Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to the fourth quarter of this school year. As the year continues to fly by, I assure you the staff at Hyde Park Middle School is continuing to build knowledge and focus on learning. The staff is dedicated to the rigor and relevance of the curriculum, and they continue to raise the bar for every student.

The activities and excitement on our middle school campus makes Hyde Park a wonderful place to be. The following activities are just a small representation of what took place on campus during the third quarter and on into the fourth quarter: On March 14, 2012, all students attended a Pi Day event during their mathematics class. They had the opportunity to view a Pi paper chain that was 13,000 digits long, read facts about Pi as they walked through the park, participate in a choreographed dance based on Pi, design a bracelet based on the number of memorized digits of Pi, and use chalk to draw pictures representing Pi. The day was filled with fun learning activities for all students and adults. The incoming sixth grade students from the four feeder elementary schools were on campus on March 28, 2012. The orchestra, band, guitar, keyboarding, and choir students, as well as the cheerleaders, represented Hyde Park and put on an outstanding performance for the incoming students. Twenty community members met with students on April 10, 2012, as part of the PayBac program. This program is sponsored by the school district and provides community members to visit classrooms and share information about their successes in life, information on how decisions made during middle school will affect their career and college choices, and encourage students to continue to excel in all that they do.

Each of the performing arts programs attended district-sponsored festivals throughout April and came home with superior ratings. These students have also been traveling to out of state festivals to compete with other schools nationally. Three VEX robotics teams competed in the World’s VEX Tournament in April, and the Science Olympiad team will be competing in their ninth consecutive national competition in May. I am both proud and excited to report that the students at Hyde Park have continued pursuing their passion and have participated in local, state and national competitions. I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to Fisher Space Pen for donating Science Olympiad 2012 engraved pens for the national competition, and to LVCVA for donating lighted Welcome to Las Vegas lapel pins.

Finally, I would like to thank all the parents, business, and community members who have supported the teachers and students through various means. We are very fortunate and appreciative of their involvement to help improve the future of our workforce.

As spring advances, please continue to help us keep students focused on attending school so they can be engaged in the learning process. Thank you for all you do as a partner in education!

Respectfully,

Kimberly Bauman
Principal

LOCKER USE / PERSONAL BELONGINGS
(as noted in the Student Handbook)

To provide security for clothes and personal items during P.E., we accommodate students with a P.E. locker to utilize during their class period. Please note: Hyde Park Middle School is not responsible for items left in lockers. To ensure against loss or theft, please remember the following:

1. Do not leave anything valuable in your P.E. locker.
2. Make sure your locker is securely closed and locked.

If you haven't already, please bring your own lock or see your P.E. teacher for a lock.

Students who bring personal belongings to school are responsible for their security and safety. The school is not responsible for any items damaged, lost, stolen from lockers, or stolen from anywhere within the school during a school day, from the school at night, or over a weekend. This includes cell phones, bicycles, band instruments, clothing, or any school items, etc. Students are responsible for all materials issued to them (textbooks, musical instruments, etc.) during the school year.
Tardy Policy
Just a reminder, the school’s tardy policy is as follows:

1st tardy - After-school Deans’ detention
2nd tardy - RPC
3rd tardy - RPC
4th tardy - Deans’ lunch detention

ALL students are held accountable for being in their classrooms on time. For both zero and first periods, students are marked tardy in CLASSXP by the teachers. If the child is habitually tardy, the teachers send the deans an email. For periods 2 through 6, students are to report to the attendance office prior to going to class and tardiness is recorded by the attendance clerk. The consequences for tardiness are identified above.

Science Bowl
Congratulations to the 2012 Hyde Park Middle School Science Bowl Team, consisting of Team Captains Liam Duffy and Lyle Anthony Carrera, Michael Sorkin, Anish Devati, and Jayron Jay Desai. These students came in fourth place out of 30 schools in the State of Nevada Science Bowl competition. They won a beautiful trophy and a $250 check for their efforts. Mr. Ed Patricks is the advisor to the Science Bowl team.

Pre-Registration With ParentLink
Students returning to Hyde Park for the 2012-2013 school year were able to log into ParentLink with their login ID and password during the week of March 12-16 to select their elective class for next year. After reviewing the course catalog, students entered their first and second choices for their elective. Teachers had made recommendations for some students previous to the students going online. Changes and/or corrections were available until pre-registration closed on March 19, 2012. This is the second year this opportunity has been offered to the students.

Promotion/Retention – Middle School Policy 5123, Appendix E

- Pupils enrolled in Grade 6 during the 2011-2012 school year must complete one semester with a passing grade in mathematics, one semester with a passing grade in English or reading, and one semester with a passing grade in science for promotion to Grade 7.
- Pupils enrolled in Grade 7 during the 2011-2012 school year must complete one semester with a passing grade in mathematics, one semester with a passing grade in English or reading, one semester with a passing grade in science, and one semester with a passing grade in social studies for promotion to Grade 8.
- Pupils enrolled in Grade 8 during the 2011-2012 school year must complete three semesters with a passing grade in mathematics, three semesters with a passing grade in English or reading, two semesters with a passing grade in science, and two semesters with a passing grade in social studies during the seventh and eighth grade years for promotion to high school. An eighth 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.

Boys Soccer Team
On Tuesday, April 24, Hyde Park’s first-ever Boy’s Soccer team concluded their regular season play, and took second place in the division! These boys had a great inaugural season. Advisors were Ms. Ayoub and Ms. Carlson. Team members were identified in the February 2012 newsletter.

American Invitational Mathematics Exam (AIME)
Mykyta (Nikita) Ignatyuk, Troy Stokes, and Ryan Wu took the subject exam on March 15, 2012. In order to qualify to take this test, these students had to score in the top 2.5% in the country on a 10th grade national math competition called the AMC10. Our highest scoring student was Mykyta with a score of 6/15, Ryan had a 3/15, and Troy scored 1/15. Competitors had to get at least a score of 8/15 on the AIME to move on to the next competition.

Former Panther Daniel Chen scored exactly that, 8/15, and he qualified to take the USAJMO (United States of America Junior Mathematical Olympiad), a great honor for Daniel. Only the top 250 10th graders and below in the nation qualify for this!
MathCounts

The school’s MathCounts team won the regional (Southern Nevada) championship for the 4th year in a row. The regional competition was held February 11, 2012, and the rankings were:

School Results
1st Hyde Park Middle School
2nd Coral Academy of Science
3rd Bob Miller Middle School
4th The Meadows School
5th Cashman Middle School

Individual Results
1st Mykyta (Nikita) Ignatyuk (Southern Nevada Individual Champion)
2nd Liam Duffy
3rd Matt Hambacher (7th grader, 3rd place and 4th place had the same score so a tiebreaker was needed)
4th Troy Stokes
5th Ian Johnson (Countdown Round winner)
6th Ryan Wu
8th Carter Patterson (7th place went to a student from Bob Miller)
9th Ivy Tran (6th grader)
10th Antoinette (Toni) Figueroa (8th place through 10th place had the same score so a tiebreaker was needed)
14th Kirsten Mara (one question away from 8th place)

Every student from Hyde Park’s team advanced to the State competition, something that has never happened before. At this competition on March 10, these same students earned Hyde Park Middle School the championship title for the 4th year in a row, just like in the Southern Nevada competition. Four years straight as the Southern Nevada and State champions is an outstanding accomplishment!

State results are shown below:

School Results
1st Hyde Park Middle School
2nd Davidson Academy of Nevada (this school has profoundly gifted students only)
3rd Coral Academy of Science, Las Vegas
4th Coral Academy of Science, Reno
5th Bob Miller Middle School

Individual Results
1st Mykyta (Nikita) Ignatyuk (Nevada State MathCounts Individual Champion, 2nd Countdown Round, National MathCounts Qualifier)
2nd Matt Hambacher (4th in Countdown Round, National MathCounts Qualifier)
3rd Ian Johnson (3rd in Countdown Round, National MathCounts Qualifier)
5th Ryan Wu (Countdown Round Winner)
10th Liam Duffy
12th Carter Patterson
15th Kirsten Mara
19th Troy Stokes
31st Ivy Tran
34th Antoinette (Toni) Figueroa
Countdown Round Results
1st  Ryan Wu
2nd  Mykyta Ignatyuk
3rd  Ian Johnson
4th  Matt Hambacher

Due to their outstanding performance at State, Mykyta, Matt, and Ian have qualified to compete in the 2012 MathCounts national competition which will be held in Orlando, Florida, May 10-13.

VEX Robotics World Tournament

Hyde Park Middle School’s VEX Robotics Team went to VEX World Competition April 19-22, in Anaheim, California. Three of our four teams made it to World this year, which is the best ever. We competed against the best middle school robotics teams in the world and held our own. Team A finished 48th, Team B finished 44th, and Team D finished 23rd in this World Tournament!! Team B brought home our first-ever VEX World Trophy for having the “Best Middle School Robot Design” -- 1st place in the world! Congratulations to team members Kevin Hjelstrom, James Rowley, William Cox, Scott Omo, Travis Murray, Tarun Thummala, Josh Alexander, Russell Bromley, Caleb Ho, Matthew Meyer, Ethan Schwartz, Cole Biafore, and Nikolay Trankiev. Mr. Patricks, advisor, is very proud of the accomplishments of these students this year and is looking forward to next season’s games.

Counselors’ Corner

Our 6th grade orientation / assembly was held on March 28 for the students that are zoned for Hyde Park this coming school year. Fifth graders from Wasden, Griffifth, Vegas Verdes, and Hancock elementary schools came and learned about our school through video presentation, student speakers, identification of elective choices, and musical numbers by our orchestra, band, guitar, and choir departments. Our cheer squad made an appearance, as did the Hyde Park mascot. We hope the soon-to-be 6th grade students are looking forward to becoming a Hyde Park Panther!

The counseling office instituted a few changes to their recognition programs for our students in April. They still reward our A/B and straight O students, but instead of having an assembly, they now give the students a yummy treat at lunch instead. This practice took place during all three lunches on April 10, with the students presenting their report cards for the third quarter to get their treat. Another change the counselors have initiated is that straight A students will have an end-of-the-year activity that includes breakfast and bowling at one of our local hotels.

The school’s annual PayBAC Program was held at Hyde Park on Tuesday, April 10, in our library and in classrooms. Thirty teachers took advantage of the variety of speakers that came to present their work experiences to the students. Counselor Laron McGee spearheaded the project and NJHS students Alexandria Brown, Johnny Lopez, Kevin Patridge, Megan Barrera, Jenna Moran, Dax Campo, Samantha Boyer, Chelse Rathnayake, Elizabeth Mast, Mindy Mac, Diana Bober, Robe Bautista, Parker Drewes, Matthew Ramos, Stefan McLin, Nicolas Stubson, Jewel Lapira, Josh Alexander, Heleina Maunu, and Jack Kanter, escorted our visitors while on campus.

Counselors will be “looping” with their students again this coming school year. This means that Mr. Michnal, current 6th grade counselor, will move up with his students for 7th grade; Mr. McGee will become our 8th grade counselor, and Mrs. Haynes will counsel our new 6th graders.
State Champion in Chess

Royce Pereira is a 6th grade academy student at Hyde Park. On March 24, he participated in the 2012 Nevada State Chess Championship, and won the K-8 (middle school) section with a perfect 5-0 record. Around 200 students participated in this annual tournament at the Las Vegas Day School, in four sections. Of the four champions, Royce was the only one with a perfect score; the others each had a draw. This is the second time he has won the State tournament, having previously won the K-5 section last year. Hyde Park is happy to have Royce as one of our students and the Chess Club is especially thankful they have another great player! Congratulations, Royce, and keep up the good moves!

End of Year Information

On June 5, 6, and 7, students will be taking their second semester tests and dismissal will be at 11:50 AM. each of those three days. It is important that your child eat a good breakfast and get a good night’s sleep prior to the tests. Lunch service will not be available. Students are not to bring back packs or large purses to school these days and, if they do, the items will be confiscated at the front gate and retained in the office until after school. The front gate (by the flag pole) will be the only entrance open to the students in the morning. The makeup day for students missing any of the three tests will be June 8, beginning at 8 AM, in the front office. Other arrangements will have to be made with the school if the child is unable to make the June 8 date. More information will be sent home as the end-of-the-school year approaches.
CCSD Graduation Information

Parents/guardians of Hyde Park 8th graders should have received a note from Ms. Haynes, 8th grade counselor, dated February 15, 2012, regarding the school district's goal of seeing every CCSD student in a cap and gown on graduation day. This news is important to not only our current 8th grade students, but for students in 6th and 7th grade as well. Because all Hyde Park students will develop an academic plan, the message in that February 15 note is printed below.

Together, we share in the goal of seeing every CCSD student in a cap and gown on graduation day. In an effort to meet that goal, we have instituted the "Keep Your Eye on the CAP" philosophy. CAP stands for Climate, Academics, and Participation. All three of these elements are areas that the school district and members of the community can focus on to improve education.

With an emphasis on the student-parent-counselor collaborative, CCSD has identified the necessity for consistent, ongoing academic planning as the key to providing a firm foundation for educational development and transition.

Each eighth grade student will participate in developing an academic plan which sets forth specific educational goals that he/she intends to achieve before graduation from high school.

Students and their parent(s) will work in consultation with their assigned school counselor to initially develop, then monitor and revise the plan yearly. The plan will be used as a guide to manage the student's educational development and course selection. It will be easily accessible at http://eduplan.ccsd.net for regular review and revision as necessary.

To maximize postsecondary options and potential, we look forward to partnering with you and your student for a stronger, brighter tomorrow."

If you have any questions about this program, you can contact Ms. Haynes at the school at 799-4260, ext. 114301.

Sumdog's Clark County Contest

During this contest, 1,708 Clark County students answered a grand total of 1,668,898 questions. A total of 902 Hyde Park students answered 984,985 questions correctly between them! Sumdog’s free mathematics games engage students of all abilities and it was great to have Hyde Park students actively involved. As one of the top schools from the state of Nevada, we are pre-registered for the first-ever national Sumdog competition. This will take place n 5/14-18. Sumdog is a trademark of Crocodile clips.

Another Win for Hyde Park Students

Congratulations to the Hyde Park Students that participated in the Southern Nevada Regional Science Fair on March 31.

- Anisha Jain received a 1st place medal in the 6th grade life science category.
- Ethan Schwartz, Jaxson Turk, and Katie Petska received a 2nd place team medal in the 6th grade physical science category.
- In the team category for 8th grade inventions, Sean Merrill and Christian Ong received a 1st place medal and the team of Ace Ayres, Gabriel Doran, and Russell Sorom received a 2nd place medal.

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Da Vinci Day

Hyde Park will be celebrating Renaissance Day on May 10. The school has been busy preparing for the day-long celebration for weeks prior to Spring Break, and students have been actively involved in learning more about the true Renaissance man, Leonardo Da Vinci. Through daily tidbits shared during PAWS Period and in the classroom with notebooks specifically dedicated to the celebration, students learned the meaning of words like Curiosita, Dimostrazione, and Sensazione. Were you one of those who were familiar with the words or were you surprised when your child came home repeating them? There are seven principles that enable us to “Think like Leonardo.” They are, (1) have an insatiable curiosity for life and living; (2) learn from experience and mistakes; (3) nurture and refine sensory awareness; (4) embrace the uncertain and the unknown; (5) develop “whole-brain thinking” -- a balance between logic and imagination; (6) accept responsibility for physical and mental health and well-being; and (7) recognize and appreciate the interconnectedness of all things.

A little child wakes each day with an excitement for all that will be learned and experienced that day. As the day continues, the most often repeated word is “why?”

At Hyde Park Middle School and the Academy of Science and Mathematics, our motto is “Learning for Mastery.” Our goal is to rekindle the curious natures our children had as small children. In doing this, we bring our contents alive for them. As they become more curious and ask why, our students become more involved and excited about learning.

With this philosophy in mind, it is logical that we admire the approach to learning emulated by Leonardo Da Vinci. As stated above, our students have been learning about the seven principles of genius practiced by this great learner and applying them to their own lives.

We will be celebrating this thinking in our classrooms during the day and in the evening on May 10. If you can join us, we would love to have you see the accomplishments and learning of our children, be a part of this experience, and share in the excitement and joy of learning. Should your schedule permit, we welcome you to participate in our classes during from 6:50 a.m. to 2 p.m. or at our evening activities and Renaissance Fair from 4 to 7 p.m. that evening.

We encourage everyone to embrace their “inner Leonardo” and learn something each day.

Stand Up 2 Bullying

The Stand4Change / StandUp2 Bullying event that was held nationwide on May 4, was an epic day at Hyde Park with students and staff members wearing red and black as a united front against bullying. Students wearing red or black (or a combination thereof) were sent to the field at the west side of the school during 2nd period where pictures were taken. More than one thousand students dressed for the event. After pictures, students were sent back to their second period class and the class with the highest percentage of students wearing black and red won a pizza party as their prize for participating. Treats were handed out to participants throughout the day.

Geography Bee

Daniel Werth, an 8th grader in Ms. Weinstein’s geography class, won the school Geography Bee in January 2012. Through a written exam, Daniel qualified to participate in the State Geography Bee on Friday, March 30, at Lois Tarkanian Middle School. Out of 100 students, Daniel made it to the top ten of the final round by answering some very difficult questions. Daniel then placed 5th in the entire state. Congratulations Daniel!
8th Grade Activities

An awards ceremony will be held at the school gymnasium on May 15 from 6-8 p.m. This is not a graduation ceremony and only students receiving an award will be invited to attend. Parents/guardians of students receiving an award are welcome to attend, but must have a ticket to get in to the event as seating space is limited. A total of three tickets were given to each student, one for them and two guests. Tickets were distributed to the students; if they will not be using all three tickets, they are requested to return the extra ticket(s) to the office. Students were nominated for an award by their teachers. Some awards require an interview by a panel of staff members before a nominee was selected. The interviews were held May 1 and 2. Invitations were sent home to the families once winners have been selected. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria after the ceremony is completed.

Hyde Park’s farewell field trip for 8th graders will take place May 19, 2012. For $100, students can join their classmates for a fun-filled day at Six Flags Magic Mountain amusement park. The price includes entrance to Six Flags, one meal ticket, a morning snack, and the cost of the bus. Busses will leave Hyde Park at 5 a.m. and depart Six Flags at 8:30 p.m. that same day, returning to Hyde Park around 1 a.m. Sunday morning, May 20. Tickets were on sale from April 9 through May 4 and were sold out by April 25. Names are wait listed in the event seats become available between now and May 19. Students were encouraged to put their name on the list with Ms. Laythorpe in Room 907.

At the school’s annual 8th grade barbeque, 8th graders can enjoy a freshly barbequed hot dog, soda, and chips for just $3, prepared for them by administrators and other school staff members! Later that evening, from 7 - 9 p.m., the 8th grade farewell dance will be held at the school. Tickets are $20. Plans are to have the dance under the stars in the courtyard. This is a fun night for the departing students and attendees always have a great time. Semi-formal attire is usually worn by attendees but school dress restrictions still apply. The girls must have their shoulders covered and the appropriate length on their dress is required.

Eighth grade t-shirts will be ordered for students who are interested in purchasing them. Students selected the logo for the shirts, which will be available for the trip to Six Flags and cost $20.

Choir News - On February 11, Hyde Park participated in the Nevada Music Educators’ Association Solo and Ensemble and earning “Superior” I Solo ratings were Trenton Bullock, Mary Kran, Erin Stewart, Rachel Sayas, Therese-Mae Lim, and Nayla Fair. Klauna Carreon, Fallon Ainsworth, Alira Coffman, and Caitlin Gatchalian earned “Excellent” II Solo ratings.


The vocal ensemble participated in the same Festival and won a “Superior” rating. Members included Fallon Ainsworth, Trenton Bullock, Klauna Carreon, Alira Coffman, Pablo Estrada, Hayla Fair, Judy Fickess, Delon Fisher, Anica Rosaire Fuerte, Caitlin Gatchalian, Stephanie Godinez, Mary Kray, Hannah Kroll, Casey Ledford, Mindy Mac, Sarah Mekonnen, Kyley Parish, Benjamin Payton, April Pena Trejo, Aaron Quiamzon, William Rosales Mejia, Alfredo Sanchez, David Santiago, Erin Stewart, Elizabeth Sziribik, Isabel Ureno, Ambika Verma, Tyler Wasniewski, Akna Wijekularatne, Ashley Willis, Rachel Young, Zoe Zelenksy, Gargi Pandey, and Viola Harper.


Performing at the Nevada All-State Choir concert on April 21 were Mary Kray, Eric Vattima, Nayla Fair, Branden McNeil, Alfredo Sanchez, David Santiago, Delon Fisher, Trenton Bullock, Erin Stewart, and Rachel Anne Sayas.

# 2012 Secondary Summer School Information

http://www.ccsd.net/schools/summer-school

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National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)

The 2012 NJHS induction ceremony took place April 25 from 7 – 9 p.m. The candle-lighting ceremony saw a total of 91 students, 7th graders, become members of the Hyde Park Chapter of NJHS. Students receiving the honor included:


Congratulations to these youngsters. Ms. Sarene and Mr. Patricks, advisors, are looking forward to this coming school year and working with the newest members of Hyde Park's NJHS. A reception was held after the ceremony to honor the inductees and their families.

eCybermission

Congratulations to Manushri Desai, Ivy Tran, Alisha Yi, and Leah Yim - the MAD Scientists - for receiving 2nd place in Nevada for their eCybermission projects on Car Crash Safety. Each team member will receive $250. Great job team!

Criterion Referenced Testing (CRT)

State-mandated CRTs for math and reading took place Thursday, April 12, through Tuesday, April 17, for 6th - 8th graders, with 8th graders also testing in science on the 18th. In order to get the students excited about this required testing, daily raffles were held with 15 $25 gift cards for Tilly's (5 each per grade); 3 $50 gift certificate for Tilly's (1 per grade); 150 $5 Starbucks cards (50 per grade); and 140 $5 Jamba Juice cards (50 per grade) as the prizes. A perfect attendance raffle had 3 iPads as the grand prize (1 for each grade). Grand prize winners were: Ammon Montenegro, 7th grade, and Ace Ayres, 8th grade. Note: the 6th grade winner could not be identified because of information on the District’s CCF Form 588 (see previous newsletter for explanation for not including student name).
Band and Guitar win at Festival

The Hyde Park guitar ensemble and varsity band students travelled to Los Angeles, California, for the "Music in the Parks" Competitive Festival March 22-23. Both groups won 1st place trophies in their respective divisions. The guitar ensemble came home with a "Superior" rating and the band students with an "Excellent" rating. Congratulations!

Mr. Miller’s guitar ensemble included: Ulysses Batalona, Mateo Davis, Adrian Diaz, Jennessa Dunton, Kevin Galvin, William Gangozo, Johanna Garavito, Reed Gausling, June Kim, Stefan McLin, Lazaro Mederos, Hannah Morato, Sienna Patino, Sari Stissi, Nicolas Stubson, Ian Tornello, Eric Vattima, Davin Maiden, Damond Smith, and Christopher Sanchez.


Giant Map of Africa

A special opportunity for our geography classes was provided by National Geographic when students traveled across Africa on the Giant Map! The map is 18’ by 24’ and allows students the opportunity to walk across Africa while engaging in activities that enable them to learn more about the physical features of the world’s second largest continent! Do you know the highest mountain and longest river in Africa? If the answer is “no,” ask one of our 8th grade students. They’ve “walked” up the river and across the mountain, thanks to the Giant Map!

Guitar Festival

The following students represented Hyde Park Middle School at the CCSD Guitar Festival on Wednesday, April 11, 2012, with Superior ratings: Adrian Diaz, Jennessa Dunton, Cameron Georgelos, Rachel Lashley, Taylor Valentine, Ulysses Batalona, Alexander Bolt, Mateo Davis, Kevin Galvin, William Gangozo, Johanna Garavito, Diegos Gasca, Reed Gausling, June Kim, Isaiah Lane, Davin Maiden, Stefan McLin, Lazaro Mederos, Hannah Morato, Sienna Patino, Damond Smith, Sari Stissi, Nicolas Stubson, Ian Tornello, and Eric Vattima.

Project Citizen

Students in Ms. Karch’s class participated in Project Citizen. This gave them the opportunity to examine a problem within their school or community, research solutions, and write a proposal for a new or improved public policy. Some of the topics included Sagging, Child Abuse, Mandatory Recycling, and Police Violence.

Student project boards and portfolios of work with documentation were presented during their oral presentations at the Nevada Showcase on Saturday, April 21, at Hyde Park.

Hyde Park students were joined by students from Arbor View, Iverson, O’Roarke, and Walker. We are grateful for our students for being involved in the work of our governmental process.
**Students of the Month (SOM) for January / February / March**

This is a recognition program for students going above and beyond what is expected, showing improvement in academics or behavior in the classroom, or doing something that deserves recognition.

Teachers with last names beginning from A-L and M-Z nominate students every other month. The celebrations include official recognition, pizza and soda, and a Student of the Month t-shirt and are held in our school library. Family members whose students are being recognized are always welcome to attend the monthly celebration. Students nominees/winners for January, February, and March 2012 were:

**January:** Alfredo Sanchez, Rose Bashara, Gabriel Doran, Royce Pereira, Christian Marie Castro, Peter Wency Hernandez, Jude Anthony Ong, Dave Patel, Jialu Cui, Chrystain Myles, Briana Mojica, Tarun Thummala, Stephenie Cornejo, Araben Tablizo, Samuel Haug, Elana Perez, Pablo Enoc Cortez, Tanya Ostorga, Alondra Diaz-Ortiz, Gargi Pandey, Dale Dunham, Donovan Jackson, Joe Thomas, and Kira Warren.

**February:** Brandon Tucker, Joan Casabar, Sean Park, Cesar Roa, George Rodriguez, Cristian Arteaga, Summer Godla, Ivan Hernandez-Macias, Samantha Jennings, Kelvin Vilchez, Kaleb Bustamante, Jocelyn Delgado-Ramirez, Yuxin Jiang, Dominique Solis, Jona’e Etchebarren, Jada Smith, Kaycie Davies, Megan Adamson, Joseph Deblanco, Briana Calderon, Amnrea Busicescu, Luis Lopez, Aaron Quiamzon, Ulises Romero, Ivy Tran, Talia Watts-Rowe, Hannah Law, and Araben Tablizo.

**March:** Roger Harrison, Fausto Vega, Cole Sechrist, Richard Serrano, Brandon Muddiman, Michelle Perez, Gisselle Victores, Judith Fuentes-Retolaza, Andrea Busicescu, Pamela Fuentes, Malachi Franklin, Gabriela Miaz Albino, Dominique Gutierrez, Andrew Kotalis, Elana Tracy, Apoorva Chauhan, Brandon Cera, Shivani Bisen, Luisa Skouson, and Calvin Tubbs.

Congratulations to each of these students for a job well done.

**Hard Work Does Pay Off!!!**

A group of 42 band students traveled to San Francisco, California, where they had an opportunity to visit several museums, including the Intel Museum, the Triton Museum for Art, and the Golden Gate Bridge and Park, where students even flew kites. Even after two full days of fun activities, however, the students still had their eye on their mission of winning a Gold medal and outshining the competition at the Heritage Music Festival, which they did! Everywhere they went, people commented on how well they behaved, which speaks volumes for our parents who are always very supportive of our activities.

To celebrate a successful day, the students had a special dinner at the Spaghetti Factory before an evening at the theater, where they saw a live stage production of “Tom Sawyer.” This production was performed by students from local middle schools across the central valley of California.
Band students will be giving their final performance of the year at UNLV’s Ham Hall on Tuesday May 22 at 6 p.m., where our award-winning bands will have an opportunity to show off their talents. We are proud of all our instrumental groups. They have had an outstanding performance year.

**Upcoming Events (April, May, June)**

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Orchestra Students / Heritage Festival


Mr. Woolstenhulme had one orchestra made up of students from his intermediate and ensemble orchestras and this group along with the advanced orchestra students each won Gold ratings and 1st and 2nd place in their respective divisions. Because both groups scored so high, they received the adjudicators’ trophies and were invited to the Festival of Gold this coming school year. Between the orchestra and choir performances, the scores were so high that the students also came home with the Festival Sweepstakes Trophy.

Chamber orchestra students travelled to Orlando, Florida, for another competition May 2-6. The students had the highest score out of any other participating and came home with the Adjudicator’s Award and a Gold rating. They were also the only middle school participating (others were high schools) and because of the high scores they earned, they were advised that another trophy will be sent them for their outstanding performance. Students traveling for this competition included: Darren Bradway, Daniel Campbell, Greg Sloane, Alex Wrote, Tal Brauner, Wesley Chen, Caleb Ho, Cole Baltazar, Herman Wu, Trina Hua, Kristine Ly, Lenise Wu, Cassandra Ho, Gabrielle Talavera, Alisha Yi, Matthew Ramos, Samantha Freeman, Andrea Lam, Alex Lish, Irene Yang, Alan Arciga, Fernando Garcia, Ryan Kim, Edward Xiong, Gwen Garrett, Grecia Gomez, Meredith Liu, Sehee Park, Sydney Brandani, Alex Brown, Cameron Vargas, Caroline Bell, Louisa Skouson, Julia Stevens, Kaylan Wingard, Isabella Cram, Andie Davis, Lauren Martin, Caitlyn Noorda, Alan Cruz, Steven Glover, Kevin Meng, and Orei Odents.

Orchestra’s spring concert will take place at Las Vegas Academy on Thursday, May 24, from 6-8 p.m.

Science Olympiad

For the ninth year in a row, the school’s team has taken the title of state champion for the Nevada Science Olympiad competition. This year’s team was made of Gio Lee, Shivani Bisen, Kaitlin Tucci, Theodore Chu, Johann Sun, aaron Quiamzon, Austin Chiu, Ivy Tran, Alisha Yi, Nicole Annegelwyn Figueroa, Isak Ohman, Micajuh Schweikert, Grant Goodwin, Mykyta Ignatyuk,
Carter Patterson, Cassandra Ho, Marissa Resnik, Rachel Zhang, Cody Thornock, Parmehar Singh, Maxwell Johnston, Aakash Shaw, Andrew Shepherd, Lea Yim, Grey Keopp, Derek Stratton, Hannah Law, and Samuel Haug.

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Team members travelling to nationals in Florida May 16-21 include: Samuel Haug, Shivani Bisen, Kaitlin Tucci, Theodore Chu, Andrew Shepherd, Hannah Law, Austin Chiu, Ivy Tran, Alisha Yi, Nicole Angellyn Figueroa, Marissa Resnik, Cassandra Ho, Derek Stratton, Mykyta Ignatyuk, and Carter Patterson. Ms. Kraus and Mr. Hill are the advisors to the Science Olympiad team members.
Third Quarter Straight A’s

The following students received straight A’s for the Third Quarter of this school year and were served home-made pancakes on April 26, prepared by our counselors: Ester Patrize Aguilar, Candelaria Alayon, Ian Alexander, Mona Asadi, Chayse Baker, Benjamin Blomquist, Savannah Bradford, Jillian Briare, Daina Anne Burton, Kaleb Bustamante, Noah Cahill, Trinity Carnell, Grace Cashin, Denise Castle, Lina Cechavicius, Cera Brandon, Chauhan Apoorva, Clark Taylor, Lily Closson, Hannah Dawson, Gabrielle Debelen, Manushri Desai, Anish Devati, Lexie Diaz, Tanner Erwin, Musie Girmay, Trevor Goldsmith, Grant Goodwin, Isaac Greenberg, Roseanne Gubler, Samir Gulati, Dagmawi Haile, Nebyu Haile, Christopher Hambacher, Benjamin Hand, Anisha Jain, Zachary Jensen, Lauren Jeong, Liam Jones, Asad Aly Jussa, Yi Hyun Kim, Dylan King, Sean Park, Deev Patel, Madison Paul-Reeves, Christina Peries, Tricia Pomeroy, Hailee Pope, Nicole Riggs, Mika Rudar, Cristian Santiago Dubon, Sarah Shaw, Sang Hyup Chin, John So, Michael Sorkin, Shaelin Spahle, Nathan Tannenbaum, Majestic Terhune, Justin Truong, Santosh Veeramachaneni, Herman Wu, Ezra Yoseph, Rachel Zhang, Michelle Zhu, Rose Bashara, Amy Bilodeau, Shivani Bisen, Darren Bradway, Russel Bromley, Andrea Busicescu, Daniel Campbell, Maria Carrillo-Ochoa, Raynise Chanthavisouk, Michaela Chesin, Austin Chiu, Andreana Chua, Sanjit Deepalam, Christian Jay Estrella, Nicole Anggelyn Figueroa, Samantha Freeman, Kevin Galvin, Elissa Gray, Conor Green, Jesse Horne, Mykyta Ignatyuk, Eileen Koo, Alexandra Lish, Meredith Liu, Mindy Mac, Kirsten Mara, Bryan Medina, Sean Merril, Christian Ong, Mia-Angela Ortega, Sehee Park, Carter Patterson, Michelle Perez, Matthew Rams, Marissa Resnik, Luisa Skouson, Derek Stratton, Yuegeng Sun, Lizette Tapia, Kaitlin Tucci, Carmen Vargas, Daniel Werth, Holly Wong, Lenise Wu, Jocelyn Yeh, Zoe Zelensky, and Jiale Zhu.

On May 16, these students will be going bowling to continue the Straight A’s celebration at the Texas Station Hotel and Casino.