



# Nate Mack Elementary School

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Nate Mack Elementary Newsletter

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## A Message from the Principal

Welcome to the 2014-15 school year! I'm grateful to begin another exciting year at Mack with our outstanding community of educators, students, and families, and I look forward to making this the best year yet. Our PTO recently held their first monthly meeting and I would like to echo their invitation to become involved at Mack by volunteering and actively engaging in our school. All volunteers are required to be trained before working at school and there are many roles you can fill. If you weren't able to come to our volunteer training on September 12, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Kristel Lederer, at [kclederer@interact.ccsd.net](mailto:kclederer@interact.ccsd.net) to arrange to be trained. We'd love to get you on our volunteer schedule. Please don't hesitate to get involved—it will make a positive difference with your child and their learning.



This year, you will hear your child talk a lot about working on computers and laptops. We have upgraded our technology here at Nate Mack, and all students will have lots of opportunities to go online and complete assessments, quizzes, research, and educational activities. Many students will have homework online as well. If you don't have a computer or internet access, we encourage families to visit the public library and utilize their computer system for free. In addition, we will soon open our computer lab here at Mack, after school for student use.

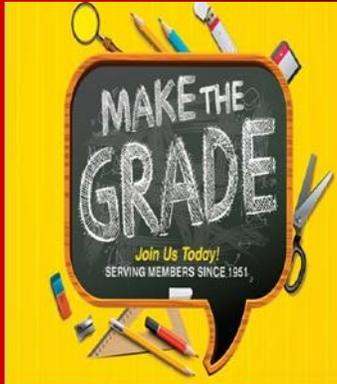
We welcome your suggestions, compliments and feedback throughout the year. Please utilize our school website at [macksites.weebly.com](http://macksites.weebly.com) to contact me directly.

Here's to a great year!  
Nancy Heavey, Principal

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**Daily Schedule at a Glance**

Recess	Lunch
11:00-11:15 (G-L/A) 11:35-11:50 (D/L) Kindergarten & KIDS	11:15-11:35 (all)
11:05-11:20 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade & Primary Autism	11:20-11:40
11:25-11:40 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11:40-12:00
11:35-11:50 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	11:50-12:10
11:50-12:05 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	12:05-12:25
12:00-12:15 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade & Intermediate Autism	12:15-12:35

**Inclement Weather Lunch Schedule**

11:00-11:30	Kindergarten/1 <sup>st</sup> Grade/KIDS/Pri Autism
11:35-12:05	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade/4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
12:10-12:40	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade/5 <sup>th</sup> Grade/Int Autism

**Skating Anyone?**

Wednesday, Sept. 17, Nate Mack is sponsoring its monthly Family Skate Night at Crystal Palace (4680 Boulder Highway). Come anytime from 6:30 to 9:30 pm and enjoy some family fun! The price of \$6 which includes skating, skate rental, and dinner (hot dog or pizza with a drink). Hope to see you there!

**We Need your E-Mail Address**

We're going paperless! Our traditional Parent Bulletin was only sent home once, the first week of school. Starting this month, we are sending the Parent Bulletin electronically on a monthly basis. Please be sure that we have your email address on file. Please email us at [nheavey@interact.ccsd.net](mailto:nheavey@interact.ccsd.net) and let us know your name and your child(ren)'s name(s), so we can email you the bulletin directly. The Parent Bulletin will always be available online on our school website: <http://schools.ccsd.net/natemack>

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## Kinder Corner

- Kindergarten students are working hard this month as we sink into assessments for leveling groups, begin our first math and writing units, and work on shared reading and writing projects.
- This fall, Kindergarten students are using the FOSS hands-on tools to study “Trees” in science. Students will observe, explore, and read and write about the cycle of the tree and its different parts. We will also learn about the things that come from trees and the different shapes and types of leaves.
- We are working on writing, counting, and matching objects in math. The students are also practicing these skills in cooperative groups during our math centers.
- Thank you so much to our supportive parents and families who were flexible with the new kindergarten playground policy. Having parents give hugs and say goodbye to their kiddos at the gate has increased the student’s independence and alleviated congestion on the field. The kindergarten team also added an extra teacher on the playground area for duty this month to make sure all kindergarten students were safe and accounted for.

## Library Spotlight

K-5th grade began checkout of library books on Wednesday September 3rd! Books should be returned to the library on your child's library day so that they can check out again.

Accelerated Reader is up and running and students in grades K-5 are being encouraged to log into AR and take a practice quiz on their library book. Requirements...they MUST read the entire book BEFORE they attempt the quiz. The quiz asks questions about the story. Students must know their school ID number. It is part of their log in.

Book Fair is coming to Nate Mack Library...September 30th - October 8th. Cash or credit cards will be accepted and hours will be 8:30 - 2:45 each day. Hope to see you there!!



## Josh Stevens Foundation

The Josh Stevens Foundation launched a campaign on Oct. 2, 2012, to promote kindness on the 5<sup>th</sup> of every month through the rest of the year. The Henderson-based organization was inspired by 12-year-old Josh Stevens, a CCSD student whose life was cut far too short but whose legacy of kindness continues on. The emphasis on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of each month is linked to Josh’s birthday, which was Oct. 5. Nate Mack is a Be Kind school and students and staff wear their Be Kind shirts on Thursday of each week. We will have new t-shirts available for purchase through the front office for \$10.

PE shirts are still available for purchase through the PE department. Forms are available in the front office.

## First Grade News

The first graders have been very busy since the first day of school. Here are some of the things they are learning.

### CAFÉ

During the month of September first grade students have been introduced to a very important tool that is used in our classrooms daily called the CAFÉ board. Under each letter on the CAFÉ board there are reading strategies that good readers use in order to improve their reading. Once we are done with our initial assessments students will know which areas on the CAFÉ board they need to work on in order to improve their reading.

- “C” stands for comprehension strategies students need to use in order to check and improve their understanding of the text.
- “A” stands for accuracy strategies that students use to help them read the words in a text.
- “F” stands for fluency strategies that help students read with expression, phrasing, and at a good speed.
- “E” stands for expanding vocabulary by reading a variety of text and using the new words we have learned in our own writing and speaking.

As the year progresses you will hear your child talk about and use the strategies from the CAFÉ board while they are reading to you at home. It may sound something like this: “ I didn’t understand that part so I need to back up and re-read”, or “I need to stop and check for understanding to make sure I know who and what this book is about”, or “I need to use cross-checking to see if that word is correct-Does it look right? Does it sound right? Does it make sense?”

While reading books together this month we have focused on learning how to ask and answer questions about the book, retell the story, and identifying the characters, setting, important events, and the moral or lesson of the story. We have also started to build a reading community by sharing our thoughts about the books we are reading with a partner. Practicing how to be a respectful and responsible partner sets the students up for a lifetime of learning and collaborating.

### The Daily 5

As part of our writing curriculum we use Being a Writer. Being a Writer allows us to teach your child in a workshop format where we teach the lesson as a whole group, have a discussion and model proper writing etiquette. During this time while students write we are able to conference with students to help them add to their writing, structure their sentences and get them into good writing habits. The first month of school we have been focusing on proper letter formation, stretching words, beginning a sentence with a capital letter, making sure there are finger spaces between words, and ending the sentence with punctuation. We have been focusing on practicing “I like” sentences, “I help” sentences and “I can” sentences.

Part of our reading block in the morning is Daily 5. Daily 5 is a series of tasks which students complete daily while the teacher meets with small groups. We are currently working on building our stamina for 15 minutes. It is important for us to build this stamina slowly and correctly so as the weeks go on teachers are able to work with small groups without being interrupted. The ultimate goal of Daily 5 is for students to be independent. During Daily 5 students work at different literacy tasks; Read to Self, Read to Someone, Work on Writing, Word Work and Listen to Reading. Read to Self allows students to choose Good Fit books that they are interested in. They have 3 ways to read a book; Read the pictures, Read the words or Retell the Story. During Read to Someone students choose a friend and they read together. Reading with someone helps readers, especially developing readers, increase areas of comprehension, accuracy, and fluency. Work on Writing allows students freedom to choose what they want to write about. It offers them additional time to practice what we work on during writer's workshop. When students are at Word Work they focus on spelling and vocabulary work. Students work with magnet letters, stamps, markers, and other supplies. Listen to Reading is often a favorite. Listen to Reading provides pronunciation and expression models that can only come from hearing fluent and expressive examples.

### **Math**

This year your first grader will be learning math concepts using the engage NY program. The Standards for Mathematical Content are a balanced combination of procedure and understanding. Students who lack understanding of a topic may rely on procedures too heavily. It provides a flexible base from which your child will work. The program permits to justify conclusions, apply the mathematics to practical situations, use technology mindfully to work with the mathematics, explain the mathematics accurately to other students, step back for an overview, or deviate from a known procedure to find a shortcut. The program consists of curriculum modules in mathematics and the modules are marked by in-depth focus on fewer topics. They integrate rigorous classroom reasoning, extended classroom time devoted to practice and reflection through extensive problem sets, and high expectations for mastery.

### **Social Studies**

Our first graders are learning about American symbols in social studies. Students are working hard learning about what a symbol means and why these American symbols are important. We are focusing on the American Flag, the Bald Eagle, The White House, the Statue of Liberty, and the Liberty Bell. Students are reading about these symbols on pebblego.com. In addition to learning about the symbols, students are practicing the Pledge of Allegiance, learning all about the Constitution on Constitution Day, September 18<sup>th</sup>, and learning about what the President of the United States does.

### **Reminders**

The morning bell rings at 7:55 a.m. Please have your child at school on time. If your child is late, please have them go to the office and get a tardy pass. Your child needs to bring their homework folder and backpack to school every day. They will have homework Monday through Thursday. Homework should be done nightly and returned to school the next day. Homework will include a math paper, sight word practice, and nightly reading. Homework is an extremely important part of the learning process. It reinforces skills that we are teaching during the school day. It also teaches a student to be responsible.

**Second Grade News**



We've really enjoyed getting to know all of our new students during the past few weeks. They are an energetic and enthusiastic group of kids. It was nice to see so many parents and grandparents at our Open House, and we're all looking forward to working with you to make sure your child's second grade year is successful and smooth.

Right now, we are spending time doing beginning of the year assessments to see what our students already know, and what we need to review before we move too far into the second grade curriculum. So far, we've assessed reading fluency, math computation fluency, and phonics skills. Our next assessments will be reading comprehension and the Discovery Education tests in math and language arts. All of these assessments will give us a benchmark so we can better show your child's growth throughout the year.

<b>Here is what we're learning in second grade over the next few weeks:</b>
Math:
Adding/Subtracting within 100 to solve one- and two-step word problems
Building fluency in adding and subtracting within 20 using mental strategies
Problem solving skills
Reading/Language Arts:
How characters react to major events in a story
Building fluency, expression, and accuracy in oral reading
Long and short vowels
Collective nouns
Writing:
Getting ideas for writing
Narratives
Science/Social Studies/Health:
Weather
Citizenship (rules, procedures, Pledge of Allegiance, etc.)
Germs/Staying Healthy

Please don't hesitate to contact one of us if you have any questions or concerns.

- Mrs. Austin
- Mrs. Chumakov
- Mr. Garretson
- Mrs. Musa
- Mrs. Peña

### Third Grade News

What a great group of third graders we have this year! This is going to be an exciting year for all of us. The students have been busy in their classrooms learning about the Daily 5, CAFÉ reading strategies, writing personal narratives, and learning multiplication and division strategies. The students have also been working hard to build their stamina especially during Read to Self. Many of the third graders started taking AR tests and the goal for third graders is to earn 75 points or more by the end of the year. Keep up the great reading!

### 4th Grade News

This year our fourth grade is departmentalizing. Mrs. Hinton is teaching Math, Mrs. Rozgay-Miller is teaching Reading and Social Studies, and Mr. Hayden is teaching Writing and Science. The students are enjoying rotating and working with all three teachers.

Fourth grade movie night was a success. We would like to thank all the parents for their support. We are using the funds to pay for our big field trips. We are looking forward to exploring Southern Nevada, including the Hoover Dam. We are currently selling goodies in the Snack Shack after school for the month of September.

### Life as a Nate Mack Fifth Grader...the first few weeks

Fifth graders at Nate Mack have begun an exciting and eventful 2014-2015 school year. Their departmentalized schedule began on the first day of school, and since then, fifth graders have rotated among three teachers for Math, Reading/Social Studies, and Writing/Science.

The students have jumped right into this year's academics as they read and write narratives and practice complex math problems using all four operations. Many students have even begun to take AR quizzes to get a jump on their goals for the year. The students even had homework on day one! These students will have no problem with the transition to middle school if they keep up the hard work we've seen so far.

### Nate Mack Parent Handbook

Click [here](#) to view the online parent handbook.



## Counselor's Corner

### Tips For A Positive Home Climate

1. **LOVE** – Promote unconditional love and respect.
2. **BE POSITIVE** – Promote positive words and attitudes.
3. **Model** - Serve as a positive role model for your child.
4. **COMMUNICATE** - Provide honest and open communication.
5. **SPEND TIME** - Spend quality/quantity time together as a family.
6. **NOTE GROWTHS** - Emphasize physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual growth in the child.
7. **MAINTAIN PRIORITIES** - Keep your family a top priority.
8. **TRUST** - Promote trust within the family setting.
9. **SET STANDARDS** - Set and maintain standards for the child's behavior, and be consistent.

## Before/After School Enrichment Opportunities

Please encourage your child's interests and passions! See the attached information or come by the school office to pick up a flyer for an enrichment activity here at Nate Mack. Some of the exciting options include:

1. Running Club—Tuesday mornings at 7:25 am on the Mack playground, beginning on Oct. 1. Flyers available on Sept. 13.
2. Spanish Class—Classes scheduled to begin September 25 after school. Contact Patty Gardner @ 702-525-1559
3. Scouts—Cub Scouts: Monday evenings 6-7:30 pm in the multi purpose room, beginning on September 15.  
Girl Scouts : 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month from 5:30-7:00 pm in room 27 beginning September 12.
4. Mack Spirit Squad—see information from Mrs. Bichsel
5. TGA Golf for kids at Nate Mack - Thursdays Sept 18-Oct 23 2:20-3:20 pm.  
Pick up a flyer in the office to sign up.

## Smile Pretty!



Fall picture day is coming up Tuesday, October 7. Be sure to have your child's packet filled out and ready to go on this day! We will be having an outside lunch on this day to allow our photographer to set up in the MPR.

## **GATE Businesses**

### **Nate Mack Recycling Company “Where EVERY Day is Earth Day!”**

- The Nate Mack Recycling Company is a student-operated business, managed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade GATE students.
- We are now open for business!
- We recycle plastic bottles, aluminum cans, newspapers, magazines, cardboard and e-waste (old laptops, cell phones, digital cameras, etc.)
- No glass please!
- 20 recyclables = 1 M. M.
- We have monthly class contests and a year-end pizza party for the most class recyclables!
- Please have bags CLEARLY labeled with student’s name **and** teacher’s name to receive class credit and Mack Money

### **Nate Mack Pony Express “The Mail MUST Go Through!”**

- The Nate Mack Pony Express is a student-operated business, managed by the 4<sup>th</sup> grade GATE students.
- The Nate Mack Pony Express Riders pick-up and deliver mail daily throughout our school.
- We are now open for business!
- Students, teachers, parents, and staff are encouraged to use the Nate Mack Pony Express! J
- Writing supplies (like envelopes, stationary, pencils, erasers and stamps) are on sale for Mack Money at the Nate Mack Pony Express Station, located in room 38.
- Donations of writing supplies are GREATLY appreciated! J

### **Mountain Lion Monthly**

- The *Mountain Lion Monthly* is a student-operated business, managed by the 5<sup>th</sup> grade GATE students.
- The Mountain Lion Monthly is a school-wide newspaper that publishes 5 editions each year.
- We are currently looking for sponsors/advertisers for our *Back to School Edition '14*. Please contact Mrs. Bichsel at [PLB428@interact.ccsd.net](mailto:PLB428@interact.ccsd.net) or (702) 799-7760

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ext. 4088 or a Mountain Lion Monthly staff member.

**Afterschool Clubs**

**Nate Mack Student Council**

**Mrs. Bichsel, Mrs. Marsh and Mrs. Reifenheiser, Advisors**

Wednesday, Sept. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Primary Election
Thursday, September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Officer candidates announced
Friday-Thursday, Sept. 12 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>	Officer candidates campaign
Thursday, September 18 <sup>th</sup>	General Election in MP Room
	Voting assembly
	8:05am 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> grades
Friday, September 19 <sup>th</sup>	WINNERS announced
Mon.-Thurs., Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Class Representatives chosen
Wednesday, October 1 <sup>st</sup>	First meeting for Officers <u>ONLY</u>
Wednesday, October 15 <sup>th</sup>	Student Council meeting <u>ALL</u>

Student Council meetings for Officers will be held every other Wednesday

- (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of month) beginning **October 1<sup>st</sup>**.
- Student Council meetings for Class Representatives will be held
- Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month, beginning **October 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**Nate Mack Spirit Squad**

**Mrs. Bichsel and Mrs. Colbrook, Coaches**

- The Nate Mack Spirit Squad is a 50 member squad, consisting of 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students who are positive role models, displaying the LifeSkills and shows school spirit! Go Mountain Lions!
- Our squad performs during all Friday lunches, parades, all school-wide functions like Harvest Festival and competes in the Annual Elementary Cheer Competition in May.
- Practices are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, held afterschool in the MP Room.
- Be sure to come on out and support our Nate Mack Spirit Squad!

**WatchDOGS® Event**

Hey kids! Don't forget to bring your Dads, Grandpas, and/or Uncles to the Pizza with Pops WatchDOGS kickoff on Thursday, September 18 at 5:15 pm in the MPR. Enjoy dinner and a presentation on what WatchDOGS is all about. Our "TOP DOG", Mr. McNamee, will be present and ready to sign you up and get you on the calendar to be a positive presence on the campus of Nate Mack.

## **Nate Mack Parent Volunteer Guidelines**

Thank you for taking the time to volunteer in your child's classroom! We appreciate your assistance and we are happy to have you here. It is our goal for parent volunteers to help enhance the learning of all of our students. Together, the students, parents, and staff of Nate Mack make it a wonderful place!

### **A Special Place for You**

We are excited to announce that Nate Mack has a designated volunteer work room! Please note: Parents and children are asked not to use the Teacher's Lounge, unless you are accessing the adult restrooms.

### **Working with Students**

There are many things that you can do as a volunteer that will help to ensure that you are helping, not impeding, the instruction that is taking place.

- When the teacher is presenting a lesson to the entire class, please do not interact with the children. Their focus needs to be on the teacher and the main learning activity.
- When the teacher is NOT delivering instruction, you may walk around the room and monitor students.
- Please step outside the school to make or receive phone calls.
- We appreciate you setting the example for students by adhering to CCSD dress code policy.
- Please always utilize school appropriate language when on school grounds.
- Give students verbal praise such as, "Great Job!" or "I can see that you are trying your best," as you move about. Please do NOT work with one child, including your own, for an extended amount of time unless asked to do so by the teacher.
- If students appear to need assistance with their work, please do not give them the answers. Encourage students to explain what they understand and then give them "hints" to lead them to the answers.

### **Behavior**

To ensure the success of all students, it is important for everyone in the building to model the behavior expectations of the school and of each individual classroom. Please communicate with your child's teacher to get an idea of the classroom expectations and do your best to support them. For example, when any staff member's hand is raised and he/she counts down from 5 (5,4,3,2,1), all students should be silent and looking at the teacher. You can help to reinforce this expectation by also becoming silent and looking at the teacher. Please note: If a student is misbehaving, please do NOT discipline the child yourself. It is best to let the teacher know that there is an issue and he/she will address it appropriately.

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**Professionalism**

When working in an environment with so many children, it is important to remember certain guidelines.

- Please understand that the teacher is responsible for the learning of all of the students and that his/her main focus will be teaching the entire class. For this reason, he/she will NOT be able to discuss your child’s progress during class. Please arrange a time to conference before or after school so that the teacher can offer his/her full attention to your needs.
- In the classroom, you will have a chance to see many students. Please refrain from discussing other children with anyone other than the teacher or an administrator. We do our best to protect all aspects of our students’ privacy, including yours!
- Issues/Questions/Problems– If you see something in the classroom that concerns you, please feel free to discuss it with your child’s teacher or an administrator during a private time.
- Attendance– We know that your time is valuable and that emergencies or other events may stop you from being able to help on your scheduled day. This is not a problem– we just ask that you let the teacher know as soon as possible if you are not able to help in case he/she has planned an activity that requires your presence.

**A Look Ahead**

Sept. 17 (Wed.)	Skating Party at Crystal Palace
Sept. 18 (Thu.)	Student Council General Elections
Sept. 18 (Thu.)	WatchDOGS Kickoff - Pizza with Pops
Sept. 23-24	PTO Bake Sale (during lunch and after school)
Sept. 29- Oct. 8	Book Fair in the Library
Oct. 1 (Wed.)	PTO Mtg 2:30 pm in the Library
Oct. 3 (Fri.)	Movie Night
Oct. 7 (Tue.)	Fall Picture Day
Oct. 24 (Wed.)	Harvest Festival
Oct. 30 (Thu.)	Halloween Parade
Oct. 31 (Fri.)	Nevada Day (observed – no school)

**Mack Year-At-A-Glance 2014-2015**

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**January 19**  
 January 20-February 27  
 January 21-February 13  
 January 23

Licensed Teachers return  
 Support Staff Employees return  
 Classes Begin – PTO sponsored Boo-Hoo/Woo-Hoo Breakfast 8:15

Kindergarten Essential Skills Testing Window  
 Expectations Assembly Grades 3-5 (Times TBD)  
 Expectations Assembly Grades K-2 (Times TBD)  
 Open House 6-7:30 pm

**Labor Day (No School)**  
**Staff Professional Development Day (no students)**  
 AIMSweb Testing (1<sup>st</sup> Benchmark)  
 Discovery Ed Test A Window for Grades K-5  
 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser Movie Night  
 PTO Meeting – 2:30 p.m. Library  
 Volunteer training  
 Student Council Campaigns  
 Student Council Elections  
 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser Chuck E Cheese  
 US Constitution Day  
 WatchDOG Pizza with Pops Kick-off  
 Parent Involvement Day (KIDS & ECSE)  
 School District Count Day  
 PTO Bake Sale  
 Book Fair

PTO Meeting – 2:30 pm Library  
 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser Movie Night  
 Fall Picture Day (Staff and Individual Students) outside lunch  
 Great Nevada Shakeout drill  
 Parent Involvement Day (KIDS & ECSE)  
 GVHS Homecoming Parade and Carnival  
 Harvest Festival 5-8 pm  
 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser Parking Lot Sale  
 Unsats Go Home  
 Halloween Parade

**Nevada Day Observed (No School)**  
**District Wide Staff Professional Development Days (No**  
 PTO Meeting – 2:30 pm Library  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Fundraiser Movie Night  
**Veteran’s Day Observed (No School)**  
 Picture Make-up & Retakes (outside lunch)  
 Parent Involvement Day (KIDS & ECSE)  
 Turkey Trot Fund Run Specialists  
**Thanksgiving Day & Family Day (No School)**

Inclusive Schools Week – “Inclusive Education: One School  
 PTO Meeting – 2:30 pm Library  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Fundraiser Movie Night  
 Shop with Santa/Parent Night Out  
**Winter Break Begins (End of Day - No School December 20–**

**Happy New Year!**

Classes Resume  
 Expectations Assemblies (times TBD)  
 PTO Meeting – 2:30 pm Library  
 WatchDOGS event Dads & Donuts(6 pm)  
 \*AIMSweb Testing (2<sup>nd</sup> Benchmark)  
 Choir Begins (grades 3-5) 2:15-3pm  
 Parent Involvement Day (KIDS & ECSE)  
 End of First Semester (89 days)  
**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed (No School)**  
 WIDA Testing Window for ELL students (District Window)  
 Discovery Ed Test B Window for Grades K-5  
 Report Cards distributed

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\*NAA Testing (grades 3-5 District Window)  
 Kindergarten Essential Skills Testing Window  
 Science Materials Fair in Library  
 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School  
 PTO Meeting – 2:30 pm Library  
 Star Lab & Mackademic Night  
 Parent Involvement Day (KIDS & ECSE)  
 Spring Class and Individual Pictures Pre K-5 (outside lunch)  
 Valentine’s Dance 2:30 pm

**District Wide Staff Professional Development Day (No Students)**

**Presidents’ Day Observed (No School)**

NV Reading Week “Got Books?”  
 SBAC (grades 3-5) & Science CRT (grade 5) (District Window)  
 PTO Meeting – 2:30 pm Library  
 Specialists Fundraiser Movie Night  
 Freaky Friday Glo Run/Carnival (Cindy Turner Scholarship)

Book Fair  
 Parent Involvement Day (KIDS & ECSE)  
 Field Day

Unsats go home

**Spring Break Begins (End of Day-no school March 28-April 5)**

PTO Meeting – 2:30 pm Library  
 Classes Resume  
 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser Movie Night  
 Parent Involvement Day (KIDS & ECSE)  
 Take Your Child To Work Day  
 Special Olympics Games

Staff Appreciation Week  
 \*Discovery Ed Assessment C Window for Grades 1-5  
 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sea World Trip  
 PTO Meeting – 2:30 pm Library  
 Picture Day for Kinder & 5<sup>th</sup> promotion  
 Talent Show Auditions  
 GATE Astro Camp  
 \*AIMSweb Testing (3<sup>rd</sup> Benchmark)  
 4<sup>th</sup> grade Carson City Trip  
 4<sup>th</sup> grade Hoover Dam Field Trip  
 Parent Involvement Day (KIDS & ECSE)  
 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Track Meet

**District Wide Staff Development Day (No Students)**

**Memorial Day Observed (No School)**

Talent Show Dress Rehearsal  
 Talent Show  
 Volunteer Tea

Kinder Promotion Ceremonies (2 classes)  
 Yearbook Signing Party  
 Grades 1-4 Awards Ceremonies (times TBD)  
 5<sup>th</sup> grade Promotion Celebration Ceremony – Liberty HS 6-8 pm  
 Kinder Promotion Ceremonies (2 classes)  
 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Kickball Game  
**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL** – Report Cards Distributed (91 days)

**iWalk**

Nate Mack Elementary School is participating in Walk to School Day on Wednesday October 8, 2014



Join children and adults around the world to celebrate the benefits of walking.

Looking for a healthy way to start the day (and spend quality time with your child)? Try walking or bicycling with your child to school. It's a great way to help children learn and practice safe walking and bicycling skills, promote health, identify safer walking routes, and improve air quality. There's not a better way to start your day.

If you do have to drive that day, consider parking several blocks away and walk the remainder of the way in to school.

Please see the back side of this flier for some helpful safety tips to share with your students.

**Tips for Walking Safely to School:**

Walking is fun, but you need to be safe while doing it. Follow these tips to make sure you get to and from school without any problems.

**Walk together**

Younger children should always walk with an adult. Tell your parents that walking is great exercise and a nice way to spend time together.

If your parents say that you can walk to school on your own, remember these tips:

- Walk with a friend when possible.
- Ask your parents to help you pick a safe route to school; one that avoids dangers.
- Stick to the route you picked with your parents. Don't let friends talk you into shortcuts that are more dangerous.
- When you are near the street, don't push, shove, or chase each other.
- Never hitchhike or take rides from people not arranged by your parents.
- Talk to your parents and teacher about any bullying that may happen during your walk.

**Be seen**

Remember, drivers may not be able to see you well. Always wear bright-colored clothes and if it is dark or hard to see, carry flashlights or wear reflective gear.

**Look for traffic**

Watch out for cars and trucks at every driveway and intersection on your walk to school. Look for drivers in parked cars. They may be getting ready to move.

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**Cross the street safely**

1. Stop at the curb or edge of the street.
2. Look left, right, left and behind you and in front of you for traffic.
3. Wait until no traffic is coming and begin crossing.
4. Keep looking for traffic until you have finished crossing.
5. Walk, don't run across the street.

Obey traffic signs, signals and adult school crossing guards.

**iWalk**

participará en Camina a la Escuela el miércoles 8 de octubre, 2013



¿Está buscando una manera

saludable de comenzar el día (al igual que pasar tiempo de calidad con su hijo)? Intente caminar o andar en bicicleta a la escuela con su hijo. Es una buena manera de ayudar a los niños a aprender y practicar destrezas seguras para caminar y andar en bicicleta, promover la salud, identificar rutas más seguras para caminar, y mejorar la calidad del aire. No hay una mejor manera de comenzar su día.

Si tiene que conducir en ese día, considere estacionarse a varias cuadras de distancia y camine el resto del trayecto a la escuela.

Por favor consulte el reverso de este folleto para algunas recomendaciones de seguridad útiles para compartirlas con sus estudiantes.

**Sugerencias Para Caminar Con Seguridad Hasta La Escuela**

Caminar es divertido pero hay que mantener la seguridad al hacerlo. Sigue estas sugerencias para ir y venir a la escuela sin problemas.

**Camina con alguien**

Los niños pequeños deben caminar siempre con un adulto. Dile a tus padres que caminar es buen ejercicio y una manera agradable de pasar tiempo juntos. Si tus padres dicen que puedes ir a pie a la escuela por tu cuenta, recuerda estas sugerencias:

- Camina con un amigo cuando sea posible.
- Pídele a tus padres que te ayuden a establecer una ruta segura para llegar a la escuela; una ruta sin peligros.
- Sigue la ruta que escogiste con tus padres. No dejes que tus amigos te convenzan de irte por atajos peligrosos.
- Cuando estés cerca de la calle, no andes a empujones o empellones ni persigas a

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los demás.

- Nunca pidas “aventones” (viajar a dedo) ni te vayas en auto con personas que no hayan sido enviadas por tus padres a recogerte.
- Habla con tus padres y con tu maestro sobre toda intimidación que pueda ocurrir durante el trayecto.

#### **Que te vea**

Recuerda que los conductores pueden no verte bien. Ve siempre con ropa de colores brillantes y, si está oscuro o es difícil ver, lleva una linterna o ropa reflectora.

#### **Mantente atento al tráfico**

Ten cuidado con los automóviles o camiones en todas las salidas de autos e intersecciones de tu ruta a la escuela. Fíjate en los conductores de los autos estacionados. Es posible que se estén preparando para ponerse en marcha.

#### **Cruza la calle con seguridad**

1. Para en el bordillo de la acera o el borde de la calle.
2. Mira hacia la izquierda, la derecha, atrás y adelante para ver si hay tráfico.
3. Espera hasta que no haya tráfico para comenzar a cruzar.
4. Sigue mirando para ver si vienen vehículos hasta que hayas terminado de cruzar.
5. Camina, no corras para cruzar la calle.

Obedece las señales de tránsito y a los guardias adultos de los cruces escolares.

### **Free Lunch Eligibility**

If your child receives free lunch and you haven't re-applied for this benefit for the 2014-15 school year, your child's eligibility will expire next month and s/he will be charged \$2.00, the regular lunch price each day, which you will be responsible for paying. Please re-apply online at [www.applyforlunch.com](http://www.applyforlunch.com) or pick up a lunch application from school.



#### **Food Service Department Facebook Page Implementation:**

- The CCSD Food Service Department is now on Facebook.
- The page can be found by going to [www.facebook.com/CCSDFoodService](http://www.facebook.com/CCSDFoodService).
- Menus, healthy comparisons, nutrition tips, specials, and much more will be posted on the page.
- Please share this link with your community and remember to LIKE the page to ensure you receive the latest updates.

Questions may be directed to the Food Service Department at 702-799-8123.

## Early Childhood Special Education/KIDS

We are all excited to start a brand new year of learning!

Welcome back to those families returning this school year and welcome to the new members of our Nate Mack family! We can't wait to see what the new year will bring us.

Learning is in full swing in our early childhood classrooms. We have busy learning letters, colors, shapes and vocabulary. We are learning to share with our friends and take turns. Our first Parent/Family Involvement Day will be on Friday, September from 9:00-10:00 am.



Here's to a great school year!

Mrs. Herrald, Mr. Thomson, and Ms. Horne

