

# CLASS!

By, for and about Clark County high school students

## Reading Guide October 2005

### NEWS

#### Page 2: "Clark County teens dig deep for hurricane relief"

Name something that CCSD students did for the victims of Hurricane Katrina?

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#### Page 3: "Plan today for tomorrow's emergency"

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#### Page 3: "Fire & Flood"

What is the most likely disaster to occur in Nevada?  
When was the most recent earthquake?

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#### Page 3: "CCSD high schools join AYP 'High Achieving' list"

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### That's a Fact, Jack!

A fact cannot be disputed, but an opinion is only one person's point of view. From the Opinion section on page 5, determine which statements are facts and which are opinions. On the line, write F for fact and O for opinion.

\_\_\_\_ The AYP report is divided into categories: High Achieving, Adequate, Watch List, and In Need of Improvement.

\_\_\_\_ How students score on nationally ranked and standardized tests impacts a school's federal funding.

\_\_\_\_ Instead of making casino gaming and other industries the state's number one priority, the education of students should come first.

\_\_\_\_ Marijuana is a dangerous substance and does absolutely no good for one's body.

\_\_\_\_ The smoke from marijuana contains 50-70 cancer-causing agents.

\_\_\_\_ If we were to legalize marijuana, the user rates would rise.



### EXTRA! EXTRA!

## Use the news

Some Southern Nevadans believe that many of the Clark County School District's problems with high school dropouts, low test scores and high teacher turnover stem from the enormous student population in the district. They argue that **deconsolidating**, or dividing, the district into separate, smaller districts would make solving problems easier.

Deconsolidation opponents say that, since much school district funding comes from property and sales taxes, some areas would have a financial edge over other areas if the current school district was separated into smaller districts. They feel that deconsolidation would only benefit certain schools, but would damage many others.

As a student, would you advise your school board representative to vote for or against deconsolidation? How would you suggest the district be divided--by region, by population, by city limits? Do you think that deconsolidation will help your education, hurt it, or have no effect? Why?

jot down your thoughts in an article or letter of 500 words or less and send it to CLASS!. Then, watch future issues to see your ideas in print!

Send articles to [class@interact.ccsd.net](mailto:class@interact.ccsd.net), and be sure to include your name and school.

## Features

### Page 6: Raising Nevada's girls takes a whole community

What percentage of girls involved in crimes have been abused or come from unstable homes?

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Why are girls committed to correctional facilities more often than boys?

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What topic concerns teens most, according to the 2003 Raising Nevada Survey? Do you agree? What concerns you most? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Career Center

### Page 25: CCSD Job Bank



What information should you make sure is included in a job reference?

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How many references do you need? \_\_\_\_\_

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How do you find out more information about the CCSD Job Bank? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Did you know?



The Internet smiley was invented on Sept. 19, 1982 by computer researcher Scott Fahlman at Carnegie Mellon University. It was created to indicate sarcastic humor in e-mails, so readers would not be offended and overreact to statements meant to be funny. Ya, right. ;)

## Reader's Choice Reader's Choice Reader's Choice

Choose an article that you have not read yet. Write a 3-4 sentence summary on each article.

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# Teacher's Answer Key

Please distribute only pages 1 and 2 to students

## News

**Name something that CCSD students did for the victims of Hurricane Katrina?**

A. Worked in shelters in New Orleans; donated three years worth of savings; cooked crepes to sell to student body; collected money at football games; collected books, crayons and toys; conducted Miracle Minute drives; held money drives; and hosted displaced students.

**What should you do if a disaster strikes while you're at school?**

A. Follow the teacher who should know the school's emergency action plan.

**What is the most likely disaster to occur in Nevada? When was the most recent earthquake?**

A. Flash flood; Sept. 21, 2005 at 7:18 p.m.

**Can you determine how much total money was spent on per pupil funding in Clark County in the 2004-2005 school year?**

A. \$1,615,953,360.00

**How much more money was spent on each student in Carson City than in Clark County?**

A. \$732.00

**How many more students were there in Clark County in 2004 than in the next most populous school district in Nevada?**

A. There were 219,085 more students in Clark County than in Washoe County. 280,840: 61,755

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## Features

**What percentage of girls involved in crimes have been abused or come from unstable homes?**

A. 80%

**Why are girls committed to correctional facilities more often than boys?**

A. Boys have intervention programs that girls do not.

**What topic concerns teens most, according to the 2003 Raising Nevada Survey? Do you agree? What concerns you most?**

A. Family

## Career Center

**What information should you make sure is included in a job reference?**

A. Name, title, company or organization, street address, zip code and phone number, including area code.

**How many references do you need?**

A. At least four, but not more than six.

**How do you find out more information about the CCSD Job Bank?**

A. Contact the work experience coordinator at your school or call 799-8461.