



“Wings of the Flying Tiger”

Parent Newsletter

Schofield Middle School

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TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Dial 799-2290 to reach the school. Then dial “11” and the extension as noted.

- A.J. Adams,** Principal.....x4100
- Mike Kemper,** Assistant Principal.....x4200
- Debbie Berg,** Dean x4500
- Bryan Hennagan,** Dean x4500
- Jacki Dale,** 6th grade counselorx4300
- Angela Dickens,** 7th grade counselorx4300
- Erinn Varela,** 8th grade counselor.....x4300
- Andrea Balestrieri,** Special Education Facilitator.....x4032
- Attendance.....x4035
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- Registrar..... x4065
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Message From the Principal

Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back to Schofield MS as we start our 2009-2010 school year. I am truly honored to serve the Schofield community as your principal. This is an exciting time for teachers, staff, and the Schofield community as we embrace our school-wide theme, “Attitude is everything, just face it.” As parents, you have a major impact on your child’s attitude everyday. Please know that my door is always open for questions, concerns, and ideas on how to continue moving Schofield forward as one of the best middle schools in the State of Nevada.

Schofield MS has started a new Civil Air Patrol (CAP) cadet program on campus. Students at Schofield, along with students from other area schools, are welcome to be a part of this program. CAP is similar to a high school’s Junior ROTC program with a focus on Aerospace education and emergency services. Cadets will be meeting every Thursday after school on Schofield’s campus. If you are interested in being a part of our CAP program, or if you would like your child to become a part of the program, please contact our front office for additional information.

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Our annual Magazine Sale is underway! This is the most important school-wide fundraiser for Schofield MS. The money raised by selling magazines supports so many of the programs at our school. For example, all of our student recognition programs such as the Straight A Luncheons and Awards Ceremonies are funded through this sale. So, if you currently subscribe to any magazines at your home or office, please consider renewing or extending your subscription with us. In addition, your children can earn some fabulous prizes for selling magazines and our faculty will be getting behind the sale by agreeing to participate in some crazy “faculty frolics” to motivate our students to sell magazines to their family and friends.

Please pay particular attention to the new promotion requirements that will directly impact our middle school student population. Along with passing English/reading and math, students will be required to pass science and social studies classes to be promoted to the next grade level. Please read over these requirements carefully, as they are specific to the grade level your child is currently enrolled in during this school year. The requirements are published in this newsletter and, as always, if you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact the school or your child’s counselor.

Each year, we ask parents to be especially diligent on dropping off and picking up your children at appropriate places around our campus. Students are only allowed to cross Spencer at the marked crosswalks on the corners of Ford and Wigwam.

Please do not park on the east side of the street on Spencer and expect your child to cross the street directly in front of the school. There are no crosswalks there and it creates a dangerous situation for your child, other children, and drivers in their motor vehicles. As you have noticed, there are flashing speed limit lights that are being installed on Spencer. Please be reminded to adhere to the posted speed limit. We thank you for your efforts to minimize this potential danger before and after school.



Finally, we have several new faces on campus this year. Please take some time to read through this newsletter to get to know them. When you see them on campus, please join me in welcoming our new faculty and staff to our Schofield Family.

Your Partner in your Child’s Education,
A.J. Adams, Principal
Schofield Middle School

SCHOFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Testing Schedule



2009 - 2010	
10/27/09- 10/28/09	First Quarter Interim Assessment- English/Science & Math
12/09/09- 12/10/09	Second Quarter Interim Assessment-English/Science & Math
1/12/10 – 1/14/10	Semester 1 Exam – Pre-Algebra & Algebra
1/12/10-1/14/10	Semester Exams
1/25/10-3/5/10	NAEP Testing – 8th Grade (Selected Schools)
2/09/10- 2/10/10	Nevada Proficiency Examination in Writing -8th Grade
2/11/10- 2/12/10	Nevada Proficiency Examination in Writing – (Make Up)
TBA	ELL Testing
2/23/10-2/24/10	CRT Reading
2/25/10-2/26/10	CRT Math
3/2/10-3/3/10	CRT Science – 8th grade only
3/05/09- 3/10/09	CRT Make-Up
3/23/10- 3/24/10	Third Quarter Interim Assessment -Math 8/ Pre-Algebra & Algebra 1
5/11/10-5/12/10	Survey Interim Assessment-English/Science & Math 6, 7
5/28/10-6/2/10	Semester 2 Exam- Pre-Algebra & Algebra 1
5/28/10-6/2/10	Final Exams

ATTENTION ALL BICYCLE RIDERS . . .

Students who ride bicycles to school must obey all traffic regulations when riding to and from school. Students must WALK their bikes while on school grounds. Students must park their bikes in the bike rack located at the front of the school. Bikes must be chained to the stands provided and not to the perimeter fence. At the end of each day, students must remove bike chains and locks from the Schofield Middle School bike rack.



DEANS’ DIALOGUE

Hands-Off Policy

It is the policy of Schofield Middle School to strictly enforce a Hands-Off Policy on campus. This means that students are not allowed to push, shove, trip, slap, or otherwise strike another student either in play or anger. Consequences for violation of the Hands-Off Policy may range from detention to suspension, depending on the frequency and severity of the offense.

CCSD Policy Prohibits Student Harassment

District policy prohibits all forms of student harassment and subjects perpetrators to disciplinary action. In summary the policy states, “Harassment is any verbal, visual or physical conduct which is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive that it adversely affects or has the purpose or logical consequence of interfering with the student’s educational program or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive school atmosphere. Harassment, regardless of its basis, is prohibited.”

Common types of harassment include, but are not limited to unwanted touching, threats, slurs, epithets, verbal abuse, derogatory comments or gestures or pictures, unwelcome jokes or propositions, graphic comments about an individual’s body, display of sexually suggestive objects in the educational environment, and retaliation against an individual who reports a violation of this policy.

Any student who feels that he or she is a victim of harassment should contact a teacher or the dean.

Parents are welcome to contact the deans at 799-2290, ext. 4500, if they are concerned that their students may be experiencing harassment at school.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETING (PIM)

The Parent Information Meeting (PIM) affords parents the opportunity to become informed of and involved in the objectives, plans, achievements, activities, and needs of Jack Lund Schofield Middle School. Our PIM meets at 1:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Little Theater to discuss all of the above and share thoughts and opinions. Please sign in at the front office.

PIM Dates for the 2009-2010 school year:

- September 8
- October 13
- November 10
- December 8
- January 12
- February 9
- March 9
- April 13
- May 11

No Phone Messages

Instructional time is critical to any student’s academic success. Class interruptions negatively impact time on task. For this reason, and to ensure student safety, phone messages will not be delivered to students. Parents must present picture identification to the attendance office in order to speak to a student in the event of an emergency.

ParentLink Adopted as Parent Communication Tool

The Clark County School District has adopted a new parent communication tool called "ParentLink." This communication system will provide our families with phone information and attendance, written information to parent e-mail accounts, and internet access to student grades, attendance, citizenship, homework, and missing assignments, and links to teacher web sites at MyCCSD.net. Using any computer with your favorite browser, you can log onto the website at

<http://www.schofieldms.org>

our school's website, links will take you directly to ParentLink, MyCCSD.net, and many other resources such as: School Events, Teacher's Class Expectations, Clubs and Activities, the Library, parent monthly Master Calendars, and more.

Using ParentLink is a snap. Once you have logged into your account, messages that have been posted by our school or by the School District will be displayed. A single click will take you to each of the pages that are found in your ParentLink site. Clicking the "Classes" link will allow you to get to your child's progress and attendance reports.

Clicking on the "My Account" link will allow you to make changes of your password and login name, and account information that you would like to report changed. Please note; changes made to your home information are not automatically changed at the school, but are reported and must be confirmed. A change to your home information is best completed, in person, with the school registrar.

ParentLink account information will be mailed to our families during the first two weeks of the school year. New families should visit our counseling office a couple of days after the registration of your student to pick up your codes. A request for a ParentLink account code or help with the account due to loss of account information can be e-mailed to:

277ParentLink@interact.ccsd.net

Include in the body of the e-mail your Child's Name, Student ID, Home phone number, and the parent's name that you are requesting (Note: Any e-mail received missing any of this requested information will not be returned and please note, this is NOT a school e-mail box to be used for any other e-mail other than ParentLink.)

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is an organization for middle school students that emphasizes service, academic achievement, and leadership. NJHS will accept applications from seventh and eighth grade students in September. Students with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher may pick up an application from their reading or English teacher. Ms. Efron and Ms. Romeo are co-advisors for NJHS. Additional information will be given in the morning announcements.



From the Health Office

When students are feeling ill, they must report to the health office rather than using a cell phone to call home. Our staff will call home to contact the parent/guardian. Students who wish to be picked up due to illness must call from the health office.

New Staff at Schofield Middle School



Mrs. Eisinger

Mrs. Eisinger

I have spent the majority of my life in Las Vegas – my family moved here from Southern California in 1952. I have witnessed the growth of a small town into a metropolis. After high school graduation, I earned both my undergraduate and graduate degrees from UNLV. Once I completed my undergraduate work I immediately started teaching for the Clark County School District and have been teaching here at various elementary schools for 36 years. My first assignments as a teacher were in a special education program. I am married to a wonderful man; I have two grown daughters and two grandchildren that keep me very busy.

Maritza Gerez

My name is Maritza Gerez, I am from Cuba, and I've been teaching for 20 years. I have a Bachelor's Degree in English & ESL. I have been working with the School District for three years. I like music, and I wish that everybody could read and write well. My goal is to graduate with Master's in ESL here in America. I am proud to be free forever.



Maritza Gerez



Mr. Jacobs

Mr. Jacobs

My name is Mr. Jacobs. People call me Mr. J because it's easy to spell. I have taught for eight years in Las Vegas. Before I was at Schofield, I taught math at Francis H. Cortney Junior High School. I am happily married to a kindergarten teacher. I have a one year old daughter who keeps me quite busy after school lets out each day. When I am not teaching Science, I enjoy eating, cooking, eating, sports, and eating. I look forward to an exciting and educational year at Schofield.

Mrs. Denise Riley

Mrs. Denise Riley has joined the Schofield team this year as a seventh grade English teacher. A native of New York State, Mrs. Riley comes to us with eleven years of English teaching experience. She is National Board Certified in Early Adolescent Language Arts and is a trained Literacy Leader. Mrs. Riley moved to Nevada last fall with her husband and three children. She spent her first year in Clark County teaching at Von Tobel Middle School. When Mrs. Riley isn't in the classroom, she enjoys spending every moment with her family. She enjoys four-wheeling, hiking, swimming, and exploring. She spends much of her extra time being her children's biggest fans as they play hockey and baseball.



Mrs. Denise Riley



Please support our school by ordering or renewing your favorite magazine subscriptions. Our annual Magazine Fundraiser will be kicked off with an assembly on September 10. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and the money goes directly back to our students. We are asking for each student to sell a minimum of one magazine. One sell will allow the student to participate in activities and receive prizes. Bigger prizes are awarded to students who sell more. Please review the packet of information that your child will receive on September 10. You may also access order information through the internet. All online orders our students sold over the summer will count towards prizes when we kick off the fundraiser on September 10th! On our website you will find a link to QSP. Simply click on SEND EMAILS in the lower right hand corner of this page and register. You can send emails to friends and family and invite them to shop in the Schofield Middle School Online Store! They do easy online shopping and you get prizes! Track your online orders from family and friends. Print your sales confirmation page and turn it in during our magazine sale starting on September 10th to earn your prizes! Let's all pitch in to make this the year that the most money has ever been raised for our students! Thank you!

CCSD MIDDLE SCHOOL PROMOTION/RETENTION (2009-2010)

6th Graders must complete one semester with a passing grade in:

1. Math 6
2. English 6 OR Reading 6
3. Science 6

7th Graders must complete one semester with a passing grade in:

1. Math 7
2. English 7 OR Reading 7
3. Science 7 ... AND...
4. Social Studies 7 (US/NV History)

8th Graders must complete the following core classes with a passing grade in order to be promoted to high school:

1. 3 Semesters of a passing grade in Mathematics
2. 3 Semesters of a passing grade in English OR Reading
3. 2 Semesters of a passing grade in Science (during 7th and 8th grade)
4. 2 Semesters of a passing grade in Social Studies (during 7th and 8th grade)

PLEASE NOTE:

An eighth (8th) grade student who does NOT meet promotion requirements MAY BE promoted to high school on ACADEMIC PROBATION provided the student meets the criteria. A parent or guardian may elect NOT to place his/her child on academic probation but to remain in GRADE 8.

Although a student MAY BE promoted to high school on academic probation, SUMMER SCHOOL credit retrieval is recommended to improve academic skills and to prepare for success in high school. Successful completion of required summer school courses may remove a student from academic probation.



Carolyn Edwards

SEPTEMBER 2009

District F

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2009 SCHOOL YEAR
SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

09/07/09	Labor Day
10/05/09	District-wide Staff Development Day
10/30/09	Nevada Day
11/02/09	District-wide Staff Development Day
11/11/09	Veterans Day
11/26/09	Thanksgiving Day
11/27/09	Family Day

For a complete list of calendar dates access
CCSD 2009 School Calendar

PARENTS/STUDENTS CLASSES RESUMED:

August 24, 2009
9 month, modified 9-month and
12 month tracks 2,3,4,5

OR WILL RESUME:

September 14, 2009 – 12 month track 1

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

September 10, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
September 24, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
October 08, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
October 22, 2009, 4:00 p.m.

Board meetings are held on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month,
unless otherwise noted:

Edward A Greer Education Center, Board Room
2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121

Access the district's website Clark County School District

SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS:

September 02, 2009, 9:00 a.m.
SouthWest Career & Technical Academy, Building B, Room 112
7050 W. Shelbourne Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89113

October 07, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

Edward A. Greer Education Center, Board Room
2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121

PLEASE NOTE: Work Sessions are held on Wednesday mornings.

UNSATISFACTORY NOTICES DISTRIBUTED:

In addition to the parent communication system available on school websites, Progress Reports/Unsatisfactory Notices for students will be distributed on:

9 month distributed:
10/01/09, 01/14/10 and 4/22/10
12 month, tracks 1, 2, distributed:
10/23/09, 03/05/10 and 6/18/10
12 month, tracks 3, 4, 5 distributed:
10/02/09, 02/12/10 and 5/14/10
modified 9 month distributed:
10/16/09, 03/01/10 and 05/12/10

If your child is absent on the above date, please contact your child's school to make arrangements to receive the notice.
PLEASE NOTE: Notices will not be mailed home.

REPORT CARDS: Contact your child's school regarding distribution date of report cards.

Dear District F Constituents, Parents, Staff, Students and Friends:

The beginning of the 09-10 school year went very smoothly. I was present for the opening of the SouthWest Career and Technical Academy. The principal and I greeted students as they arrived and then toured the facility. Welcome signs were everywhere and students arrived ready to learn. The excitement of being in a new facility with such great program offerings was palpable. From there, I went to the ribbon cutting for the new Mark L. Fine Elementary School. Again, the staff was ready for the arrival of students. Once the formal ribbon cutting was performed at the entry to the school, each teacher conducted a ceremonial ribbon cutting for every classroom! Everyone is ready to make this year a highly charged and successful learning experience.

U.S. Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, came to Las Vegas last week. Our entire board was invited to meet with him, along with board members and superintendents from across the state. Secretary Duncan is adamant that school districts need to address multiple issues quickly and innovatively. Among these are: consistently poorly performing schools, graduation rates and dropout rates. These are certainly issues that CCSD faces. I believe Secretary Duncan's focus will spur districts to tackle these issues with more vigor and concentration. He noted that Nevada clearly does not place a high priority on education based upon our low per pupil funding. This must change and we must all let our legislators know that we want education to be funded adequately or better.

My first community advisory committee (CAC) meeting called 'F-Troop' will be September 9, 2009 at 9:30am at Bass Elementary School. Superintendent Ruffles will talk about the reorganization of the District. The Area 3 and 4 Associate Superintendents will also be present. These meetings are open to the public and anyone may attend. I hold one every month from September to May. The schedule for this school year is attached. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Carolyn
cedwards@interact.ccsd.net
873-3097

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

SAVE THE DATES: The remaining 2009 F-TROOP Meetings are:
September 9, October 14, November 18 (*this is an evening meeting*), and December 11.
Additional meeting information is located on the 2nd page!

**CLARK COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Operation Crime Free Schools

TIP HOTLINE: 799-0228

Call the school police to report suspicious activity at your school.
You can remain anonymous.

**HOMEWORK
HOTLINE**

799-5111

Monday – Thursday
3:30p.m. – 5:30p.m.

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HOMEWORK CLUB:

The Homework Club provides an opportunity for students to start on their homework at school under the supervision of a classroom teacher. Homework club meets Monday through Thursday after school from 2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. There is no Homework Club on Friday. Homework Club meets the library on Mondays and Wednesdays, on Tuesdays in Room 708, and on Thursdays in Room 730. The late bus available for authorized bus riders.



DRESS CODE

Students must adhere to the following guidelines regarding school dress:

1. Students must wear shoes with soles. Beach sandals, thongs, and slippers are unacceptable. No flip-flops are allowed. Students who wear inappropriate footwear will be asked to call home to have appropriate shoes brought to school, or they will be required to spend the day in In-House Suspension.
2. Students are prohibited from wearing crop tops, strapless, low-cut clothing, clothing with slits, tears, or holes, and tops and outfits that provide minimum coverage. If the student's midriff shows at all when he/she moves, then the shirt should not be worn to school. All sleeveless shirts must have straps at least three inches wide and cover the shoulder.
3. All shorts, skirts, and dresses must be at least fingertip length as the student stands with arms hanging down to the side. If shorts are worn, they must be hemmed and without fray.
4. Pants must be worn around the waist and not sag below the belt level. Once again with no slits, tears, or holes
5. Students are prohibited from wearing hats/headgear on campus except for designated school approved uniforms or at special events or occasions where previous approval has been granted.
6. Students are prohibited from wearing clothing with slogans, which by their controversial or obscene nature disrupt the educational setting. Tobacco, drugs, and alcohol advertising is not allowed. No spiked or studded clothing or jewelry is permitted.
7. With the exception of earrings worn in the ears, facial jewelry and tongue piercing is strictly prohibited.
8. Students are not permitted to write on themselves or other students.
9. Hair coloring must be of a natural color and mohawks are prohibited.

The principal shall retain the authority to grant exceptions for special occasions.

****Students who violate dress code policy will be required to change into a Schofield PE uniform supplied by the deans' office and will receive disciplinary consequences.**

Field Trip Eligibility

A student who earns a "D", "F" or "U" in any grading period, quarter or semester, and who either has been suspended or referred to the dean for a classroom disruption or insubordination is not eligible to participate in a field trip activity.

schofieldms.org



Have you visited our school's website lately? If not, many new changes are in the works. On our home page, <http://schofieldms.org> you will find new links to "ParentLink," Clark County School District's new parent communication tool, and "MyCCSD.net," our teacher's web pages, and CCSD's home page. Added by popular demand is our scrolling text marquee, providing the up-and-coming week's events. This marquee will provide the events that families would attend or participate a week in advance. On our Events page you will find the activities of our student groups, a club/activities list, printable parent calendars for the month and year, and a printable daily bulletin reminding students of the coming activities. Our Flights page will provide teacher information, important dates, and ParentLink tutorials. Our Resources page will provide links to the monthly lunch menu, supply lists, newsletters and more. These are only a few of the pages full of information for our families. Visit our web site today, and find the special link to information about our school's namesake, Dr. Jack Lund Schofield.

Bookmark, to your favorites, <http://schofieldms.org> for your one stop link to our Schofield Middle School Information.

**2009 – 2010 SCHOOL YEAR
F-TROOP MEETING DATE AND HOSTING SCHOOL**

2009

Date/Time: Wednesday, September 9, 2009, 9:30 a.m.
School: John C. Bass ES, Library
Address: 10377 Rancho Destino Road

Date/Time: Wednesday, October 14, 2009, 9:30 a.m.
School: Judith D. Steele ES, Library
Address: 6995 W. El Dorado Lane

Date/Time: Wednesday, November 18, 2009, 5:30 p.m. ****Please note: this is an evening meeting.**
School: Kathy L. Batterman ES, Library
Address: 10135 W. Quail Avenue

Date/Time: Friday, December 11, 2009, 9:30 a.m. ****Please note: this is a brunch meeting.**
Home: Carolyn Edwards
Address: 3275 S. Tioga Way

2010

Date/Time: Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 9:30 a.m.
School: Roger Gehring ES, Library
Address: 1155 E. Richmar Avenue

Date/Time: Wednesday, February 17, 2010, 9:30 a.m. ****Please note: this is a modified day.**
School: Judy & John Goolsby ES, Library
Address: 11175 W. Desert Inn Road

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 10, 2010, 9:30 a.m.
School: Liberty HS, Library
Address: 3700 Liberty Heights Avenue

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 14, 2010, 9:30 a.m.
School: D'Vorre & Hal Ober ES, Library
Address: 3035 Desert Marigold Lane

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 12, 2010, 9:30 a.m.
School: Patricia A. Bendorf ES, Library
Address: 3550 S. Kevin Way

F-TROOP



