the Carson City School District. [READ MORE...](#)



### **Mayor Bagwell Visits Mark Twain Elementary School to Discuss Leadership**

Posted on 11/21/2022

Mayor Lori Bagwell visited with the Mark Twain Elementary School Student Leadership Program and Mr. Jeremy Falconer's class Nov. 21. She spoke to students about being a leader and the pride that she has as the first woman mayor of Carson City. She inspired leadership students to take action and to write her letters regarding things they would like to see changed within the community. [SEE MORE PHOTOS...](#)



### **Canned Food Drives in Schools Help Model Generosity and Caring**

Posted on 11/16/2022

Today's rising generation can increase their intelligence and learn academically from books and curriculum, but they truly only become beneficial, contributing members of society when they learn the value of charity. Students demonstrated and learned the power of generosity during the 2022 Canned Food Drive for Friends in Service Helping. In total, nearly 10,000 food items were collected from schools and donated to those in need. [READ MORE...](#)



### **Pioneer Academy Honors Loved Ones with Dia de los Muertos Event**

Posted on 11/15/2022

Cultures all over the world have diverse celebrations for honoring the dead. In her first novel, Adam Bede, George Eliot wrote, "Our dead are never dead to us, until we have forgotten them." Honoring the dead and keeping their memories alive is a universal idea that is as important to the living as it is to the deceased. [READ MORE...](#)



### **Carson High's Parker Story Earns Silver at National FFA Convention**

Posted on 11/15/2022

Normally known for his athletic prowess, Carson High School Senior Parker Story earned a silver placement for Dairy Handling at the National Future Farmers of America competition in Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 27, 2022. [READ MORE...](#)



### **Carson vs. Douglas Teacher Rivalry Volleyball Game Nets Food for FISH**

Posted on 11/10/2022

The Seventh Annual Teacher Rivalry volleyball game and canned food fundraiser involving educators from Carson High School and Douglas High School was hosted November 9, 2022, at Carson High School. In total, the event raised more than \$1,500 and collected nearly 400 canned food items. [READ MORE...](#)



### **Nine Student Winners Announced for American Citizen Essay Contest**

Posted on 11/09/2022

The Carson City School District's Board of Trustees announced nine student winners of the 21st Annual American Citizen Essay Contest. Each winner was recognized at the school board meeting Tuesday, Nov. 8, and received the following cash prizes: First Place: \$100, Second Place: \$50 and Third Place: \$30. See the grade level winners by clicking [READ MORE...](#)



### **91-year-old vet gets high school diploma with help from Richard Stokes**

Posted on 11/09/2022

Carson City resident and Navy veteran Ben McCulley has helped to develop several of his city's longstanding facilities and parks, earned licenses to set up manufactured homes and even built his own home. Now at 91, thanks to the help of a longtime local friend and experienced educator, he's finally received something he always had intended to achieve before he entered the service: his high school diploma. [READ MORE...](#)



### **Carson High Clarinetist Drea Cabral to Perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City**

Posted on 11/08/2022

The Carson City School District was pleased to announce Drea Cabral, a junior at Carson High School, was selected to play with the Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall in New York City February 4, 2023. She was selected from more than 18,000 students who auditioned. [READ MORE...](#)



### **School District Honors Psychologists for National Observance**

Posted on 11/02/2022

We honored school psychologists during National School Psychology Week, Nov. 7-11, 2022. The annual observance helps focus public attention on the unique contributions of school psychologists and other educators within U.S. school systems and how they create the connections necessary for students to develop critical academic and social emotional skills. [READ MORE...](#)



### **Carson High School AVID Students Visit UC Davis**

Posted on 11/01/2022

The Carson High School Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) 3 and 4 (juniors and seniors) students had the opportunity to go on a field trip to UC Davis on Oct. 20, 2022. AVID is a nonprofit college-readiness program designed to help students develop the skills they need to be successful in college. [READ MORE...](#)



### **Carson Music Students Constitute 40% of the NZNMEA Honor Choir, Band**

Posted on 10/27/2022

The Northern Zone Nevada Music Educators Association auditioned more than 300 music students for its annual Honor Choir and Honor Band. Of all the students who auditioned, 157 were chosen to participate in the Honor Choir and 91 in the Honor Band. Out of those 248 total music students, 96 were from the Carson City School District, making up nearly 40% of the ensembles, or 38.7% to be exact. [READ MORE...](#)



### **NJROTC Cadets Support Breast Cancer Awareness with Pink Aiguillettes**

Posted on 10/26/2022

In observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, CHS NJROTC cadets sold pink aiguillettes to wear on their uniforms with all proceeds donated to the [Carson Tahoe Health Cancer Center](#). The battalion provided a check in the amount of \$1,000 to CTH representatives Angelina Craig and Brittany Munns on the football field Oct. 25, 2022. [READ MORE...](#)



### **Carson City Students Participate in Earthquake Drill with Evacuation**

Posted on 10/20/2022

Students and staff members in the Carson City School District rocked and rolled in earthquake drills. The events were part of the [Great Nevada ShakeOut](#), an annual statewide earthquake and evacuation drill designed to teach students and educators about how to protect themselves during seismic events. [READ MORE...](#)



### **Carson City Middle School Students and Employees Read More than 105,000 Minutes this Summer**

Posted on 09/20/2022

The results came in, and Carson Middle School was named the overall winner in the Summer Reading Challenge. Nearly 70,000 minutes were spent reading (69,262 to be exact) between June 1 and August 6, 2022. [READ MORE...](#)



### **Carson High School Crowns Homecoming Queen and King**

Posted on 09/17/2022

Carson High School crowned Sydney King and Kaden Brown as the 2022 Homecoming Queen and King. A short coronation ceremony was held during the Homecoming Dance. [READ MORE...](#)



### **Southwest Gas Donates \$5,000 to the Carson City Schools Foundation**

Posted on 09/14/2022

Brad Harris, vice president of northern Nevada and California and Stacy Woodbury, manager of Public Affairs, for Southwest Gas took time to present a \$5,000 check to the Carson City Schools Foundation at the school board meeting, Sept. 13, 2022. The funding came from Southwest Gas employees contributed through the "BLUE (Building Lives Up Everywhere)" program, which focuses on unmet needs in the community. [READ MORE...](#)



### **Carson City Teacher named 2023 NEA Global Learning Fellow for Nevada**

Posted on 09/08/2022

The Carson City School District was pleased to announce Rachel Croft, fourth grade educator and coordinator for Northwest Regional Professional Development Program (NWRPDP), as the National Education Association Global Learning Fellow from the state of Nevada. [READ MORE...](#)



### **Carson High Student Awarded with Academic Honors from College Board**

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The Carson City School District and Carson High School (CHS) was pleased to announce CHS Junior Alexandra Llamas-Cruz earned academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs. Alex Llamas-Cruz is a Junior Advance Placement (AP) student at Carson High who also participates in CHS's orchestra and swimming programs. [READ MORE...](#)



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The channels 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 AND VIDEO 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](#), [@carsoncityschooldistrict](#) on [Instagram](#), [@carsonschools](#) on [Twitter](#) or [@CarsonCitySchools](#) on [YouTube](#).



## School Start Times & End Times

Carson High School: 7:40 a.m. – 2:05 p.m.  
Pioneer Academy: 7:35 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.  
Middle Schools: 7:45 a.m. – 2:25 p.m.  
Elementary Schools: 8:25 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.  
Pre-K Schools: 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

## Minimum Day Dismissal Times

Carson High School: 11:40 a.m.  
Pioneer Academy: 11:50 a.m.  
Middle Schools: 12 noon  
Elementary Schools: 12:40 p.m.  
Pre-K Schools: 10:55 a.m.

## NOTES:

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## CONTACT INFORMATION:

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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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