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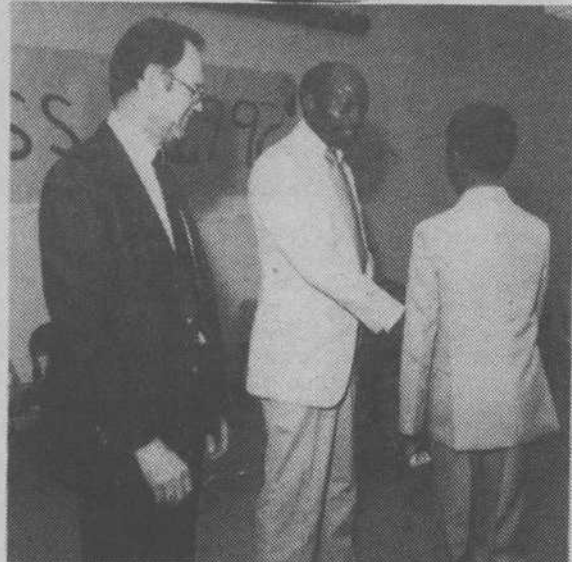
Year-Round Schools Are In Session

Clark County School District year-round schools are in session. Attendance is important.

If you are new in the community and have elementary age children, contact the district zoning office, 799-5268, to determine your children's assigned schools and obtain registration information.

If your child is assigned to a year-round school you will be advised when and how to register your child during the summer months.

However, if your child will be assigned to a nine-month elementary school, you will receive registration dates and information in order to register them for the 1986-87 school year.



LINCOLN GRADUATION — North Las Vegas mayor Jim Seastrand, left, looks on as city councilman William Robinson, center, congratulates one of 85 sixth grade graduates of Lincoln Elementary School. Principal Dennis Pettrell, not shown, established the grade school graduation exercise as a way to stress to students the importance of continuing their education.



Myrtle Tate School ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS — Myrtle Tate Elementary School principal Charles Pulsipher at left presents certificates to top winners in the annual American History Essay Contest. Receiving the awards are, L-R Cicely Morgan, first place, and Ruben Velasco, second place. Their teacher, far right, Raquel Vlado, includes this activity as an enrichment assignment for her students.



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CHILD WATCH

By Marian Wright Edelman
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I have some important good news: our children have been doing better in school. Black children's performance in school has long been

a serious concern. On average, our children fell well behind their white peers in many measures of academic achievement, costing many of them opportunities to further their education or get good jobs.

But a new study of student test scores over the past two decades show that minority students have been narrowing the black/white achievement gap. Even better, a Congressional Budget Office study,

"Trends in Educational Achievement," shows that this improvement began in the late 1960s and early 1970s, shortly after the federal government launched its efforts to help disadvantaged students do better in school.

Over the past 10 to 15 years, the scores of minority youngsters on these achievement tests have shown steady improvement in relation to other students.

"The relative gains of black students appear on every test for which separate trend data for black students are available," the report says.

Relative gains in high-minority schools and disadvantaged urban schools have been as great, and sometimes greater, than those achieved by youngsters in other schools.

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