

Nevada News

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2015 IOWA LEGISLATIVE SESSION

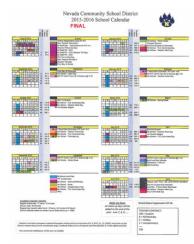
"Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer, but the right answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future."

-John F. Kennedy

"An educated citizenry is a vital requisite for our survival as a free people."

-Thomas Jefferson

Many of you have been anxiously awaiting the release of the 2015-16 Nevada CSD school calendar. Planning for the upcoming school year has been happening for several months, however, legislative action at the statehouse delayed final decision making and the release of a calendar.



2015-16 School Calendar Enclosed

Our final 2015-16 Nevada CSD school calendar is enclosed and meets the requirements of the new law, which prevents a school start date prior to the end of the Iowa State Fair. As someone with family ties to the Fair for decades, I value all that it has to offer. At the same time, it is disappointing that local control has been removed from the process and that the local educational needs of our students and programs are no longer driving our schedule.

The other key legislative issue affecting educational planning is in regard to our budget, or the amount of State Supplemental Aid (formerly known as "allowable growth") schools will receive. This number was due to Iowa school districts (by law) over a year ago. Iowa school districts were forced (by law) to certify FY16 budgets by April 15. As I type this message, Iowa school districts are still waiting. Currently the Iowa Senate is proposing 2.625%, which is down from their initial proposal of 4.0%. The Iowa House proposal remains at 1.25%.

At Nevada CSD we are fortunate to have a recent trend of solvent reserves and steady enrollment. This, however, is not the long-term solution as cost increases for FY16 will be over 4.0%. While our legislators are faced with a number of tough decisions and competing needs for funding, the school budget growth currently being discussed is not sustainable and program cuts may be necessary in the future if school funding is not restored. Our students cannot receive a world-class education with fewer opportunities. Let's hope it doesn't get to that point.

As always, should you have questions or concerns I can be reached by phone (515-382-2783), email (sgray@nevadacubs.org), or Twitter (@sgray NCSD).

Sincerely,
Dr. Steve Gray

District IMPORTANT DATES

May 20	Elementary MA Year End Celebration
May 21	Seniors Last Day of School
May 21	Graduation Practice 1:00pm
May 21	HS Awards Day 2:00-3:30pm in HS Gym
May 24	Nevada High School Commencement 2:00pm
May 25	NO SCHOOL-Memorial Day
May 26	Last Day of School – 2 hr. Early Dismissal

Calling All 2015-2016 Kindergartners

If you have a child who will be old enough (five years old before Sept. 15, 2015) to begin kindergarten next fall, please call the elementary to place your child on our list. If you are currently participating in our Four Year Old Preschool you DO NOT need to call – we have your child's information. We will send out mailings to those parents who are on that list. Call soon at 382-2383! Thank you!

Calling All 2015-2016 Four Year Old Preschoolers

If you have a child who will be four years old before Sept. 15, 2015, please call the elementary to place your child on our preschool list. We will send out registration materials to those parents who are on that list. Our preschool fills on a first come, first serve basis so don't delay to call. Call soon at 382-2383!

A REMINDER TO PARENTS OF ALL INCOMING PRESCHOOLERS:

Please make sure you have turned in a 1) COMPLETED, UP-TO-DATE IMMUNIZATION CARD and a

2) CURRENT **PHYSICAL EXAM** to Central Elementary before the first day of school.

WE MUST HAVE THESE ON FILE BEFORE YOUR CHILD CAN BEGIN SCHOOL

PTA CARNIVAL

A huge thank you to all who supported the PTA Carnival this year. Your efforts raised over \$12,000!! What a fantastic effort for our kids. THANK YOU!

ELEMENTARY BOX TOPS COMPETITION

We are doing a Box Tops Competition right now! Send your Box Tops in to Central! Last year the competition generated \$6300! So save those scraps of cardboard!

Go The Distance Day

A huge thank you to Rhonda Maier, from Nevada Parks and Rec and Tori Shahidi, PE Teacher at Central, for providing a fun day of skill and activity on May 1. Central Elementary students participated in Go the Distance Day games and activities at SCORE Park. We can't hold this day without the help of volunteers-a big "Thank You" to all who helped out!



Several Staff Members Leave Central Elementary

There will be several individuals who will not return to Central Elementary next fall.

Jamie Hughet

Mrs. Hughet has been at Central for 37 total years. She has worked with many students in that time span. She has been a reading specialist, a kindergarten teacher and a MA 1-2 teacher throughout her time at Central. She will retire this year. We wish her well and hope that she has many great experiences in her retirement!

Janis Brendeland

Ms. Brendeland is completing her 30th year at Central Elementary. She has taught special education and 2nd grade. She has touched a lot of lives in her tenure at Central. She has many fun activities planned for her retirement. We wish her the best in her retirement!

Marguerite Sibley

Mrs. Sibley has been at Central for 13 years. She has been an Enrichment teacher, an ESL teacher, a kindergarten teacher and most recently a MA 1-2 teacher. She is retiring to spend more time with her family, but has assured us that she won't be able to stay away from Central!

Alicia Ewalt

Mrs. Ewalt has been at Central for 1 year. She is returning to the Ames District to assume a classroom position there. We wish her well.

Other Personnel Changes at Central

There will also be other changes at Central next year.

Randi Pool

Randi has been teaching 3rd Grade at Central and will move to 4^{th} Grade next year.

Jennifer Bleecher

Jennifer is currently teaching 1st Grade and will move to 2nd Grade next year.

Middle School Retiree

Mrs. Sue Lekwa is completing her 35th year of teaching in three area school districts with nine of these years being at Nevada Middle School.

Although she taught elementary music, her passion lies with beginning band and piano accompanying. We are estimating that Mrs. Lekwa has assisted 1344 enthusiastic fifth graders perfect "Hot Cross Buns". Sue will be joining her husband Steve in retirement. The two plan to have time to travel and enjoy their family and friends. The music department hopes to entice Mrs. Lekwa to continue to accompany our chorus and band students as well as participating in the Nevada Summer Band. We wish Mrs. Lekwa good luck in her next adventures.

High School Retirees

Shelly Holtman, a high school Spanish teacher and Penny Poole, a high school special education teacher will both be retiring from the high school staff this year. Shelly joined the high school teaching staff in 1976 and Penny in 1980. We want to wish Shelly and Penny the best in their retirement and thank them both for everything they have done for the students both past and present of Nevada High School.

138th Annual Nevada High School Alumni Banquet

Saturday, June 27, 2015

Gates Hall

Social Hour 4:30 P.M.

Dinner at 6:00 P.M.

Admission \$14.00 each

Tickets available starting May 15, 2015 at State Bank, US Bank, Community Bank and Great Western Bank. Tickets must be purchased ahead of time. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Sunday, June 28, 2015 from 2:00-4:00 P.M. there will be a free showing of cartoons and 1953 footage of the Nevada Centennial Parade at The Talent Factory on 6th Street.

Trivia Night

The Nevada Community School Foundation held its first Trivia Night in April, 2005. The goal was to provide a means to raise funds through the Foundation for the Nevada Community School District. Since then, the Foundation has hosted 47 Trivia Nights. The Foundation currently hosts five to six Trivia Nights each year. These Trivia Night fundraisers are held on Saturday evenings in Gates Hall. The Foundation has awarded approximately \$150,000 in grants to the Nevada Community Schools due to the tremendous support received from these Trivia Nights. Both large and small grant requests from the teachers and administrators have been funded. Below is a sample of some of the funded requests:

Central Elementary Climbing Wall

Orchestra Shells

Camera Equipment

High School Art Raku Kiln

High School FCS Embroidery Machine

Middle School Project Lead the Way

Resource Center Storage Cabinet and Room Dividers

Auditorium Capital Campaign

High School Shop Stop Saw

Kindergarten Writing Centers and Chairs

Central Elementary Leveled Reading System

2015-2016 Trivia Night Schedule:

October 17, 2015

November 7, 2015

January 9, 2016

February 6, 2016

March 12, 2016

April 2, 2016

Please plan to attend these Trivia Nights. It is a fun way to spend the evening and support our school district!

Nevada Music Parents Receive Grant

Nevada Music Parents received a \$1000 grant from the John Deere Foundation through their Dollars for Doers program. Due to the volunteer efforts of Barbara Beals, who is employed by John Deere Financial, the Music Parents organization was able to receive this grant. Thank you!

Notes from the Nurse:

Current 6th grade parents: The Iowa Department of Public Health has required an **updated Tdap Immunization** for all incoming 7th graders.

This change took place in the 2013-14 school year and requires all students born on or after September 15, 2000 to have the booster. This is done to prevent the spread of whooping cough. 7th graders are allowed to play sports at Nevada Middle School and will need a yearly physical to be on the team, so over the summer would be a great time to update your child's immunization record and get their sport physical at the same visit.

Current 8th grade parents: All children newly enrolling in an Iowa High School are required to have a **dental screening**. This requirement was passed by the 2007 legislature and became effective July 1, 2008. The dental form was included in your child's high school registration packet. If you need another copy please let me know or ask at your dentist office.

If you have any questions about these requirements please contact me at school.

Eileen Patterson, RN Nevada MS/HS 382-2804 epatterson@nevada.k12.ia.us

NEVADA HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

** AWARDS DAY



Awards Day Program and the Seniors' last day will be:

Thursday May 21, 2015 Begins at 2:00pm High School Field House (Gym)

** COMMENCEMENT:



The Class of 2015 Graduation Ceremony will be:

Sunday May 24, 2015 Begins at 2:00pm High School Field House (Gym)

** NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION FOR 2015 – 2016

All incoming new freshman and new students are welcome to join us for a New Student Orientation to be held the day before school starts:

Monday August 24, 2015 10:00am – Noon High School Auditorium

Students will get new copies of their schedules with their assigned seminars, they will get their locker assignments, they will hear from both NHS staff and students, they will get a mock run-through of the bell schedule to see where their classes are and meet their teachers. While this is not required, it is highly recommended.

** SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR 15-16

All schedule changes need to be done prior to the end of the school year. Because classes and sections fill up, Mr. Baker cannot guarantee any schedule change request made in August. If situations come up or circumstances change (i.e. injured over summer and need PE medically waived), he will try his best, but again, cannot make any guarantees.

Also, even though students receive their schedules in May before they leave for summer break, it is possible that some schedules may be changed over the summer as sections are leveled or teacher changes are made. Please see Mr. Baker with any questions.

** THE HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE WEBSITE

The Nevada High School Guidance Department updates the website periodically with new scholarships that we receive in the office. We also have them filed in wall folders in the Guidance

office. Check out the following website for new scholarships and other helpful links:

www.nevadacubs.org

- click on "Nevada High School"
- click on "School Counseling"

** NEED A TUTOR?

Check the Guidance website for a link to a list of tutors for hire in the Ames area:

ames.universitytutor.com

Recently, there were over 700 tutors available, ranging in price from \$5/hour to \$50/hour. You can sort by price, subjects, etc. Check it out!

** ACT DATES FOR 2015 – 2016

Website to register --- www.actstudent.org

Nevada High School Code --- 163125

September 12, 2015 >> registration deadline is August 7, 2015

October 24, 2015 >> registration deadline is September 18, 2015

December 12, 2015 >> registration deadline is November 6, 2015

February 6, 2016 >> registration deadline is January 8, 2016

April 9, 2016 >> registration deadline is March 4, 2016

** NHS is a Testing Site for the April ACT **

June 11, 2016 >> registration deadline is May 6, 2016

- The cost is \$38.00 for ACT (No Writing) and \$54.50 for the ACT Plus Writing.
- You will need to register online. (See Mr. Baker privately if you need a Fee Waiver)
- Come to Guidance for more info and a full-length practice test.
- You can also check the Guidance website (see above) for links to registration and practice websites.
- If you have any questions, or are interested in the SAT, please see Mr. Baker

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!

Nevada High School Band News

<u>Spring Jazz Night March 30, 7pm in Tope</u> <u>Auditorium</u>

On Tuesday March 30 the Nevada Middle School and High School Jazz Bands presented their Spring Jazz Night concert.

Audiences flocked to this concert to hear two middle school and two high school jazz bands. All of the bands sounded great! Audiences heard music covering a wide array of styles and jazz history.

The concert featured guest trumpet soloist Mr. Dave Rezek of Des Moines and the Creative Music Studio. Trumpeter Dave Rezek received his Bachelor of Music Education degree with a jazz specialization from the University of Northern Iowa and his Master of Music degree in Trumpet Performance from New England Conservatory in Boston.

US Army Jazz Ambassadors visited NHS Jazz Band

The Unites States Army has an elite group of musicians referred to as the US Army Field Band. One component of that elite group is the Jazz Ambassadors.

Nevada High School was honored to host four members of this group on March 13. The NHS Jazz Band prepared for the Spring Jazz Night on Tuesday March 30. The Jazz Ambassadors listened to and helped improve the band's understanding of selections on that concert.

The visit was inspirational for the students. The Army musicians complimented the jazz band on their ability to learn quickly and encouraged them to remember what they learned and to lead and support each other to reach even higher levels of performance that will excite the audience.

Festival of Bands Concert March 10

On Tuesday March 10 at 7:00 pm the Festival of Bands concert took place in the Nevada High School Gym. This event showcased all of the bands in Nevada from grades 5-12. Each band performed two numbers separately and concluded with one Grand Finale number with every band playing together. Audiences commented how much they enjoy hearing the growth from each band to the next.

IHSMA State Solo and Ensemble Contest

On March 27 NHS Band students traveled to Greene County High school in Jefferson for the IHSMA State Solo and Small Group Festival. Students prepared individual solos and small group pieces for a judge who rated each performance on a Scale of 1-5, with 1 being the highest rating, Nevada High School Band had 16 entries. 27 students performed for an adjudicated rating. Division 1 ratings were given to:

Woodwind Quartet-- Hannah Benninghoven, Haley Primrose, Madeleine Humpal Pash, and Elizabeth Wessels

Woodwind Quintet-- Madeline Mathis, Alexis Houseman, Amaris Hornbuckle, Madison Merfeld, and Baylee Milam

Trombone Duet-- Madison Abraham and Madison Huynh

Saxophone Quartet-- Cooper Dodd, Shelby Backoff, Andy Clough, and Baylee Milam

HOIC All Conference Band

Several NHS Band members were selected for the Heart of Iowa All-Conference (HOIC) Honor Band. The rehearsal and performance took place Thursday March 5 at Baxter High School with guest conductor Leon Kuehner.

The Nevada Band students selected for All Conference recognition are:

Madeline Beauchene, Madeline Mathis, Alexis Houseman, Rachael Sloan, Baylee Milam, Madison Merfeld, Alec Sanchez, Ben Burling, and Tanner Jones.







Will you help Nevada Music Parents turn the dream of a Steinway Grand Piano into a reality? We are fundraising for this Model O grand piano for the Josephine Tope Community Auditorium. If you would like to help, below are some of the donation levels:



Keys Club Levels:

Flat Key: \$25

Natural Key: \$50

☆ Sharp Key: \$100

Notes Club Levels:

Quarter Note: \$500

Half Note: \$1,000

◆Whole Note: \$2,000

If you would like to donate, please circle your donation level and mail this sheet with your check payable to Nevada Music Parents to: Nevada Music Parents, PO Box 93, Nevada, IA 50201. There are additional levels for donations over \$2,000. Please call Jalene Hornbuckle at 382-8117 or email her at jhornbuckle@nevada.k12.ia.us for more information. Thank you!

Please write your name(s) on the line above as you want it to appear in future band and chorus concert programs so we may recognize your contribution to our Dream Grand Piano fundraiser.

Nevada Music Parents is committed to raising \$30,000 towards this project.

Nevada Music Parents is a 501(c)(3) organization. Contributions are **tax deductible** to the fullest extent allowed by law.

You may be able to **double** your donation to Nevada Music Parents. Many employers sponsor **matching gift programs** to match charitable contributions made by their employees. Gifts from retirees and spouses may also qualify for a match.

Nevada FFA Competes in Sub District Leadership Events

Twenty Nevada High School FFA members competed in six Leadership CDE's (career development event) on Friday, February 27th at Iowa Falls. "These students came in before school, in the evenings, and on Saturdays to practice and prepare, what an outstanding work ethic!" stated Kevin Cooper, FFA advisor. Results are as follows:

Job Interview, Gold Award & District Qualifier **Dana Ackerman**

Chapter Program of Activities, Gold Award & District Qualifier Courtney Davis, Erik Fevold & Connor MacVey

Parliamentary Procedure, Bronze & District Qualifier Madison Abraham, Chloe Davis, Savannah Fitz, Madison Huyhn, Erin Sellberg; Understudy Austin Carolus

Ag Sales, Bronze, District Alternate Austin Doty

Creed Speaker, Silver Filicity Robinson

Conduct of Meetings, Bronze Luke Fevold, Nora Anderson, Logan Stufflebeam, Hunter Anderson, Mackenzie Dunson, Kate Griffin, Abbie Lindsey; Understudies Luke Ferguson & Chance Steffes

District FFA Contest was Saturday, March 7 at Webster City High School at 9 am.

Jake Miller NHS '03 FFA Alumni provided judging for the prepared public speaking contest. Miller lives in Grundy Center and is the production manager for Reinbeck Pioneer Plant.

The students enjoyed sandwiches, chips, and cookies on the way home. Nevada FFA members Savannah Fitz, Chloe Davis, and Madison Huyhn made the lunches late Tuesday evening with food supplies purchased by the chapter. Nevada Ag Ed instructor and FFA advisor Kevin Cooper accompanied the group and drove the bus.



Nevada FFA members that participated in sub district FFA contest, very front L to R, Erin Sellberg, Logan Stufflebeam, Nora Anderson, Chance Steffes, Hunter Anderson, back rows, Chloe Davis, Austin Carolus, Madison Huyhn, Savannah Fitz, Luke Fevold, Catherine Griffin, Luke Ferguson, Austin Doty, Kenzie Dunson, Madison Abraham, Abbie Lindsey, Connor MacVey, Dana Ackerman, Erik Fevold, Courtney Davis Not pictured, Kevin Cooper, Nevada FFA advisor.

Couser Purchases Hay from Nevada FFA

Bill Couser of Couser Cattle Company came to Nevada High School Friday morning, March 6 to settle up with Nevada FFA on their hay off the Burke fields and for some fruit baskets he purchased. The students had researched current forage prices from the Ft. Atkinson Hay Auction. Big round bales of grass hay have been fetching \$60 per bale. Bill explained that he just bought 700 head of heifers coming in from Oklahoma and the FFA hay would be perfect in their starter ration. After some discussion, Bill was very generous and paid \$100 per bale, for a total check to Nevada FFA of \$1,800



Front L to R, Madison Huynh, Chloe Davis, Bill Couser, Madison Abraham, standing L to R, Hunter Anderson & Savannah Fitz

Nevada FFA Banquet Held at Gates Hall

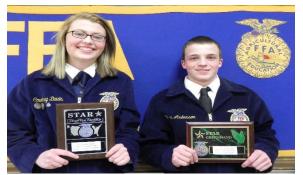
Over 226 FFA members, parents and guest attended the 2015 Nevada FFA Banquet held at Gates Hall on Monday, March 9th. Everyone enjoyed a dinner of Windsor smoked chops catered by Mid-West Pack, accompanied by cheesy potatoes, green beans, roll, and chilled fresh citrus lemonade. For dessert, Chris Lloyd made chocolate brownie cake alamode. The Green Hand & chapter degrees were awarded to members with accompanying pins. Awards included all of the FFA Career Development Events, Leadership Events, and several local businesses and individuals were recognized for their contributions and donations. Certificates of appreciation went to Ray Lounsberry, Richard & Shirley Pilgrim, Dean & Marcia Handsaker, Dale Swanson, Sami Bissell, Lorna Sellberg, Bill Couser, Tim Couser, Patrick Sheets, Kevin Joos & Ben Slinger of Burke Marketing, Komer Johnson, Jeff & Jim Collins, Randy Brekke, Doug & Diana Sampson, Charlie & Chris Lloyd, Tyler McDonald, Rick Hawbaker Van Wall Equipment, Lyle Stahl, Justin Gross, and James Scarlett. The Star Greenhand First Year member went to Hunter Anderson, and Star Chapter member to Courtney Davis. In addition, Henry Corbin received his Iowa FFA Degree on April 21st at the State FFA Convention. At the end of the banquet an iMovie was presented showing highlights of the chapter since one year ago. The iMovie was formatted, edited, and finalized by Dana Ackerman & Courtney Davis.



Fifty-seven Nevada FFA members were recognized for volunteerism work.



Nevada FFA officer team after annual banquet, front Sydney See & Dana Ackerman, back L to R, Courtney Davis, Brooklynn Mackey, Tyler Jones, Henry Corbin, and Bodie Huse, not pictured FFA advisor Kevin Cooper



Nevada FFA Star Chapter member Courtney Davis, and Star Freshman Green Hand Hunter Anderson

Third Annual Iowa High School Renewable Energy Conference

Students from several high schools attended the third annual Iowa High School Renewable Energy Conference held at Nevada High School. Through collaboration with community and regional companies and resources, students were able to learn about career opportunities in a multitude of sessions and tours throughout the day on Wednesday, March 25th.

Off campus tours and sessions included DuPont's advanced biofuel utilizing crop stover where students were enlightened with the procurement and processing of crop residue for ethanol. Van Wall Energy Group was a new off-campus session and met in the capacious new conference room at the Nevada location. Jake West of Van Wall shared with students the complete turbine product line and

production capacities of their turbines. Van Wall also offers a complete line of photovoltaic, aka PV, panels that are cost-effective and efficient for most any application. Other off campus sessions included Couser Cattle Company feeding of co-products. Cousers were a big hit as students identified the different co-products of grain processing that are utilized for cattle feed. The students were also able to mix a ration and take it to the cattle bunk, which the students thoroughly enjoyed. Norm Olson of the BECON Research Facility also provided an off campus session for students.

While students were out in the community, Gates Hall was busy with the on-campus sessions covering wind turbine technology provided by Iowa Lakes Community College's Dan Lutat. Lutat is the program director and is a leader in the US in preparation of wind turbine technicians. A new session was geothermal with Jeremy Lang of Enertech Global. Lang explained the science & opportunities involving HVAC of choice for consumers that utilizes the earth's subterranean constant temperature. Another new oncampus session was Grant Menke of the IRFA (Iowa Renewable Fuels Association). Menke explained current status of renewable fuels, production levels, RIN numbers, successes and challenges that the industry faces. "I really enjoyed all the sessions, they were very interesting and informative" stated Logan Stufflebeam, Nevada High School freshman. "Great conference, so glad we attended!" stated Tonia Prombo, Dowling High School Ag Instructor & FFA advisor.

"I really have to give credit to the conference chairperson Tyler Jones and his student committee members for their dedication to this endeavor and putting in the extra time to make it successful", stated Kevin Cooper, Nevada High School Ag Ed Instructor & FFA advisor. "To watch the committee meet outside of the school day, come in on Saturdays, and other non-school days was inspirational for me as an educator" added Cooper. The first annual IHSREC was held on March 25, 2013 with a Planting a Seed grant provided by the DuPont and the Iowa Soybean Association. This year's committee and financial sponsor was the Nevada High School Ag Ed Department and Nevada FFA chapter. Dr.Gray, Nevada Community School Superintendent, placed the IHSREC committee on the April 13th school board agenda for a report.



Nevada FFA President Tyler Jones and Vice President Brooklynn Mackey welcome students to the Third Annual Iowa High School Renewable Energy Conference.



Nevada Community School District School Supply Assistance Application 2015-2016 School Year

Assistance is available to help families receive school supplies for their children. Families in need of assistance will be provided with pre-packaged school supplies. Please complete the following information and return the form to the main office in your child's building. If you have children in more than one building

they can all be put on the same form. This opportunity is for the Nevada Community School District only.

Items will be distributed at Central Elementary on August 11, 2015 from 4:00PM till 7:00PM. A postcard reminder will be mailed to confirm your participation.

Parent/Guardian Name: Address:		
Telephone:		
Student Name(s)	Student Grade in the FALL (not current grade)	check for multiage
		
		

RETURN BY MAY 26, 2015

If you have questions or would like to donate please contact Jodi Heeren at 382-2751 x111, jheeren@nevada.k12.ia.us or Elizabeth Gindt at 515-382-3521 x394, eqindt@nevada.k12.ia.us

Nevada Community PTA ~ Pawing Our Way to the Top

We hope all the teachers, students and their families have had a wonderful school year and are getting ready for the summer break! The Nevada Community PTA feels fortunate that we have been able to provide so many terrific events this year and it is truly due to our many volunteers and to all the families that come and show their support. We hope you have been able to partake in the PTA events and continue to have fun at the upcoming ones. Here is a look back at some of our most recent events and a preview of some to come!

Close to 100 families attended the Snowflake Dance that was held on February 7th. As in years past the gym was full of kids having fun & the commons area was rocking out with kids dancing to some great music. Thank you to Chris Clark for donating his DJ services again this year!



The Nevada Community PTA provided water and daily snacks to the Middle School & High School students during their annual Testing Week in March. The PTA hoped the extra surprises they received would help the students get through what is typically a challenging week!

There were so many great things to see this year at the PTA Carnival on March 27th but the best thing we saw were so many smiling faces! There were some new games this year including the Wild Hair Studio and the Perfect Games arcade room. The cake walk and inflatables are always a big hit and there were tons of wonderful donated items for the



silent auction and raffle baskets. The Carnival is the main PTA fundraiser that benefits all three schools in the district so the continued support is appreciated by many. Thank you to all who volunteered their time, to businesses and families who donated items and to all those who came and had fun!



The Nevada Community PTA would like to wish the 2015 graduating class good luck in their future endeavors! As in previous years, the PTA has had the honor of selecting two Seniors to receive the PTA Scholarship. The Senior parents After Prom Committee have done a wonderful job to ensure a fun & safe event after the dance. Funds have been raised for this event with business donations, the Draw Down Dance, a partnership fundraiser with Oddfellows, and a Trivia Night. We hope all the high school students who attended prom enjoyed the exciting plans for After Prom!

One of the PTA's favorite weeks is Teacher Appreciation Week, which is May 4th-8th. We get to show the District staff how thankful we are for all they do to help our students by giving them gifts and surprises throughout the week. Make sure & thank a staff member if you see one every day, but especially during this week!



The PTA is looking forward to Summer also! We will have our Back-to-School Pool Party on Saturday, August 8th. Students will again vote for the movie they want to see at the PTA Family Movie Night during Lincoln Highway Days. Continue to watch for more information about both of these events!

As the 2014-2015 school year concludes so does the term for our current PTA Board. We would like to thank all of our current PTA members, the District staff & all the Nevada families for your continued support of your PTA! The final PTA meeting for this school year will be held on Monday, May 4th where elections will take place for the new board. We sincerely hope those elected are as fulfilled by their duties as we were!

- Emily Coussens (President), Kedra Hamilton (Vice-President), Charmi Geerdes (Secretary) & Angela Fritz (Treasurer)

Upcoming PTA Meetings & Events

PTA Meeting May 4th Teacher Appreciation Week May 4-8th
Back to School Pool Party August 8th Family Movie Night August 29th

Website: www.nevadaiowapta.org Email: nevadaiowapta@gmail.com

Facebook: Nevada Iowa PTA Like us on Facebook to stay up-to-date!

2015 NEVADA HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Event Date	Location				
26-May	JV/V	Colfax-Mingo 5:15PM/7:30PM		Colfax-Mingo HS	
27-May	JV/V	Collins-Maxwell-Baxter 5:15PM/7:30PM		Home	
29-May	JV/V	North Polk	5:15PM/7:30PM	Home	
30-May	V	Tournament	10:00AM	Gilbert MS	
1-Jun	JV/V	Saydel	5:15PM/7:30PM	Home	
3-Jun	JV/V	Greene County	5:15PM/7:30PM	Greene Co HS	
4-Jun	JV/V	Brooklyn-Guernsey-Malcom	5:30PM/7:30PM	Home	
5-Jun	JV/V	Roland-Story	5:15PM/7:30PM	Home	
6-Jun	V	Tournament	6:00PM/8:30PM	Woodward-Granger HS	
8-Jun	JV/V	Gilbert	5:15PM/7:30PM	Gilbert MS	
9-Jun	V	Knoxville	5:30PM	Knoxville HS	
10-Jun	JV/V	Prairie City-Monroe	5:15PM/7:30PM	Prairie City	
11-Jun	JV/V	Hampton-Dumont	5:30PM/7:30PM	Home	
12-Jun	JV/V	South Hamilton	5:15PM/7:30PM	Home	
				Hertel Field-	
13-Jun	V	Tournament	10:00AM	Wartburg College	
15-Jun	JV/V	Colfax-Mingo	5:15PM/7:30PM	Home	
16-Jun	JV/V	Ballard	5:30PM/7:30PM	Ballard HS	
17-Jun	JV/V	Collins-Maxwell-Baxter	5:15PM/7:30PM	Collins	
18-Jun	JV	North Polk	5:15PM	North Polk HS	
20-Jun	V	Tournament	10:00AM	Ballard HS	
22-Jun	JV/V	Saydel	Saydel 5:15PM/7:30PM		
23-Jun	JV/V	West Marshall	5:30PM/7:30PM	West Marshall	
24-Jun	JV/V	Greene County	5:15PM/7:30PM	Home	
25-Jun	JV/V	Pella	5:30PM/7:30PM	Home	
26-Jun	JV/V	Roland-Story	5:15PM/7:30PM	Roland-Story	
27-Jun	V	Tournament	10:00AM	Grinnell HS	
29-Jun	JV/V	Gilbert	5:15PM/7:30PM	Home	
2-Jul	JV/V	South Hamilton	5:15PM/7:30PM	MPAC-Jewell	
6-Jul	JV/V	Prairie City-Monroe	5:15PM/7:30PM	Home	
8-Jul	JV/V	Grinnell	5:30PM/7:30PM	Grinnell HS	
9-Jul	JV/V	Colo-NESCO	5:00PM/7:00PM	Colo-NESCO HS	
13-Jul	JV/V	Bondurant-Farrar	5:30PM/7:30PM	B-F Middle School	
14-Jul	JV/V	Iowa Falls-Alden	5:30PM/7:30PM	Home	
17-Jul	V	Districts	TBD	TBA	

High school home baseball games are played at Billy Sunday Field in Nevada unless noted.

High school home softball games are played at the softball fields in Nevada unless noted.

2015 NEVADA HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Event Date		Opponent	Time	Location	
26-May	JV/V	Colfax-Mingo	5:30PM/7:30PM	Colfax-Mingo HS	
27-May	JV/V	Collins-Maxwell-Baxter	5:30PM/7:30PM	Home	
1-Jun	JV/V	Saydel	5:30PM/7:30PM	Home	
3-Jun	JV/V	Greene County	5:30PM/7:30PM	Jefferson City Fields	
4-Jun	JV/V	Iowa Falls-Alden	5:30PM/7:30PM	Iowa Falls-Alden HS	
5-Jun	JV/V	Roland-Story	5:30PM/7:30PM	Home	
8-Jun	JV/V	Gilbert	5:30PM/7:30PM	Gilbert Middle School	
9-Jun	JV/V	Colo-NESCO	5:00PM/7:00PM	Colo-NESCO HS	
10-Jun	JV/V	Prairie City-Monroe	5:30PM/7:30PM	PCM High School	
11-Jun	JV/V	Hampton-Dumont	5:30PM/7:30PM	Home	
15-Jun	JV/V	Colfax-Mingo	5:30PM/7:30PM	Home	
16-Jun	JV/V	South Hamilton	5:30PM/7:30PM	Home	
17-Jun	JV/V	Collins-Maxwell-Baxter	5:30PM/7:30PM	Collins	
18-Jun	V	Kiwanis Varsity Tournament	3:00PM	Roland-Story	
19-Jun	JV/V	North Polk	5:30PM/7:30PM	Home	
20-Jun	V	Kiwanis Varsity Tournament	TBD	Roland-Story	
22-Jun	JV/V	Saydel	5:30PM/7:00PM	Saydel High School	
23-Jun	JV/V	West Marshall	6:00PM/7:30PM	West Marshall	
24-Jun	JV/V	Greene County	5:30PM/7:30PM	Home	
25-Jun	JV/V	Roland-Story	5:30PM/7:30PM	Roland-Story	
29-Jun	JV/V	Gilbert	5:30PM/7:30PM	Home	
30-Jun	V	Grandview Park Baptist	5:30PM	Grand View University	
1-Jul	JV/V	Prairie City-Monroe	5:30PM/7:30PM	Home	
2-Jul	JV/V	South Hamilton	5:30PM/7:30PM	MPAC-Jewell	





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2015 NEVADA 7TH GRADE BASEBALL

Event Date	Opponent	Time	Location	
26-May	Ballard	4:00PM	Home	
1-Jun	Prairie City-Monroe	10:00AM	PCM	
3-Jun	Collins-Maxwell-Baxter	11:30AM	Baxter	
4-Jun	Gilbert	10:00AM	Gilbert MS	
8-Jun	Roland-Story	10:00AM	Roland-Story	
10-Jun	North Polk	10:00AM	Home	
11-Jun	South Hamilton	11:30AM	MPAC-Jewell	
12-Jun	Tournament	9:00AM	North Polk MS	
15-Jun	Greene County	10:00AM	Rippey	
18-Jun	Prairie City-Monroe	10:00AM	Home	
22-Jun	Gilbert	10:00AM	Home	
25-Jun	Roland-Story	10:00AM	Home	
26-Jun	Ballard	10:00AM	Huxley	
29-Jun	South Hamilton	11:30AM	Home	
1-Jul	Collins-Maxwell-Baxter	11:30AM	Home	
2-Jul	Greene County	10:00AM	Home	

7th and 8th Grade Baseball games are played at Harrington Park in Nevada unless otherwise noted. 7th and 8th Grade Softball games are played at the softball fields in Nevada unless othewise noted.

2015 NEVADA 8TH GRADE BASEBALL

Event Date	Opponent	Time	Location		
26-May	Ballard	4:00PM	Huxley		
1-Jun	Prairie City-Monroe	10:00AM	Home		
3-Jun	Collins-Maxwell-Baxter	10:00AM	Baxter		
4-Jun	Gilbert	10:00AM	Home		
8-Jun	Roland-Story	10:00AM	Home		
10-Jun	North Polk	10:00AM	North Polk MS		
11-Jun	South Hamilton	10:00AM	MPAC-Jewell		
12-Jun	Tournament	9:00AM	North Polk MS		
15-Jun	Greene County	10:00AM	Home		
16-Jun	Ballard	11:00AM	Huxley		
18-Jun	Prairie City-Monroe	10:00AM	Prairie City		
22-Jun	Gilbert	10:00AM	Gilbert MS		
25-Jun	Roland-Story Doubleheader	10:00AM	Roland-Story		
29-Jun	South Hamilton	10:00AM	Home		
1-Jul	Collins-Maxwell-Baxter	10:00AM	Home		
2-Jul	Greene County	10:00AM	Rippey		

2015 NEVADA 7TH GRADE SOFTBALL

Event Date	Opponent	Time	Location
27-May	Collins-Maxwell-Baxter	11:30AM	Baxter
29-May	North Polk	3:30PM	North Polk HS
1-Jun	Prairie City-Monroe	11:30AM	Home
2-Jun	Ballard	10:00AM	Huxley
4-Jun	Gilbert	11:30AM	Home
8-Jun	Roland-Story	11:30AM	Home
9-Jun	Ballard	11:30AM	Home
10-Jun	North Polk	11:30AM	Home
11-Jun	South Hamilton	11:30AM	MPAC-Jewell
15-Jun	Greene County	11:30AM	Home
18-Jun	Prairie City-Monroe	10:00AM	PCM
22-Jun	Gilbert	11:30AM	Gilbert MS
24-Jun	Ballard	11:30AM	Huxley
25-Jun	Roland-Story	11:30AM	Roland-Story
29-Jun	South Hamilton	11:30AM	Home
1-Jul	Collins-Maxwell-Baxter	11:30AM	Home
2-Jul	Greene County	11:30AM	Grand Junction

2015 NEVADA 8TH GRADE SOFTBALL

Event Date	Opponent	Time	Location	
27-May	Collins-Maxwell-Baxter	10:00AM	Baxter	
29-May	North Polk	2:15PM	North Polk HS	
1-Jun	Prairie City-Monroe	10:00AM	Home	
2-Jun	Ballard	11:00AM	Home	
4-Jun	Gilbert	10:00AM	Home	
8-Jun	Roland-Story	10:00AM	Home	
9-Jun	Ballard	10:00AM	Home	
10-Jun	North Polk	10:00AM	Home	
11-Jun	South Hamilton	10:00AM	MPAC-Jewell	
15-Jun	Greene County	10:00AM	Home	
18-Jun	Prairie City-Monroe	10:00AM	PCM HS	
22-Jun	Gilbert	10:00AM	Gilbert MS	
24-Jun	Ballard	10:00AM	Huxley	
25-Jun	Roland-Story	10:00AM	Roland-Story	
29-Jun	South Hamilton	10:00AM	Home	
1-Jul	Collins-Maxwell-Baxter	10:00AM	Home	
2-Jul	Greene County	10:00AM	Grand Junction	

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Student Hours Student Days January Online Registration (July 27-31) 1 No School - Winter Break Registration Week **New Teacher Orientation** 505.5 4 Classes Resume 9 All Staff Mtg. - Tope Auditorium 8:30 a.m. 85 537 0 8 15 End 2nd Quarter/1st Semester 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 Teacher Preservice Day 12 13 14 15 16 90 568.5 No School - TLC Committee Day 10 All Staff PD - CKH **19** 20 21 22 23 93 588.3 19 No School - Teacher Work Day **24 25** 26 27 28 29 All Staff PD - CKH (Teacher TQ Day) 26 27 28 29 30 All Staff PD - CKH TLC Committee Day New Teacher Nevada U Teacher Workday 25 First Day of School M T W T F First Day of Preschool S M T W T F 16,18 1 Hour Early Dismissal; P/T Conf. K-8 3 4 57.9 7 No School - Labor Day 18 HS P/T Conf 3-7pm (9-12 Dismiss @ 2:15) 8 9 10 11 12 13 84.3 24 HS P/T Conf 3-7pm (9-12 Dismiss @ 2:15) 3 4 5 6 103 651 3 19 No School - Teacher Comp Day **14** 15 16 17 18 19 9 10 11 115.8 18 12 13 108 682 8 112 707.7 23 22 23 24 25 26 147.3 14 16 17 18 20 21 117 29 30 26 165.6 23 24 25 26 739.2 27 118 WITE 23 End 1st Quarter TWTFS 14-18 No School - Spring Break 178.8 1 2 26 No School - TLC Committee Day 8 9 10 33 210.3 27 No School - Teacher Work Day 4 122 770.7 13 14 15 16 17 38 241.8 28 2nd Quarter Begins 8 9 10 11 12 127 19 20 21 22 23 24 273.3 13 18 43 14 15 16 17 18 19 **27** 28 29 30 31 46 293.1 22 23 24 25 26 132 29 30 31 136 858.6 10,12 1 Hour Early Dismissal; P/T Conf. K-8 S M T W T F S 1 End 3rd Quarter 1 2 13 No School - Teacher Comp Day 137 4 No School - Teacher Work Day 5 4th Quarter Begins 4 5 6 324.6 25 No School - TLC Committee Day 5 6 7 8 9 141 891.6 10 11 12 14 55 349.5 26-27 No School - Thanksgiving 10 12 13 14 15 16 19 20 21 22 23 146 923 1 25 No School - TLC Committee Day 60 17 18 19 20 21 381 0 151 954 6 24 26 27 28 62 392.7 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 155 981 63 3 HS P/T Conf 3-7pm (9-12 Dismiss @ 2:15) 5 HS P/T Conf 3-7pm (9-12 Dismiss @ 2:15) 24-31 No School - Winter Break 3 Last Late-Start Monday 67 424.2 6 160 1012.5 29 Graduation 2:00 p.m. 10 11 12 72 455.7 8 10 11 12 13 14 165 1044.0 30 Memorial Day 15 16 17 18 19 77 487.2 17 18 19 20 21 170 1075.5 22 23 26 80 505.5 24 25 26 27 28 90 Minute Late Start P/T Conferences T W T F S No School - Inservice/Workday Regular Start Time - NO LATE START MONDAY 1 2 3 4 8 9 10 11 No School - Break 179 1158.3 End 4th Quarter/2nd Semester 6 Last Day: 2 Hour Early Dismissal No School - Compensatory Day 180 1161.9 No School - TLC Committee Day 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 No School - Teacher Work Day Misc. 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 TLC Committee Day 28 29 30

STUDENT CONTACT HOURS:

Regular school day = 7 hours, 10 minutes Minus Lunch: 30 minutes

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Regular day towards state hours = 6 hours, 40 minutes (6.6 Hours) District Calendar based on student hours (State Minimum = 1080)

- Weather and other emergency related information will be posted via television (Ch. 8, KCCI; Ch. 13, WHO), and online via the District website (http://www.nevadacubs.org/), Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/NevadaCSD). & Twitter (@NevadaCSD).

- Text and email notifications will be sent via CodeED.

Make Up Days: School

All make up days will be added to the end of the year: June 7, 8, 9.....

School Board Approved 4-27-15

TEACHER CONTRACT:

180 = Student

8 = PD/Workday

5 = Holiday

2 = Compensatory

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

School Registration –
 July 27 – August 2

Students attending Nevada Schools for the 2015-2016 school year must register for school during the week of July 27 – August 2. Parents can register their child(ren) as follows:

PowerSchool Online: https://ps-nevada.gwaea.org//public (use login and password)

Your Home: any time July 27 – August 2 **District Office**: 8:00am – 4:00pm, July 27 – July 31 **District Office**: 4:00pm – 7:00pm, July 29 – July 30 **Central Elementary**: 3:00pm – 7:00pm July 28

Spanish Speaking Interpreter available at Central Elementary on July 28, 3-7pm

ALL DISTRICT OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED AUGUST 4 - AUGUST 7

New Item for 2015 -2016:

On-Line Student Permissions: Grades 7 - 12

Agreement/Understanding of the 1:1 Technology, Concussion Form, Code of Conduct and Social Media Conduct policies will be done on line through the Student Portal.

ADMINISTRATION							
	Title	Phone	Fax		Title	Phone	Fax
Steve Gray	Superintendent	382-2783	382-2836	Justin Gross	HS Principal	382-3521	382-2935
Brian Schaeffer	Business Manager	382-2783	382-2836	Kyle Hutchinson	HS VP/ HS AD	382-3521	382-2935
Joe Wakeman	Technology Director	382-3521	382-2935	Chris Schmidt	MS Principal	382-2751	382-2836
David Kroese	Trans & Maint Director	382-4067	382-2836	Kody Asmus	MS VP/ MS AD	382-2751	382-2836
David Schmitz	Food Service Director	382-3521	382-2935	Kathy Goecke	Elem Principal	382-2383	382-5345
Chris Burling	NCRC Director	382-1600	382-1818	Joel Fey	Elem VP	382-2383	382-5345
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