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OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL

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Opportunity School has been one of my major concerns as well as a number of parents. I have received telephone calls from many parents because their child has either been recommended or referred to the Opportunity School

Program. During my investigation of the program, I discovered that Opportunity School is classified as an interim school which provides teaching instruction for students in 7th through 12th grade who are identified as having or have had social

adjustment problems in regular schools, as well as 7th and 8th grade students who have habitual truancy problems.

The goal and purpose of Opportunity School is to accept truant and behavioral problem students, to rehabilitate and return them to their home school, upgrade the student's achievement and their method of study, and make them aware of the work world as well as help them develop an interest in it.

There are three school campuses available to serve grades 7 through 12. The Washington Campus at 1901 N. White Street, Jefferson Campus at 1941 Jefferson Street, and Biltmore Campus at 801 Veterans Memorial Drive. The educational curriculum at the campuses are in nine basic areas: Careers, Cooperative Education, Health, Language Arts, Mathematics, Physical Education, Reading, Social Studies, and Science. There should be transportation available to all students to and from school. There are eleven buses that provide services to Opportunity School and the stop should be within walking distance of the student's home.

For the 1984-85 fiscal year there was a total of 558 Senior High students referred to Opportunity School and of that number 249 were black students. There were 426 Junior High students referred to Opportunity School and of

CCSD Chapter One Program Offers Summer Classes

The Clark County School District Chapter One program includes a special enhanced learning experience for remedial elementary students through June and July.

This Extended Year Program, an extension of the regular Chapter One yearly program, is not a school district summer school but rather free classes for students achieving below normal standards. To be eligible, students must meet the regular school-year Chapter One criteria.

Mondays through Fridays, from 8-10:30 a.m., 93 boys and girls have been in school at three locations since June 17 and they will continue until the program ends for the year on July 26.

The basic Chapter One program assists the youngsters in improving basic reading and math skills. At Crestwood Elementary School, two teachers and two aides assist 15 youngsters in mastering the reading and math curriculum. Madison Sixth Grade Center is being used to provide classrooms for two that total 117 were black students.

In order for us to adversely affect the number of children referred to Opportunity School, parents will need to monitor and stress to their children the importance and need for a quality education.

teachers, two aides and 18 elementary-aged students.

Taylor Elementary School in Henderson, the third site, houses four teachers, four aides and 60 students. At Taylor, the school's computers have been pressed into service and the school has provided the Chapter One teachers with IBM Right to Read computer programs which are designed for primary students.

Earl Elementary Schedules Registration

Ira J. Earl Elementary School, 1463 Marion Drive, is currently accepting registration for students who are new to the Earl zone and for those children who will be kindergarteners during the 1985-86 school year.

Kindergarten is an optional part of the regular school program and is open to children who are five years of age on or before September 30. Parents of entering kindergarteners must register the child at the school office any weekday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Kindergarten children and students new to the Clark County School District must show birth certificates and proof of immunization at the time of registration. Students transferring to Earl Elementary from another school zone need not bring birth certificates or immunization records.

Earl, a year-round school, is operated on the Quad system. Quads A, B, and D begin school on August 6 and Quad C will begin classes on August 26. Students new to the school must be registered prior to entering their Quads.

Students who have attended Earl during the last school year have been pre-registered and need not register again before returning to school at their assigned times.

Parents are urged to contact the school office at 438-9373, for additional information.

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School District Qualifies For ASBO Certificate

The Clark County School District has been notified that it has qualified for the American School Business Officials (ASBO) Certificate of Excellence, in recognition that it has met the highest standards of excellence in school financial reporting.

The award is conferred upon school districts which comply with rigorous accounting and reporting standards, and is awarded only after critical review and evaluation by a panel of accounting experts.

The ASBO Certificate of Excellence is widely recognized and highly regarded by the financial and banking industry throughout the U.S. Among the groups which rely heavily on the comprehensive report accompanying each ASBO Certificate of Excellence Award are: taxpayer groups, teacher organizations, bankers, bond marketing concerns, federal grantors, and state education agencies.

Any school system wishing to participate in the program must submit its comprehensive annual financial report along with the other documents to ASBO. Entry into the program is strictly voluntary.

Registration accepted at Fay Herron School

Fay Herron Elementary School, 2421 North Kenneth in North Las Vegas, is currently accepting registration for incoming kindergarten students for the 1985-86 school year.

Kindergarten is an optional part of the regular school program and is open to children who are five years of age on or before September 30. Parents must register their child at the school office any weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. before the fall semester begins on August 7.

A parent orientation is scheduled for 9 a.m. on August 6.

Parents must bring a birth certificate and proof of immunization to the school in order to register their child.

For additional information, call Herron Elementary School at 649-2777.



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