

Cub Community News - 09: Issue 2

Welcome to our Cub Community Newsletter. We send periodic updates to keep our community informed and involved. This newsletter is posted to [Our Important Announcements](#) on [our website](#) and sent directly to families through email.

To view this newsletter in Spanish [click here](#).



In This Issue

Welcome to our community newsletter. We hope that you find the information timely and helpful. Topics in this edition of Cub Community News include:

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School Updates and Information

National Parent Teacher Home Visit Week

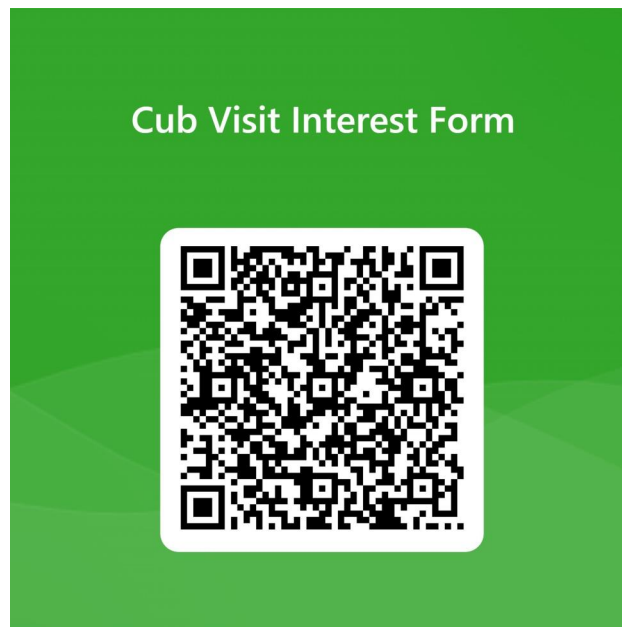
Each year WCSD celebrates National PTHV Week by uplifting the work educators and families have engaged in throughout the past 14 years! Parent Teacher Home Visits is an evidence-based, high-impact family engagement strategy. To celebrate, we are dedicating this week to highlight the program. Our

hope or Parent Teacher Home Visits Week is to bring awareness to, interest in, and honor to our school staff that go above and beyond to make authentic relationships of trust one home visit at a time.

We want to encourage you to sign-up for a Cub Visit! The purpose of Parent Teacher Home Visits is to build positive relationships with families and partner together to support your student's educational success. Parents, teachers, school admin, and counselors come together for 30 minutes, in a unique setting at your home or another location of your choice, to get to know one another and talk about your student's academic future, personal goals, and interests. It is completely voluntary, and appointments are always scheduled beforehand. It is never a surprise or unannounced visit.

During these visits, we take the time to share your Hopes & Dreams for your student, academic expectations, and school resources. This is not a parent/teacher conference. It is meant to "get to know each other" and to build a viable relationship with each other for the academic benefit of your child. Studies show that these Parent Teacher Home Visits have increased student academic achievement and improved parent engagement in schools. They have brought teachers and families closer together and created opportunities for better communication between home and school. Last year we visited 30 families, and we hope to meet more this year.

Sign-up today!



1 - [Click Here](#)

Career & Technical Education Academies

This week our 8th grade students were introduced to the principals of Debbie Smith Academy and the Academy of Arts, Careers and Technology. On Thursday and Friday during advisory periods Mr. Gifford and Mr. Mattick presented information on their schools' unique programming. These presentations mark the beginning of the application period for students.

- [Debbie Smith Career and Technical Education Academy](#) is set to open in August of 2025. We are an advanced career and technical academy that provides access to college pathways as well as

career certifications. Our students will leave Debbie Smith prepared for the future they choose through the real life, relevant, and rigorous curriculum that all of our students will be given access to.

- [Applications](#) are due October 18, 2024:
 - All admission decisions are made using a blind lottery process. The information requested below will be used for clerical purposes only and is the first step in the selection lottery process for each Signature Academy at The Smith Academy. No information given here will increase or reduce a student's chance of attending The Smith Academy.
- [The Academy of Arts, Careers and Technology](#) (AACT) is an advanced career technical education academy within the Washoe County School District. AACT provides the opportunity for students to determine what career or college pathway they want to pursue in post-secondary education. AACT creates the support structure to ensure students enter a college or profession ready to use all available technology and tools necessary to be the best and brightest in the field. AACT has been recognized as a top performing school within the Washoe County School District, and it has produced the highest graduation rate for all Northern Nevada High Schools.
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AACT
Academy of Arts, Careers
and Technology

Aviation Criminal Justice Business
Comm Arts Culinary Arts Medical Fire Science

Your adventure awaits. Become a Trailblazer today!



APPLY
for the 25-26
school year.

DEADLINE:
October 18, 2024

2 - Click here to apply: [8th grade AACT Application](#)

www.washoeschools.net/debbiesmith



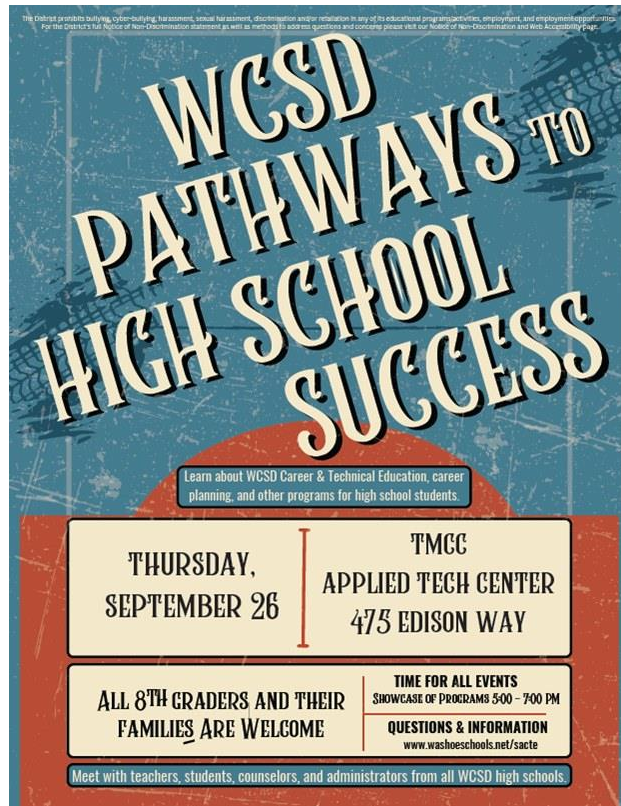

- Practical Nursing and Nursing Assistant
- Building Construction and Technology
- BioMedical
- Marketing and Multimedia
- Natural Resources and Animal Sciences
- Welding and Metalworking
- Teaching and Training
- Engineering and Manufacturing
- Culinary with Hospitality and Tourism

APPLY TODAY!

3 - Apply for the 2025-2026 school year [here](#).

Pathways to High School Success

We are proud to announce our annual **2024 Pathways to High School Success Information Night** from 5:00-7:00pm Thursday on September 26th. This event is for 8th graders and their families to learn more about Washoe County School District Signature Academies. The event will take place at the TMCC Applied Tech Center (475 Edison Way). An informational flyer will be sent home with students.



Community Connectedness Information and Events

Student Connection

Fall Masquerade Dance

Our student leaders are putting on our first dance September 27th from 5:30-7:00pm. Our student body voted on the theme Masquerade. Students can dress their best and bring a themed mask. Tickets are \$7 and there will be snack items to purchase at the dance. Dance tickets must be purchased in advance. There are no ticket sales at the door. Dance doors close at 6:00pm.

We encourage students to show their Cub Core 4 every day at school and we have noticed such a difference. Students are in class, working hard and showing integrity, responsibility, engagement and empathy. Students that have avoided major consequences such as administrative detentions and suspensions during the month of September are welcome to attend!

Book Fair

Our annual book fair is scheduled for the week of September 23rd! Students can browse selections of books and other items for purchase in the library before school, during lunch and after school. Proceeds from this event benefit our library fund. Families can access more information and set-up an e-wallet for their student [here](#).

We are looking for volunteers to help staff our Book Fair! Please sign-up here if you can help at lunch: <https://signup.com/go/vejvicV>



Family Connection

Parent Club

We invite you to join our Clayton Parent Club this year. Our Parent Club helps us support our students and school. One way our Parent Club supports our school is by giving our administrative team feedback and ideas about how we can improve. If you are interested in participating in our Parent Club visit www.claytonparent.club.

Our Parent Club is organizing a Panda Express fundraiser on Oct 4th. It is an Online Order only fundraiser and orders can be made at any Panda Express anywhere in the Country when participants use the code: 924928. A portion of the sales will benefit our Parent Club. [Click here for an informational flyer](#).

Food Pantry

We understand that some families in our community can experience food insecurity, and we want to offer our support. Our pantry is open every Friday from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm, and we have partnered with the Northern Nevada Food Bank to provide assistance to those in need. We recommend bringing your own reusable bag if you own one, but we can also provide bags if needed. If you are unable to make it on Fridays, please don't hesitate to reach out to Cristina Rodriguez (our school social worker) via [email](#) to arrange a more convenient time for your visit.

Clayton Data Point

In each of our Cub Community News editions, we will include a data point from our school. It could be related to our general demographics, student achievement and assessment, school programs and services or school goals.



Did you know that Clayton has a new Cell Phone Policy this year?

Students may have their cell phones at school, but they must be put away upon entering the classroom. Earbuds are also not allowed during class time. If a student does have their phone out, they will be asked to leave it with the teacher for the remainder of day. What you may not know is that restricting cell phone use in schools has many benefits.

When Smartphones are limited...

- **Students scored a full letter grade and a half higher on multiple choice tests.**
 - **Test scores increase up to 14% among the lowest-achieving students.**
 - **Bullying incidents were reduced by 43% among boys and 46% among girls.**
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Calendar & Events

Stay connected with our Cub Community. Here is what is happening:

- **9/23-9/27:** Book Fair (Library – Before/After School + Lunch)
- **9/23:** Girls Basketball v. Desert Skies MS; 7th Grade @ Clayton (A: 2:45p; B: 3:45p)
- **9/23:** Boys Soccer v. Desert Skies MS @ Clayton (3:00p)
- **9/25:** Early Release Wednesday (Students out at 1:15pm)
- **9/26:** Girls Basketball v. Sparks MS; 7th Grade and 8th Grade @ Sparks (A: 2:45p; B: 3:45p)
- **9/26:** Boys Soccer v. Sparks MS @ Sparks (3:00p)
- **9/27:** Fall Masquerade Dance (5:30-7:00p)
- **9/30:** Orange Shirt Day
- **9/30:** Girls Basketball v. Vaughn MS; 7th and 8th Grade @ Clayton (A: 2:45p; B: 3:45p)
- **9/30:** Boys Soccer v. Vaughn MS @ Clayton (3:00p)
- **10/3:** Girls Basketball v. Pine MS; 7th Grade @ Pine MS (B: 2:45p; A: 3:45p)
- **10/3:** Boys Soccer v. Pine MS @ Pine (3:00p)
- **10/4:** Attendance Reward Event (0 Tardies: 9/3-9/30)

- **10/4:** October Spirit Day – THEME TBD
- **10/4:** Parent Club Panda Express Fund Raiser
- **10/7-11:** Fall Break – No School
- **10/14:** Staff Professional Development Day (No School for Students)
- **10/17:** Girls Basketball v. Cold Springs MS; 7th Grade @ Clayton (A: 2:45p; B: 3:45p)
- **10/17:** Boys Soccer v. Cold Springs MS @ Clayton (3:00p)
- **10/21:** Girls Basketball v. Traner MS; 8th Grade @ Clayton (B: 2:45p; A: 3:45p)
- **10/21:** Boys Soccer v. Traner MS @ Traner (3:00p)
- **10/24:** Girls Basketball v. Dilworth MS; 8th Grade @ Clayton (B: 2:45p; A: 3:45p)
- **10/24:** Boys Soccer v. Dilworth MS @ Clayton MS (3:00p)

Contact Us

We are always here to help. Please contact us with your questions.

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We work hard to keep our website up to date. Visit us on the web at www.washoeschools.net/clayton.