

Education

“RAINBOW POWER” THEME OF LVHS BROTHERHOOD WEEK OBSERVANCE

The sixth annual Brotherhood Week will be observed by faculty and students at Las Vegas High School during week-long festivities March 7-11.

A coalition of student groups under the leadership of the International Club is sponsoring the tribute.

“Rainbow Power” was selected as the Brotherhood Week theme because of a speech made at LVHS last year by Rev. Jesse Jackson. Rev. Jackson focused positively on the diverse racial composition and ethnic makeup of the student body at LVHS while stressing a theme of racial harmony and togetherness.

Brotherhood Week is the principal minority recognition held annually at Las Vegas High School. Until six years ago, the school held separate celebrations at different times for each minority group such as Black History Week and Hispanic Week. However, the unique make-up of the student body made it prudent to include all racial minorities in a single annual celebration under the umbrella of Brotherhood Week.

The consolidated recognition of Brotherhood Week takes on a special significance for Las Vegas High School. More than 60 percent of its students are racial minorities. Even more significant is the fact that Las Vegas High School students represent 52 foreign countries.

Following is a listing of the daily activities scheduled at LVHS to observe Brotherhood Week:

Monday, March 7 Banner Day

All clubs and organizations will participate in a speech competition. The theme is: “United in Effort, Dedication to Brotherhood.”

Tuesday, March 8 Button Day

Awards will be presented to every second period class with a 100% participation, 1:40 p.m. Parade of Flags rehearsal in the auditorium.

Wednesday, March 9 Friendship Day

Balloon-a-grams will be issued, 1:40 p.m. assembly and International Night program rehearsal, auditorium.

Thursday, March 10 International Day

12:40 p.m. Royalty rehearsal, auditorium; 6 p.m., International Night dinner, student activities center; 7:30 p.m. International Night program, auditorium.

Friday, March 11 Sunday Dress Day

12:40 p.m. assembly and Royalty Coronation, auditorium.

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT IS HIGHPOINT OF BROTHERHOOD WEEK AT LVHS

The culminating activity and focus point of Las Vegas High School's (LVHS) sixth annual Brotherhood Week is International Night, Thursday, March 10, 7:30 p.m. in the LVHS Auditorium.

Highlight of the program will be the Parade of Flags featuring some 52 students representing each of the native countries represented among LVHS students. An American Indian student will lead the procession of flags, wearing a colorful native

Walter Bracken Elementary Participates In Effective Schools Project

Walter Bracken Elementary School is proud to be participating in the Effective Schools Project initiated by the State Department of Education.

The following Walter Bracken staff members have been chosen to serve as the Steering Committee members: Mary Wiser, Debbie Powell, Margaret Ortiz, Betty Rodak, Lisa Primas, Carolyn Hoeger, Lisa Forrester, Freddie Beville, and Barbarann Smith.

The Effective Schools Project is a process of information gathering, analysis, and training that allows local school staff to initiate and sustain program improvements.

Nevada's State Department of Education based the Effective Schools Project on six factors that research reveals are present in effective schools.

1. Effective schools have a positive, safe and orderly environment conducive to teaching and learning.

2. Effective schools have strong instructional leadership, with a principal who is

actively involved in all curricular and classroom management decisions.

3. Effective schools promote an environment in which the faculty sets high expectations for their own performance and communicates to each student the expectation that he or she is capable of academic success and expected to learn.

4. Effective schools have a faculty that identifies common goals and shares a sense of common educational purpose.

5. Effective schools use an appropriate system for monitoring student progress. Such a system should be locally generated to ensure students are tested on material taught in their classes and nationally validated so that definition of mastery in one school district is acceptable in other school districts.

6. Effective schools have faculty committed to communicating routinely and positively with parents and guardians and viewing parents and guardians as partners in the education of students.

American costume designed and made by members of the local Paiute Indian Colony. Each of the students will wear an authentic style of native dress during the Parade of Flags.

A musical highlight of the songfest portion of the program will be a group rendition of superstar Michael Jackson's pop/gospel hit song “Man in the Mirror.” Similar to Jackson's performance of the song on the recent nationally-televised

Grammy Awards program, a local choir from Victory Baptist Church will sing along with the students.

Another musical highpoint of the program will be when students from the Hispanic Club perform a dance interpretation of the Westside Story musical classic, “I Like to Live in America.”

A coalition of clubs under the direction of the International Club is sponsoring the event.

NEW RANKINGS RATE NEVADA 46TH ON CLASS SIZE

CARSON CITY—Only four states in the nation now have class sizes larger than those in Nevada, according to statistics released today by the U.S. Department of Education.

According to the Education Department's “wall chart,” ranking the states on a number of education issues, Nevada now ranks 46th on pupil/teacher ratio, tying with Idaho. Only California, Hawaii, Utah and Washington have larger class sizes.

In addition, Nevada ranks 33rd in the nation on current expenditures per pupil, 44th on expenditures as a percent of per capita income, and 19th on average teacher salary.

“Nevada's ranking varies somewhat from year to year and according to the criteria used by the group calculat-

ing the rankings,” said Chris Giunchigliani, president of the Nevada State Education Association. “But over the years, Nevada has ranked embarrassingly low on many important comparisons.”

“When outsiders, particularly businesses considering relocating here, look at these statistics, they do not get a very attractive picture of the quality of education in Nevada,” Giunchigliani went on to say. “What they see instead is a state unwilling to make a meaningful and sustained commitment to improving the quality of education.”

NSEA is currently circulating a petition asking the 1989 Legislature to approve a corporate profits tax to raise additional revenue for education.

STUDENTS PERFORM WEST INDIES MUSICAL

Students in the third, fourth and fifth grade at Laura Dearing Elementary School will perform a musical in the school's multi-purpose room Thursday, March 10 in observance of Music In Our Schools month. Performances will be held at the school 3046 S. Ferndale, at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Approximately 120 students are involved in the performance, which includes a folk tale from the West Indies. The musical is entitled, “The Cat and the Rat, and a Little This and That.”

Costumes, sets and music all represent authentic Jamaican culture. Music Specialist Randy DeLelles is coordinating the musical event.

Psychology Class Offered at CCCC

Psychology, a class in human behavior and its impact on organizational and group behavior, is scheduled for March 11, 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., and March 12, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It's offered by The Training Institute at Clark County Community College and the Las Vegas Chapter of the National Executive Housekeepers Association. The class will be held at the Housekeeping Training Room at University Medical Center, 1800 W. Charleston.

The behavioral science class is one of a series leading to certification as an Executive Housekeeper by the National Executive Housekeepers Association. While pre-registration is recommended, the class has no prerequisites and is open to anyone.

For more information, or to register, call The Training Institute at 643-6060, extension 4442.

Collegiate Athletic Scholarships Available

Over 100,000 collegiate athletic scholarships are available each year to male and female high school and junior college student athletes. Contrary to popular belief, students don't have to be all-state to qualify. Much of this money goes unused.

A new publication with forms, sample letters and tables of factual information is available for student athletes. It takes them step by step thru the important process of getting an athletic scholarship and includes college and conference listings.

The cost is \$12.00. Write the National Sports Foundation, P.O. Box 408, Matawan, N.J. 07747-0408.

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