The 2014-2015 school year comes to a close on Thursday, June 11, but students in need of make-up classes and credit recovery will be back in the classroom on Monday, June 15. With a philosophy of “opening doors and maintaining rigor”, summer school sessions will run June 15-July 2 and July 6-July 23. Classes will be held Monday through Thursday at La Quinta High School. DSUSD students grades PK-5th participating in the SH (severely handicapped) program will attend classes at Amelia Earhart Elementary School; students grades 6-12 will be working at La Quinta High School.

High school counselors are currently accepting applications for DSUSD students looking to register. Applications will be accepted through May 21. Priority registration will be given to those 12th graders who were not able to graduate due to an insufficient number of credits. These students may take up to a maximum of 20 summer school credits and, upon successful completion, will participate in a graduation ceremony at the end of the program. Incoming seniors may take a maximum of 15 credits and incoming juniors and sophomores may register for a maximum of 10 credits. Eligible members of the 2015-2016 freshmen class having experienced challenges in completing Math 8, are invited to participate in a three-week bridge program that will focus on preparing them for Math I as they begin their high school studies.

Other summer school programs include A-G course validation, open to incoming juniors and seniors, and A-G math course validation, open to incoming sophomores and juniors. A-G courses are intended to assist students who received a grade of “D” with a limit of two such recovery classes. Acceleration classes are also being offered to incoming juniors and seniors as a means of allowing students in such programs as International Baccalaureate to take elective classes during the summer. Calculus Prep is being offered as a three-week course for incoming sophomores-seniors who completed Algebra II in this current school year.

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Summer school classes will be held at La Quinta High School and Amelia Earhart Elementary School.
**Dates To Note**

**April 28:** National Bus Driver Appreciation Day

**April 30:** Future Blackhawk Night for students interested in attending La Quinta High School. Event begins at 6:30 pm by the culinary arts building with school tours departing every fifteen minutes. See flyer page 12 for more information.

**May 1:** National Principal’s Day

**May 1:** Night of the Bands fundraiser for Palm Desert High School band boosters. See flyer on page 11.

**May 2:** Fashion show and luncheon at John F. Kennedy Elementary School from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the school’s multi purpose room. Hosted by Project Runway’s Matthew Sarafa with student and staff models. $10 admission. Call the school for information. See flyer on page 11.

**May 2:** The 21st Annual Rotary Middle School Math Field Day will be held on Saturday May 2, 8:00 am-2:30 pm. For information call Martha Mendez at 760-396-6945 or visit the web site at www.indiorotary.

**May 3-9:** National Guest Teacher Appreciation Week

**May 4-8:** National Teacher Appreciation Week; May 5 is Teacher Appreciation Day.

**May 5:** Board of Education meeting at 7:00 pm. (Study session at 6:30 pm.)

**May 5:** Dental & Vision Information Meeting for all staff at DEC North from 3:30-5:00 pm.

**May 7:** National School Nurses Day

**May 7:** Inspiration for Life! Health & Fitness Fair at DEC North from 1:30 to 5:00 pm. Open to all employees, retirees, and the DSUSD community. See information on page 11.)

**May 7, 8, 9:** Presentation of student-directed one-act plays at Palm Desert High School Performing Arts Center at 7:00 pm. $7 per ticket.

**May 11:** 20th Annual DSUSD/United Way Golf Tournament. See flyer on page 11.

**May 16:** SCSBOA Regional Festival in the Palm Desert High School theater from 8:00 am—8:00 pm. Featuring only bands with a “Superior” from the district festival. Of the 18 bands featured, DSUSD will be sending Palm Desert, Shadow Hill, Indio, and La Quinta high schools as well as Palm Desert Charter and Colonel Mitchell Paige middle schools.

**May 16:** After School Program Ballroom Dance Competition at Shadow Hills High School.

**May 27:** Elementary School Battle of the Books.

**May 29-June 5:** Lyndon Johnson Elementary School Under the Sea Book Fair including Family Fun Night.

**May 29:** Indio High School Graduation 7:00 pm

**May 30:** Palm Desert High School Graduation 8:00 am

**May 30:** Shadow Hills High School Graduation 8:30 am

**June 3:** Amistad High School Graduation 7:00 pm

**June 4:** La Quinta High School Graduation 7:00 pm

**June 9:** Summit High School Graduation 4:00 pm

**June 9:** Horizon School Graduation 7:00 pm

*Summer school continued from page 1*

Each day of summer school is five hours and fifteen minutes of instruction time. The day will begin at 7:45 am with a break from 10:25 am to 10:50 am. Classes resume at 10:50 am and the school day will end at 1:30 pm. Food services will be available during the break. Students are reminded that each tardy will equal one hour’s absence; five tardies will be considered a full day’s absence; six hours of absences will result in a student being dropped from the class.

Students accepted into the summer school program will be able to find their names posted through the Home Access Center as soon as the information is available. Class lists will be posted to the front window of the main entrance to La Quinta High School the weekend prior to each semester.

A total of 35 teachers and two counselors will be working throughout the summer session. Applications for teaching closed on April 23.

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Indio High School Holds Career Day

Four hundred plus freshmen attended the school’s fifth annual Career Day on April 10. Twenty-three career professionals, many of whom graduated from Indio High School, shared their experiences with students. Speakers represented a wide range of careers, including doctors and nurses, attorneys and law officials, teachers, entrepreneurs, engineers, and scientists.

Students said they were most interested in hearing how the presenters felt as they reflected back on their career choices. “They’re sharing the personal side of their lives,” noted freshman Robert Mathews. “We’re getting to hear their feelings about their jobs, not just how much money they make or what they do at work.” Students also appreciated guest speakers’ assurances that their years at Indio High School equipped them for life beyond high school. “They keep telling us how well Indio High School prepared them for college and careers. That’s nice for us to hear,” said freshman Juvenal Barrajan.

Buona Giornata

The travel club at Shadow Hills High School spent spring break in Italy with adviser and math teacher Kate Keener. Visits to Venice, Florence, Rome, Vatican City, and Pompeii created lasting memories. The students experienced leather making, glass blowing, and a plethora of museums. They met students from many different schools and are already planning next year’s trip to London and Paris. Bon Voyage!

IN THE NEWS

DSUSD was featured…

April 22: Coverage continues on the tragic death of Indio High School student Pedro Del Real who was struck by a car. All local media carried information about Pedro.

April 21: The Press Enterprise ran a story titled County’s top students are saluted, a recap on the April 15 RCOE Academic Awards Dinner where students from high schools across the county were recognized including those from DSUSD. See our own coverage on page 5 of this newsletter. The story was also carried in Paper Clips, the Riverside County Office of Education daily brief.

April 17: Alternative education at Horizon School and Summit High School was featured in the Neighbors section of The Desert Sun. Thanks to Rudy Wilson for writing the article.

April 17: The Desert Sun featured an article about Palm Desert High School graduates and sisters Laura and Ava Lisbona who performed at Coachella Fest’s Do Lab.

April 15: The Battle of the High Schools, CVEP’s (Coachella Valley Economic Partnership) annual competition for completing the FAFSA, was included in Paper Clips and in The Desert Sun. See our coverage on page 4. CVEP included the story in their weekly email newsletter and on their other social media.

April 15: Following the airing of a story on Principal Barry Stockhamer, Lyndon B. Johnson Elementary School, on KESQ, Paper Clips included the story in their daily newbrief.

Reminder…

 принимать Synrevoice

Please be aware that our former parent messaging system, Synrevoice, will be removed from service on June 11, the last day of school. School Messenger is being used by all school sites and comments have been very positive. Share your success stories! Look for the absence/tardy module to go live in May.

 принимать SchoolMessenger

Look for the absence/tardy module to go live on May 4! Attendance info will role directly from eSchoolPlus into SchoolMessenger at the times designated by sites. The calls will be made automatically. Online info sessions on the absence/tardy module have been tentatively scheduled and Access information sent to the schools.

- Monday, May 4, 9:00 am
- Tuesday, May 5; Thursday, May 7; Wednesday, May 12, 2:30 pm
Indio High FFA Team awards
Students from the Indio High School Future Farmers of America team recently attended a competition at Cal Poly Pomona. The floral team took second place in the over all event with Seiri Samaguey placing 3rd high as an individual. In addition to Seiri, team members were Jessie Gutierrez, Aleena Duran, and Alexyah Duran. The nursery/landscape team placed second. Team members included Cera Lopez, Alex Paz, Alex Gallardo, Andrea Luna, and Tomas Gonzales. Eighth place went to the “best informed green hand team” of Jenifer Quintero, Marlene Garcia, and Isaac Perez.

In other Indio High FFA news...Cera Lopez was recently awarded a $2,000 scholarship from the California Women for Agriculture (CWA). The ceremony took place at their annual Farm to Fork Dinner celebrating the agriculture of the valley and demonstrating support for agriculture education. Cera has been an active member of the agriculture department at Indio High School and plans on becoming a high school agricultural teacher. She will be attending California Polytechnic State University in Pomona, majoring in agriculture science.

The CWA also made a donation to the Indio High agriculture program and recognized teachers Melissa McBride, Nancy Lauritzen, and Cesar Lopez. Mrs. Lauritzen was also honored for her 36 years of agriculture education as she retires this year.

Eagles Launch New Web Site
For everything you could possibly want to know about Ronald Reagan Elementary School, visit the school’s new web site at https://sites.google.com/a/desertsands.us/reagan-staff/

Great job, Eagles!

CVEP FAFSA Champs Named
It was down to the count as the numbers were released for the annual CVEP (Coachella Valley Economic Partnership) Battle of the High Schools! Shadow Hills High School brought home a second place award (and $3,000) as Palm Springs High School narrowly led the way with numbers of students completing the FAFSA form (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Shadow Hills had a total of 77% of their student body complete the form. Members of the DSUSD assessment team were thanked for their assistance with the program as was Shadow Hills High counselor Glenda Morden.

Above: Cathy Doyle, assessment and accountability administrator, and Tracey Bye, data assessment specialist along with representatives from other districts receive bouquets for their hard work.

Below: Principal Marcus Wood and Counselor Glenda Morden hold their check award with members of the DSUSD team cheering them on.

Superintendents Tour Van Buren
Riverside County Superintendent of Education Kenn Young asked that the April 17 meeting of the county-wide superintendents be held at the DSUSD DEC so that participants could see Martin Van Buren Elementary School in action. A Title I school with students from migrant farm worker families and the highest percentage of non-English speaking children in the district, student success continues to grow.

According to Principal Melissa Pizano-Grunnet, the 14 superintendents visited classrooms in grades 1-5 to see first hand how students who are learning to speak and write English from a variety of textual sources can be highly engaged as they access the curriculum.
Top DSUSD Students Recognized
Students around the county were honored on April 15 at the 10th Annual Riverside County Student Academic Awards. Hosted by Riverside County Superintendent of Schools Kenn Young the evening included awards to ten students from Indio, La Quinta, Palm Desert, and Shadow Hills High School. The highlight of the evening was the announcement of the Top 10 students of Riverside County. Two of the Top 10 are from Desert Sands Unified School District. Gloria Issa is a student at La Quinta High School and Kaylie Yi-Jen Chen attends Palm Desert High School. In the photos below, Superintendent Gary Rutherford and County Superintendent Kenn Young flank the student honorees and their administrators.

Indio High School
Assistant Principal Gabriel Fajardo with Jose Cebreros and Cynthia Navarette.

La Quinta High School
Principal Rebecca Cook with Alex Steele. Gloria Issa and Tuan Huu Nguyen were not able to attend the event.

Palm Desert High School
Principal Robert Hicks and Atharv Worlikar. Kaylie Yi-Jen Chen and Rachel Hjerpe were unable to attend.

Shadow Hills Principal
Marcus Wood with Allison Coulson and Areli Rodriguez.

Casillas Wins Gates Scholarship
Adam Casillas of La Quinta High School has been named a Gates Millennium Scholar. Across the United States only 1,000 seniors are selected for this honor. The program was established in 1999 to provide outstanding African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American, and Hispanic American students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education in any discipline area of interest. The scholarship is renewable and may be used in freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, or graduate years. Students must have financial need and meet Pell Grant eligibility requirements. They must maintain a grade point average of 3.3 and have a strong interest in leadership and community service. Students may attend any college or university they choose. Continuing Gates Millennium Scholars may request funding for graduate degree programs in one of the following discipline areas: computer science, education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health or science.

Adam will be attending the University of Southern California. At LQHS, he has excelled academically in many IB Programme classes and has a 5.0 GPA. He speaks French and Spanish and has been involved in numerous clubs and community service organizations. Adam has acted and danced in several television commercials and primetime television shows. He was a four year member of the varsity cross country team and ran track for three years.

Middle School Battle of the Books
The Middle School Battle of the Books competition was held on April 15 in the district boardroom. Teams from Desert Ridge Academy, John Glenn, Palm Desert Charter, and Indio middle schools competed in this year’s battle. Over sixty (60) students, parents, and school staff attended the event. Students demonstrated good sportsmanship and worked collaboratively to share their knowledge about the books they were required to read for this competition. First place trophy went to the team from Palm Desert Charter Middle School.

A special thank you to Della Abril and Chris Viveros for preparing the material and supplies for the “battle” and Ben and Jerry’s Ice Cream for donating ice cream and toppings for the Sundae Social after the event.

PDCMS Coaches Ms. Davis & Ms. Girten, Amanda Sutherland, Patrick Trubee, Audrey Padilla, and Colin Padilla
AVID Walks for MS
The Indio High School AVID/Interact team, along with two helpers from Palm Desert High School, volunteered to help on April 11 at the Walk MS which was held at Palm Desert Civic Center Park.

Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50, with at least two to three times more women than men being diagnosed with the disease. MS affects more than 2.3 million people worldwide.

The Indio High School AVID Club has volunteered at the MS Walk for eight years. Students arrived prior to 6:00 a.m. to start setting up and stayed through the 1:00 pm break down. They performed a myriad of duties essential to the success of the walk including setting up, breaking down, serving, manning rest stops, food booths, raffle booth, and providing guidance and information for people as they arrived.

IHS Students Attend Rotary Camp

Indio High School students recently attended the annual Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) which took place at the Thousand Pines Christian Camp, Crestline in the San Bernardino Mountains. The camp was for 11th grade students in San Bernardino and Riverside counties and included foreign exchange students from Nigeria, Spain, and Poland. Students from Indio High attended on full scholarship. Pictured above are Jesus Zepeda, Leiah Elisarraras, Selena Andrews, Marleen Romero, Melissa Casas, Miguel Diaz, Saul Lira, Delania Smith (kneeling). Not included in the photo were Lucero Lopez and Guadalupe Torres.

Leiah Elisarraras wrote, “It was a life changing experience. It was great being able to meet so many new people and build great friendships and bonds that will last a lifetime. I now have a second family home away from home. I am glad to say that I will now be able to share gained knowledge with my fellow peers. Being in a place where everyone had the same motives and acceptance was such a blessing.”

The Indio Sunrise Rotary paid for all the expenses of the experience including transportation, food, lodging and camp fees. Students were chosen from a select few applicants who were then interviewed. The competition was tough. Mr. Scott Trujillo along with Pastor Stephen Sloat organized and ran the interviews for Rotary. Students were chosen for their leadership potential.

RYLA encourages servant leadership in youth by recognizing and rewarding deserving 11th grade students who are chosen to attend as an "award" for their past and present leadership and service activities. The young people are inspired by a diverse group of exceptional speakers, make life-long friends through fellowship activities, and discuss the ethical and social issues of today. These activities are conducted in an atmosphere of trust and respect. The result is that these students return to their schools and communities motivated to take on additional leadership roles and to find additional ways to serve.

RYLA aims to:
- Demonstrate Rotary’s respect and concern for youth;
- Provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders;
- Encourage leadership of youth by youth;
- Recognize publicly young people who are rendering service to the community.

(Taken from the RYLA5340.org and Wikipedia website)

(Special thanks to Indio High School AVID teacher Paul Schlosser for both articles on this page and the great photos.)
Now is the Time
For the past seventeen years, McCallum Theatre has had an annual “open call” to present community members and their talent. This year’s event began with a reception to thank the school coordinators who help bring live theatre directly to the classroom. Representatives of the McCallum Theatre Institute and our own Superintendent Gary Rutherford congratulated the coordinators for all their hard work and recognized:

- Lora Cathcart, Ronald Reagan Elementary School
- Deanna De La Cruz, John Adams Elementary School
- Nancy Duteau, Benjamin Franklin Elementary School
- Pam LaPointe, James Madison Elementary School
- Dina Possidon, Abraham Lincoln Elementary School
- Cheryl Powers, James Earl Carter Elementary School
- David Ritland, Amelia Earhart Elementary School
- LuAnn Rose, Washington Charter Elementary School

Following the reception, the coordinators were guests of the theatre at the performance which featured 22 acts and a number of DSUSD students. Chase Huna, a student at Palm Desert High School, played his latest composition on the saxophone. Ashlyn Browne, also a student at PDHS, sang “Think of Me” from Phantom of the Opera. Giavanna Faraci, a student at Washington Charter Elementary, sang “Journey to the Past” from the movie Anastasia. Rock band Yip Yop brought down the house with their rendition of “Sugar.” Jacob Gutierrez of the band goes to La Quinta High School and Mari Brossfield to Palm Desert Charter Middle School. Dancers from the Hartin Dance Company graced the stage with “Open Hands.” DSUSD troupe members include: Monique Burke, Olivia Frary, Kylie Gary, Haley Forte, Melissa Morales, Karsyn Punt, and Danielle Galvin of Palm Desert High; Paige O’Connor from Palm Desert Charter Middle; Kattie Rocha from Colonel Mitchell Paige Middle; and Kira Christo from La Quinta High. Receiving a Talent Achievement Award was the DeKock Trio as Grandma Margie played the bagpipes and Amy, Washington Charter Elementary School, and Danielle, Palm Desert Charter Middle School, danced and played drums.

BMW Teen Driving School
According to the brochure published by BMW on their Teen Car Control School, “Practice makes perfect—and at our Teen School, we encourage more seat time to perfect the complexity of each exercise.” Under the supervision of BMW-certified instructors, teens from Palm Desert, La Quinta, and Shadow Hills high schools learned from a range of real-world driving conditions including wet pavement, emergency braking, lane changes, distracted driving, and more.

Offered by BMW to Desert Sands Unified School District as a reward to outstanding students, four students from each of the three high schools were selected to participate in a recent all-day training that included both classroom and hands-on education. The remaining DSUSD high schools will participate in the program at the beginning of the next school year.

In addition to the 12 “drivers-in-training”, six students served as press pool reporters taking photos, writing articles, and creating a video of the experience. The press pool was made up of students from each school who learned important communication-related career training in how to work collaboratively.

(Photo by Jack Hartin courtesy McCallum Theatre. See more photos on page 8.)
Scholarships Awarded
The California Retired Teachers Association, Division 43, recently awarded scholarships to local students at a luncheon held in their honor.

Thomas Auer, La Quinta High School, has been in the International Baccalaureate Programme since his junior year. He is an Eagle Scout with over 500 hours in community service. He will be attending either Cal State Long Beach or Cal State Fullerton.

Noah Estep, Palm Desert High School, is in the top 10% of his class. He plans on earning a degree in economics at Rice University, UC San Diego, UC Berkeley, or UC Davis.

Agustin Navarro, La Quinta High School, will graduate from the International Baccalaureate Full Diploma Programme. He plans on becoming a medical doctor and has yet to decide on a college.

Donavan Sandoval-Heglund, Palm Desert High School, is a scholar, an athlete, and a musician. He will be attending the University of Pennsylvania with plans to become an ophthalmologist.

Take it to the Mat
(Thanks to Earhart Elementary School Principal Brad Fisher.)
Our valley has had a great history of success in wrestling from John Rice's Indio teams to the Tom Jenkins led La Quinta Blackhawk squads and now Palm Desert's multiple state qualifiers. But to compete with Poway, Clovis, Bakersfield, and the other power house schools in the state we need to develop wrestlers starting at the elementary school level.

There are many opportunities for student/athletes in sports such as baseball, basketball, soccer, football, etc...at the elementary and middle school levels, but not much for wrestling unless you sign up for a private wrestling gym. The goal for the student/athletes in this club is to have fun, learn the sport of wrestling, and make our high schools the best programs in California.

There are currently 37 students, 35 boys and 2 girls in the AAU sanctioned club from Amelia Earhart, John Glenn, and Lyndon B. Johnson elementary schools participating. The program is expected to grow next year and students ages 7-14 should look for registration information early in the school year. The program is free with volunteer coaches.

McCallum Theatre Open Call
Ashlyn Browne          Chase Huna             Giavanna Faraci
Yip Yop                 Hartin Dance Company
Youth in Government Day
Students from around the district and across the valley took part in the 11th Annual Youth in Government Day sponsored by Fourth District Supervisor John Benoit. Over 55 county employees based in the Coachella Valley participated in a six-hour job shadowing event. The over 70 students had the unique opportunity to take part in a restaurant inspection, oversight of a bridge construction project, watching law enforcement at work, and so much more. DSUSD participating schools included La Quinta, Palm Desert, and Shadow Hills high schools.

The Beacon is a newsletter about Desert Sands Unified School District...our staff, our students, our families. Your input is greatly appreciated and most welcome.

Please send in stories, photos, ideas, and comments to:

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From the RCOE Information Office

California Common Core State Standards (CCSS) English Language Arts/English Language Development (ELA/ELD) Framework Launch Event
San Joaquin County Office of Education, June 1, 2015—using guidance, examples, and instructional models from the CA ELA/ELD Framework, the sessions help support teachers, schools, and districts implement the CCSS for ELA/ELD Standards. The day begins with an introduction to the framework from the primary writers, highlighting the wealth of resources and research for all educators. Breakout sessions are centered around the framework chapters and themes and tailored for a TK–5 or 6–12 audience. For more information, visit the ELA/ELD Framework Launch Events Web page.

Next Generation Science Standards State Rollout Symposium II: Awareness to Transition Rollout Training
Join science leaders at the second of a series of statewide professional learning symposia exploring the philosophy, design, and initial implementation of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Registration fee is $250 per participant. All fees must be paid prior to attending the two day symposium. There are NO refunds for participant cancelations. Please limit your district teams to 4-6 people to allow for additional districts to participate, as space is limited. Registration and information at www.regonline.com/NGSS2015Training.

- May 11-12, 2015: Orange County and Los Angeles County, Hilton Long Beach.
- May 26-27, 2015: Riverside County and San Bernardino County, Chaffey College, Chino Campus.
- September 15-16, 2015: Alameda County, CA State University, East Bay.
- October 15-16, 2015: Fresno County, Fresno Pacific University.
- October 22-23, 2015: San Diego County, CA State University, San Marcos.
- November 2-3, 2015: Siskiyous County, Tehama County Dept. of Education.
- November 9-10, 2015: Santa Clara County, Santa Clara County Office of Education.
- December 8-9, 2015: Ventura County and San Luis Obispo County, Ventura County Office of Ed.

California Labor Management Initiative Symposium
The CDE is cosponsoring this May 8-9 symposium in San Diego to launch a groundbreaking new initiative designed to foster improved labor-management collaboration, with the Association of California School Administrators, California Federation of Teachers, California School Boards Association, California School Employees Association, and the California Teachers Association. The effort is part of State Superintendent Torlakson’s plan to transform education through greater teamwork at all levels, higher academic standards, improved student assessment, greater local control, and more investment in schools. For more information, visit the California Labor Management Initiative web site.

Third annual STEM Symposium: Anaheim Convention Center
The California STEM Symposium brings together 3,000 teachers, administrators, students, higher education representatives, program providers, philanthropic representatives, and industry representatives to engage them in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education by providing strategies and resources for program implementation. The symposium has a special focus on increasing and supporting the participation of women and girls—as well as other underrepresented groups—in STEM fields. It also highlights leaders in classroom innovation from across the state and attract student teams to showcase critical thinking, problem solving, and teamwork. October 28–30, 2015: call for presentations; registration coming soon; vendor registration coming soon.

Great American Shakeout
The CDE has partnered with the Earthquake Country Alliance to encourage you to meet your school or district earthquake drill requirements by participating in this year’s Great California ShakeOut on October 15, 2015 at 10:15 am. The first step is to renew or register your school or district today on the Great California ShakeOut Web site. The ShakeOut is designed to provide a sense of urgency about earthquakes and to encourage people, organizations, schools, and communities to get prepared, to practice what to do to be safe, and to learn what plans need to be improved. Registered participants will be given detailed information for their drills. The CDE has worked with many partners to create age-appropriate resources for planning drills, promoting participation, teaching about earthquakes and preparedness, and educating families. (Drills can be held on another day if necessary.) Find resources on the ShakeOut “How Schools Can Participate” web page at http://www.shakeout.org/california/schools.
FUNDRAISERS AND EVENTS

Join the PDHS Band Boosters for an event to benefit the Palm Desert High School Bands.

The music, dancing, silent auction, and fabulous meal take place at:

Palm Desert RV Resort
76000 Frank Sinatra Drive
Palm Desert

For ticket information go to
http://anyvite.com/events/home/zsr68rzlh5

Tickets are $26.62 each and include a family style Italian dinner.
FUNDRAISERS AND EVENTS

FUTURE BLACKHAWK NIGHT
April 30, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Shaded area outside Culinary Arts Building

What: Campus Tours will depart every 15 minutes starting at 6:45

Information will be available on clubs, sports, elective courses, and academics.

Counselor seminars will be available in room 259 every 20 minutes.

Performances: Dance team, Tough Guys & Gals, and cheer team.

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TUESDAY, MAY 26TH 2015
TIME: 6:00 AM – 4:30 PM
(REGISTRATION: 9:00 AM – 8:30 AM)

DIGITAL DATA COLLECTION TRAINING

A comprehensive pro-active one day training opportunity focusing on using relevant open-source data and publicly available information – including current social media platforms, digital technology being used and associated risks:

- monitoring the evolution of negative peer groups
- The vast digital data collection process
- Establishing a social media baseline for your school/community/individual of interest
- Digital tools for public safety and emergency management
- Precedent and recent findings for Law Enforcement and Senior School Administration.

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College of the Desert invites you to a Town Hall meeting on how the community college system can more effectively meet regional workforce needs.

The California community college system plays a vital role in preparing individuals for jobs and strengthening our economy. But more needs to be done to ensure that California’s workforce is prepared to meet the demand of regional, high-growth industry sectors. The Board of Governors has commissioned a task force to develop a set of ideas about how the system can play a stronger role in closing the skills gap and meeting the needs of employers.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Your input is invaluable and we invite you to provide your feedback and share your ideas.

As a regional leader in the Coachella Valley, your participation in this important conversation is critical.

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For more information, contact Pam Hunter at 760.772.2506

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If you do not have Internet access at home or school, free Internet access is available at most public libraries. If you would like to participate without Internet access, you can obtain a copy of the entry form and use snail mail to mail a self-addressed, stamped envelope to [Entry Form Request, Healthy Lunchtime Challenge & Kids’ State Dinner] 205 Copley Place, Suite 1210, Boston, MA 02116. It is recommended that you mail your request by the April 30th deadline. For full details on how to complete the entry form, please visit www.lunchtimechallenge.kidshealth.org.

Good luck! We can’t wait to see what you cook up!

To submit your recipe go to: pbs.org/lunchtimechallenge

If you have any questions, contact pdanna@collegeofthedesert.edu

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FUNDRAISERS AND EVENTS

CARDIO PUMP FITNESS CLASS

NEW CARDIO PUMP FITNESS CLASS IS HERE!!!!!

Every Thursday!

Where: DEC North
From: April 9 – June 11, 2015
Time: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Come for fun, stay for fitness!

Cost: $24.99 per month*
*Includes World Gym Membership
(Palm Desert, La Quinta & Indio)
Also includes Monday Yoga at DEC North

THOMAS JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL
4TH ANNUAL CINCO DE MAYO CARNIVAL

LOCATION: THOMAS JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL
TIME: 5:00-7:00
DATE: FRIDAY MAY 1, 2015

Cinco De Mayo Queens will be crowned.

Wall of Honor

The district education center proudly salutes the family members of our staff who serve in the United States military. It has been some time since photos have been updated on our “Wall of Honor”. Kindly provide us with a photo (it will be returned immediately after being scanned), the name of your family member, your relationship, and where he or she is currently serving. Photos will remain on display for one year.

Thanks to your family members for serving, thank you for supporting them, and thank you for sharing their service with us.

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