

GEAR UP

for

GREATNESS

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CSN TOUR GREAT FUN!

Amargosa Valley, NV—On Friday, February 22, 2008 Amargosa Valley's GEAR UP 8th graders had the honor of meeting each department head at CSN as well as being given a thorough tour of CSN. The tour included the computer technology, automotive, and photography departments.

After this amazing visit, the group had an excursion at The Meadows Mall in Las Vegas. Their "mission" was to inquire about future employment. They sought job applications and employment information; and also priced work clothes available on a limited budget.

Overall, the experience was unforgettable and the 8th graders were "geared up" to seek higher education!



NCCEP CONFERENCE HELD IN LAS VEGAS

Las Vegas, NV— The National Council for Community and Education Partnerships Conference, (NCCEP) was held in Las Vegas, February 10-13, 2008. Governor Jim Gibbons opened the Conference and issued a GEAR UP Day Proclamation for February 11, 2008. Director Mendy Elliott, Department of Business and Industry, read the proclamation to the participants. State School Superintendent Keith Rheault, welcomed everyone, stressing how important preparation for and access to, higher education is for Nevada students. Clark High School NJROTC Color Guard, under the command of Colonel Daniel A. Jorvig (Ret.), presented the colors at the beginning of the Conference.

Please see our web site at www.doe.nv.gov/GEARUP for GEARUP forms and other information!

UNR SPONSORS ENGINEER'S DAY Thursday, April 10, 2008

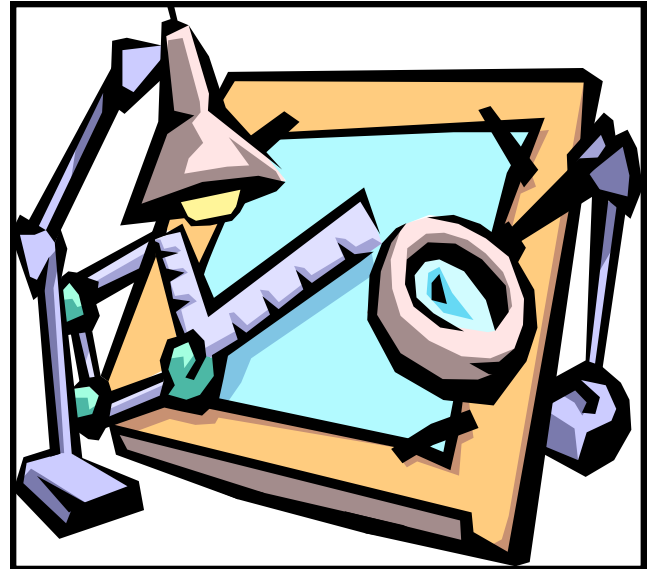
UNR—Reno, NV—National Engineer's Week begins with February's President's Day, in honor of George Washington who was an engineer. Former Presidents Thomas Jefferson, Ulysses Grant, Herbert Hoover, Dwight D. Eisenhower and Jimmy Carter were all classified as engineers. The objective of Engineer's Day activities is to encourage students to consider the study of engineering in college; and to study mathematics and the physical sciences in K-12. Due to testing schedules and inclement weather during National Engineer's Week, the College of Engineering will hold Engineer's Day at UNR on Thursday, April 10, 2008.

There will be an open house for middle school students from 9:30am to 11:30am. For high school students and those coming from out of the area, the open house will be from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. This year the Office of Prospective Students will be available after the Engineer's Day tours to give group tours of the UNR campus, which will last about an hour.

If you and your students are interested in attending this open house and/or the UNR campus tour, please contact Sam DiMuzio at sadimuzio@unr.edu or (775) 784-6925 by March 17th. If you have any questions or need additional information please call (775) 784-6925.



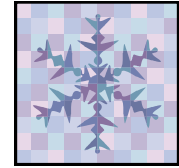
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A mind once stretched by a new idea never regains its original dimensions.

-Anonymous

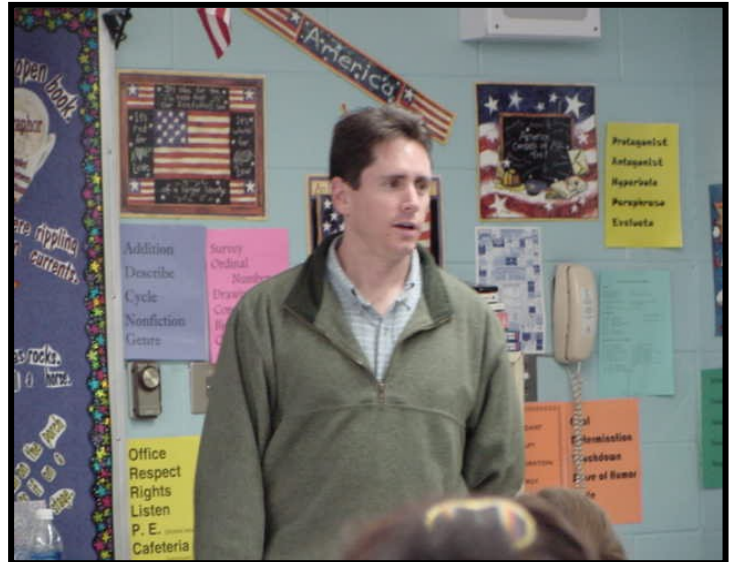
NOTES FROM McDERMITT.....



McDermitt, NV—February 20, 2008 was GEARUP Parent night at McDermitt School and was a huge success! We had two detectives from Winnemucca's Nevada Division of Investigations (NDI) as our guest speakers; Detective Andy Rasor (pictured at right) and Detective Terry Mathes.

This informative night was filled with useful information on drugs and drugs abuse. To further educate our community they showed the 'drug board' (pictured below).

So far this year a Nevada Highway Patrol trooper presented the DUI (Driving Under the Influence) education night. There has been almost a 95% parent participation at all these meetings! _____



LIFTOFF WITH MATH ! PLANNED FOR SUMMER 2008!

UNLV—Las Vegas, NV—The UNLV Educational Outreach Division under the guidance of Dr. Richard C. Lee and Dr. Dieudonne D. Phanord, introduced the first UNLV Space, Science and Mathematics Summer Camps last year. Both middle school and high school students were offered the opportunity to participate in a concentrated week-long, space-oriented mathematical and computer sciences experience. This program was designed to challenge the student with opportunities to learn and explore the applied aspects of mathematics. The students were exposed to a wide variety of mathematical applications such as space mathematics, computer simulation, geo-location, interpretation of data from space, and statistical techniques.

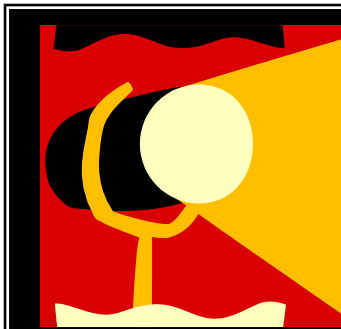
This year “Liftoff with Math 2008” will expose campers to a wide variety of mathematical applications similar to last year. Additionally, students will participate in competitive sports activities in conjunction with the concurrent UNLV College of Education, National Youth Sports Program (<http://www.unlv.edu/faculty/troutman/nysp/index.html>). The camp will be held June 16-21, 2008 on the UNLV campus.

Features

- Demonstrate the daily use of mathematics
- Learn how to use mathematics to model natural phenomena
- Become familiar with modern techniques of mathematical computer simulation
- Model lightning from data provided by NASA
- Gain some mathematical test taking strategies
- Complete a space related project for exhibit at the final awards ceremony
- Participate in daily supervised competitive sports activities

This program is a self-funded UNLV Educational Outreach summer youth activity, in no way sponsored by NASA. Fees associated with the program reflect instructional, campus housing, meals, transportation and administrative costs. GEAR UP students from Clark and Nye counties are being selected to attend. For more information contact Charlotte Curtis at ccurtis@doe.nv.gov or Marj Robinson at mbr352@interact.ccsd.net.





Coming Events!!

CALENDAR March, 2008

March	CRT testing continues
March 10-15 March 11	WCSD Spring Break O'Callaghan Community event, 5:00—7:00 pm
March 17-21 March 19	CCSD Spring Break McDermitt Parent Meeting, 5:00—7:00 pm
March 24-28 March 25-26 March 26 March 28	UNR and Rural school districts Spring Break American Indian/Alaskan Native Education Summit, UNR Traner Middle School field trip to ACE Charter School Traner Middle School Career Fair, Reno, Time TBA

CALENDAR April, 2008

April 10	UNR Engineering Day on Campus, 9:30 – 11:30 am, Middle Schools, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm -schools out of the area may visit
April 9-11	Gabbs & Dyer field trip to Las Vegas
April 11	CSN Technology Open House, Time TBA, Las Vegas
April 16	Gabbs Career Day
April 17	Rosemary Clarke Parent Meeting, Time TBA
April 23-24	“Teach Children to Save” Financial Literacy Days
April 25-27	Nevada Department of Education Megaconference, Harrah's/Harvey's Lake Tahoe, NV

Financial Literacy Days—April 23-24

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SCHURZ KIDS LEARN TO SNOWBOARD!



Diamond Peak, NV—On January 18, 2008, students from Schurz Elementary School traveled to Diamond Peak to learn how to snowboard. They were instructed on how to balance, bend the knees, how to ‘steer’ by looking right or left and a couple of ways to stop. They were also instructed on how to get on and off of the chair lift and keep the snowboard straight so they wouldn’t fall. Students learned that when you buy a snowboard, it has to be the right size for you. Many fell while trying to snowboard, but no one was hurt and they all had fun laughing with each other. Many went down the ‘big hill’ and “wanted” to go faster. Students hope they can go back next year and that they can try snowboarding again.



NEVADA GEAR UP MIDDLE SCHOOLS

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Cannon Middle School
- Cortney Middle School
- Findlay Middle School
- Fremont Middle School
- O'Callaghan Middle School
- Keller Middle School
- Knudson Middle School
- Robison Middle School
- Woodbury Middle School

ELKO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Owyhee Combined School

ESMERALDA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Dyer Elementary School
- Silver Peak Elementary School
- Goldfield Elementary School

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

- McDermitt Combined School

MINERAL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Schurz Elementary School

PERSHING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Pershing County Middle School

NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Amargosa Valley Elementary School
- Clarke Middle School
- Gabbs Combined School

WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Traner Middle School
- Vaughn Middle School
- Dean's Future Scholars

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GEAR UP PADRES

GEAR Up es un programa de apoyo para los estudiantes y padres con información y actividades para prepararlos para el colegio.

- Suéñelo
- Créalo
- Lógrelo

Favor de llamarle al consejero escolar de su hijo/hija para la información acerca del Programa GEAR UP

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