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Hello NASC!

This past year has been great, and it is amazing to think that we are already in our second semester. Before we know it, delegates will be arriving at Arbor View High School for the State Conference, and new officers will be elected in our schools and on the State Board. This article is especially neat, because we can look at other schools around the state, and see the unique traditions that live on. On the state board, we try to carry on a tradition of excellence in service to our community and member schools.

As we approach the State Conference and State Board elections, I encourage sophomores and juniors interested in carrying on this tradition of excellence to research state board positions and consider running. The NASC State Board is the force behind this organized and committed association, and new interest and ideas are always welcomed.

As you read through the rest of this Newsletter, I hope you reflect on the special things your school’s do as tradition, and how you can contribute to these traditions by being leaders.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions, or would like to share accomplishments your school has made with the State Board. I look forward to seeing you all in March at the State Conference!

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Hello Nevada! I hope everyone is doing well as we move forward into 2011!

Nevada students submitted several hundred photos for the Campaign for Our Future, the project to show our Governor and Legislators that we, the students of Nevada, care about our education and our future in light of potentially massive cuts to K-12 education funding. I worked with Valley High School Student Body Chief Justice Nathan Magtoto to create the video slideshow, and have sent DVD copies to Governor Sandoval, all 63 members of the Nevada Legislature, and other state and education officials along with a letter explaining the project. With this Campaign, our Governor and Legislators will see who they will affect when they must make tough decisions concerning the budget— the students. Please be on the lookout for the video on Facebook, the NASC website, and other media! Share it with your friends!

I am most grateful to you, your friends and colleagues in Student Council and other activities and athletics, and the students of Nevada for outstanding support and participation in this vital project.

But the Campaign is not over yet! I will be working during the Legislative Session, which begins on February 7, to keep all of you and the students of Nevada updated on issues affecting us, and will do my best to ensure our voice is heard by our Governor and Legislators. But I need your help, and will update you on opportunities to contact our Governor and your Legislators to show them how you feel about issues affecting Nevada students and youth.

I will be in Carson City on January 24 with the Nevada State Board of Education to attend Governor Sandoval’s State of the State Address, and if I have the opportunity to speak with him and with Legislators, I will make sure to remind them of the Campaign for Our Future, and I shall declare to them that in order for our great state to thrive, education must come first!

Indeed, as we move into uncertain times ahead, we must work together to ensure that education comes first! Thank you for all of your support Nevada! It is my honor to represent and serve all of you and the 435,000 public school students in our great state.

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Make Sure to Check Out the Campaign for Our Future Video!

Go to the Campaign for Our Future Facebook to see it or watch it on Youtube by searching Nevada Campaign for Our Future!
Hey NASC! Here at A-Tech, our council loves having an end of the year banquet. Our annual end of the year banquet is a time for us to ‘pass the torch’ to the incoming council. One thing we love to do at banquet is to give each senior a poster board where all the council members can write a message to each of the seniors. Good-bye speeches are given and some games are played. The old executive board gives presents and tips to the new executive board to wish them a successful school year. If your council is tight on money, having a potluck or doing a barbeque is a great alternative to getting it catered. We also give out fun awards such as “Most Hearing Impaired” and other funny awards that also serve as inside jokes. We make the certificates look real and have them signed by the officers and it’s something all the members will have to keep. Lastly, we do the yarn web, where you get a ball of yarn, say something you enjoyed about this year, wrap it around your wrist and pass it on to make the web and then cut it so each person is connected through their bracelets. Overall, our end of the year banquet is always a fun and memorable way to recognize all the seniors for all of their hard work.

Reno High School is defined by traditions. With our school being over 130 years old, many traditions have developed. Our oldest tradition is embedded into the hallways—our Yellow Tiles. The Yellow Tiles make Reno High a true home for all who have the luxury of walking through the halls. Alumni hold onto the uniqueness of the Yellow Tiles as remembrance of their own time at Reno High. Another tradition that has connected Reno High through the years is the Rock—it is a marker of Reno High territory. Students from Reno and other schools around the area paint and decorate the Rock which enhances competition in a harmless, exciting way. This shows support and spirit for our school. The mirror is yet another unique tradition at Reno High. We post information about upcoming games, and activities. It is a memo board for the school. Unity is a large part of Reno High. We show our unity and spirit through The Toilet Seat. We have a toilet seat that looks like a huskie—our mascot. At games and assemblies we use the Huskie to increase school motivation and participation. Our principal uses the Huskie to teach the “pups” how to become huskies. Tradition is important at Reno High— it makes our school unique and brings us all together.
For Clark, the word ‘aloha’ not only means hello and goodbye, but an awesome spirit week as well. Every year during the last full week of school, we have Aloha Week. Event-filled and super fun, this week has become a favorite to many Chargers! We have the traditional Hawaiian-themed spirit days (tourist, lei, etc.), after-school activities (kickball, dodgeball, movies, etc.), powder-puff game, Senior Assembly, Senior Barbecue, Aloha Assembly, AND the Aloha dance! The main event at the Aloha Assembly is the changing of the bleachers, where the seniors leave, each class changes their spots according to grade, and we welcome the seniors back out to the floor to say goodbye. We even bring in 9th grade students from our feeder school to sit in the freshmen section after the seat changing. Everyone looks forward to this part because they get one step closer to the top (or graduating)! This is one of our most spirited weeks because it is everyone’s last celebration before finals and summer break. Aloha is not only a great way to close out the year, but a way to get everyone excited for the upcoming year as well!

Every year, Arbor View fans gather together to support all of our Aggie athletic teams. Although each game is packed with school spirit, nothing compares to our annual Battle of the Bulls games against Legacy High School. Each game against the Longhorns is an opportunity to show our Aggie pride and bring home the horns! The team that wins the football or basketball game also wins bull horns that were decorated just for this rivalry. Our Battle of the Bulls games have become a tradition that students look forward to each year and are always filled with spirit from both schools. Arbor View has even teamed up with Legacy to use these popular games as an opportunity to raise money for breast cancer. This tradition has quickly become a fun source of camaraderie for students from both Legacy and Arbor View. As each year passes and the games prove to be a success, anticipation for the next year continues to grow.
Everyone loves a good tradition, am I right? Here at A-Tech, our school has started our own little tradition. Ongoing for years, our school hosts an annual Heritage Night where students are able to share a little bit of their culture, as well as the chance to showcase it. Clubs within A-Tech are invited to bring dishes from their culture to share with all attendees. Each club is assigned a continent, and members of the clubs bring in food from the continent. Students are also given an opportunity to volunteer performances showcasing their heritage. In the past, there have been dances of all sorts, original musical compositions, and Lion Dances performed by the Lohan School of Shaolin. Booths also surround the perimeter of the Cafeteria with hands-on activities ranging from learning how to play the Chinese yo-yo to making tissue paper flowers. Food, entertainment, and loads of fun, Heritage Night usually falls on a Friday and is open to anyone. Friends, family, you name it. Overall, Heritage Night is one of the larger events held at our school every year and is often held around spring time lasting about five hours. It's a fun way to hang out with friends and learn a little more about the diversity of your peers.

No two years of high school are ever the same and things are constantly changing in student council. Every school has their traditions and some of our favorite traditions are those for seniors. The most popular is near the end of the year each senior has to build a time line full of pictures and stories of their four years in high school and then present it to the rest of council. This is something that as an underclassmen you look forward to doing your senior year because it shows the long journey that's coming to an end and it's fun to look back. We often find that most of our fondest memories are those spent with our Stuco Family.
Having been a school for over thirty years, Bonanza is rich with traditions, none of which are more awe-inspiring than our homecoming hallways. Preparation for homecoming hallways begins in May when Student Council meets to discuss a theme. This year the theme was “Bengals around the World”. After a theme has been decided on, work begins immediately. From the middle of July to the end of August students come into Bonanza two to three times a week to work on hallway decorations. When school begins the pace picks up, and students begin coming in every day after school. As the Friday before homecoming week approaches, the workload is increased. Several all nighters are pulled and many weekends are lost. Finally hallway decorating day arrives! Students are at last allowed to put their creations on the walls. Kids from all over Bonanza come and participate. The result: a twenty-two papier-mâché Buddha, a graphitized New York City subway tunnel, the French Riviera and an African Safari. Many say that Bonanza goes through too much work for decorations that only stay up a week, but homecoming is more than that. For that one-week students who had up until then had no school spirit suddenly think that Bonanza is the greatest place on earth! All of our hard work definitely paid off!

“Rah Rah” is an activity performed at Boulder City High School. Students running around with painted faces in outrageous and spirited outfits, opening and closing blue and gold painted toilet seats, usually provide a laugh and never fail to promote school spirit. This does not happen at any other school, so it is definitely a benefit of attending BCHS. Have you ever wondered how it started? In the early 1980’s, one creative male student, Jon Budd (BCHS class of ’84) came up with idea of leading and exciting the crowd by opening and closing a toilet seat. Like his own version of “Follow the Leader,” the crowd whispered when the lid was opened small, and when he opened the lid wide, the crowd yelled loudly. Done at assemblies and sporting events, the toilet seat was always a highlight and continually raised the crowd’s enthusiasm. Over the years, the tradition of the toilet seat has evolved and currently, four different students get the opportunity to lift the lid during assemblies. With everyone on their feet, it is a challenge between classes to see who can be the loudest and most spirited. Without fail, the toilet seat still has the same positive effect on the students of BCHS and hopefully, the tradition will continue for many years to come.
Here in Cowboy territory our traditions have been passed down through the generations. Each year we begin with a Back in Black Assembly; an assembly where our student body wears black (one of our school colors) and we celebrate the beginning of a great new school year. This is also supported with a spirit week the week leading up to the assembly. As another beginning of the year tradition, we welcome the new teachers by having them perform a dance routine at our assembly. This year our new teacher’s did a fist pump dance to get the crowd excited. They were given thank you gifts that included a teacher emergency kit to start the year that includes: white erase markers, bathroom passes, and doorstops. Another tradition is our Homecoming Week, which consists of Western Day or the “Tailgate Party”. This is an event we throw right before the Homecoming game. Food, games, and music fill the way to the field. During the winter our school organizes a group for the Opportunity Village’s Santa Run. Just this past December we raised $2,500 for the charity. These are just a few of our traditions over here at Chaparral Empowerment High School the Home of The Cowboys.

Every school, just like many businesses and companies, has lots of traditions. It can be something that’s done annually or something that’s done at a certain time of year. Cheyenne has many traditional events, everything from Mr. Shields [our male pageant] to the Senior Sunrise. Last year, with the implementation of new administration, our events have become less traditional. I don’t mean in the sense that they’re completely absent, but there’s been new ways set in stone for us to go about these events. One major traditional is Powderpuff, which is basically when the girls play football and the guys cheer for them. It’s usually hilarious and very competitive. Our school also usually gets very involved with it. Yet this year we’re trying to improve the tradition. Since powderpuff is usually junior versus senior, we are now opening up the game to freshman and sophomores in a new championship style setting. Freshman will play sophomores, juniors will play seniors, and afterwards winner will play winner for an underclassmen or upperclassmen title belt. Since the goal with any tradition is to keep the spirit alive, we are hoping this will raise student interest and class spirit. We are also incorporating the reversed boys and girls “role” idea into our spirit week and Sadies. This will be Cheyenne’s first year, in an immense amount of time, bringing back the Battle of the Sexes! Everyday is wrapped around our Sadies theme, like normal, but will be turned into boys versus girls activities, leading up to the assembly that Friday. This will be a big introduction for powderpuff and a great way to get participants. We also have our Senior Sunrise approaching to bring in the last semester of Senior year with a bang! Hopefully all goes as planned and we’ll have many fun things to report about at a later date. Let’s keep our fingers crossed!
Traditions are the exclusive qualities that make each high school unique and special in their own way. Tradition...a belief, an established practice or event that is handed down from year to year. At Coronado the event that we most treasure is our, “Mr. Coronado Pageant”. This school year will be our third consecutive year hosting this occasion.

We begin in February taking applications for contestants. Each senior boy who is interested in running for “Mr. Coronado” will be interviewed. A panel of Student Council Officers/Representatives review each individual on their application and needed talent. A final decision and tallying of scores is made to determine who the top twelve candidates will be. Then the top twelve senior boys are revealed to the school as finalist.

From this point forward the competition gets spirited. The past two years the pageant has raised money for The Shade Foundation. The week before the evening competition there are spirit days to present the competing candidates, talk about “The Shade Foundation” and allow the boys to work to raise money. We also sell tickets throughout the week for gift baskets. Students all have the opportunity to buy tickets. The tickets are drawn the night of the show and the winners are announced. The night of the show the senior boys are judged on the amount of money they have raised, how they answer a selected question, and their preferred talent. Each year brings more anticipation and excitement. Who will Mr. Coronado be this year!

Galena High School has many traditions we love to continue throughout the years. One tradition is our annual tournaments that our LTA or Lunch Time Activities Committee puts on. We host tournaments ranging from the Dodge Ball tournament to the Ping Pong tournament. Students have the opportunity to sign up in groups with their friends for a small entrance fee. The collected money goes to a prize for the winning team. These tournaments are a huge success every year.

Another tradition Galena loves is our Riot Squad. Galena’s Riot Squad is an organized group or club that supports the athletic programs at our school. The Riot Squad is most prominent during basketball season. Over 50 students are involved this year alone. All members have their own personalized shirt with the Riot Squad design on the front and their own nickname and selected number on the back. You don’t have to have a t-shirt to be a member, but simply go out and support our teams and cheer as loud as you can. This group truly raises our overall school spirit.

One last tradition our school has continued over the years takes place during our Homecoming Weeks. It is a tradition to allow all of the candidates to participate in candidate dances at our Homecoming assembly. Each candidate is paired up with a partner and they prepare a dance that is performed at the assembly. These dances are a huge hit and the students love them.
At Incline High School, many of the traditions are centered on sports and athletics. Homecoming is one of the largest community events in Incline. Traditions from homecoming include the football game along with the parade, dress up days, and daily activities. The football game has a very high attendance with students from Incline High School along with families and members of the community. The Homecoming parade is a big tradition at Incline High School stretching across our town. Many families and people of the community come to see the parade along with members of our school. The tradition of keeping a Homecoming court is also very important.

Following Homecoming is another sport-related tradition centered on basketball which is Snowcoming. During Snowcoming there is a largely attended basketball game. During Snowcoming there are also daily activities, dress up days, and a Snowcoming court. During both of these large events the school is decorated festively in order to amplify spirit.

Along with Snowcoming and Homecoming there are “pack the gym” games. These games will draw a bigger crowd and increase school spirit. In order to increase attendance, spirit points are awarded to the class with the highest attendance rate. Along with “pack the gym” games, which refer to volleyball and basketball, there are “pack the field” games, which refer to soccer and football. This increases the attendance at different sports instead of focusing on one. Many traditions at Incline High School focus on sports in order to increase school-wide and community-wide spirit.

The Indian Springs tradition that we value the most is the Bonfire. The Bonfire is an event that takes place during homecoming. The juniors are in charge of getting all the wood needed to make this event happen. We gather a bunch of wood, throw it in a pile, and just watch it burn. To us it symbolizes the burning desire to win in all the students of Indian Springs. Also it lights a fire inside of us making us want to compete and drives us to be better. Also every year the football players run around the Bonfire to show that they can take the heat and want to win. The Bonfire is supervised by our volunteer fire department who helps us light the fire, put it out, and keep it under control so nobody gets hurt.

We here at Las Vegas Academy of International Studies, Performing, and Visual Arts hold in high esteem the myriad of traditions that result from our inheriting the state’s oldest high school campus and its legacy, as well as our unique position as an arts school. Among these are our Senior Awards Night, Senior Sunrise, International Studies soccer game, Holiday Markt (a German-inspired holiday event), and major banquets. Our traditions are rooted in the particular strengths and assets that make each department or grade level exceptional. LVA’s distinctive practices contribute to our cultured environment and consistent accomplishment, drawn not only from our extensive customs but from the people who ensure their success year after year.
At Lowry High School we take pride in the activities that make our school unique. Although we only have a few, these traditions are what make our school our own. Among the more significant of these traditions is the annual presentation of the Honorary Buckaroo award and our blue and gold dress day on Fridays of event weeks. Although other schools may have similar activities as our school, these are events that our school makes all our own.

During our Winterfest week we nominate and elect an Honorary Buckaroo. This is a person who has helped our school for years. They are people who have never had any trouble donating to our school monetarily or dedicating their time to Lowry events. This award is special to our school because it is a way for our entire school to thank those that support us while at the same time encouraging others to give to our school. Correlatively, event weeks also mark the appearance of another treasured tradition. Blue and Gold Day is always on the Friday of event weeks. Our entire school wears their blue and gold clothing. This event unifies our school and creates an atmosphere of excitement for the final pep rally.

It is important for a school to have their own traditions. It contributes to the sense of identity of a school and allows students to feel a larger sense of pride and loyalty for their school. I am proud that my school has traditions that are both fun and conducive to a positive school environment.

Here at Lund High School we do things a little different some people might say but we take pride in everything. Every year usually on the last day or sometime during the last week of school we have a 10 Mile Run that our whole school and most of our staff participate in. We have our P.E. teacher help us mark off the course and from then on we make rules and regulations the students have to follow.

Last year we went from Preston (nearby community) to the White River 4-H camp where there is a hot tub and pond to swim in. We started about 9 in the morning. After everyone finished the walk we had hamburgers and swam for the rest of the evening until it was time to go.

Another awesome tradition we have is every year during Homecoming we have a bomb fire the seniors put on and we light up the 'L' on the hill in our town with lights for that night. It's always a blast. We do cheers and wish the Football and Volleyball teams' good luck also with a community barbeque that same night.

One other cool tradition we do every year is we have an 'M' Run out during Snow fest. What we do is at half time of the Boys Basketball game we have the students run out and make an 'M'. Every student lists their accomplishments and as they run out the announcer reads them off. We always practice the M and where each student should stand before we perform it in front of the crowd. We do it to make the students feel accomplished and to take pride in our school. We look forward to it every year!
Being a small school in rural Nevada, traditions truly play a part in our annual activities throughout the school year. One tradition that really gets the McDermitt High School student body involved is our annual shopping cart float competition we have every year during our winter homecoming spirit week. Each class grades 7-12 are eligible to participate and it is amazing what some of the classes come up with to transform an ordinary shopping cart into a float. We have had classes create spaceships, medieval sailboats and other inventive floats based on our various themes. The shopping cart parade is held during the boys varsity half time and the winning float is chosen by crowd reactions and the winning class receives a spirit prize for their work. With our winter homecoming coming up in a few weeks we are looking forward to seeing what our student body comes up with this year.

Some of the traditions we love to do at Mojave High School are Rattler Fest, Tailgate, and Car Smash. Rattler Fest is a way for our student council to raise school spirit around the school and to get all students and staff involved. An assembly is planned to introduce spring sports and various fun activities are taken into participation. Tailgate is a festive where our council and staff barbeque for all students to enjoy before a major game. Along with Hot 97.5 joins us for live entertainment. Car Smash is a fundraiser thrown where students pay to destroy a car for the fun of it and still being able to give back to their school. The students love this since it is a great stress relief and the love it when the staff and administration join in the fun!

Here at Palo Verde High School one event that is not only loved by the student population, but it is also loved by the Senior Class Council, who is in charge of hosting the event, is the annual Mr. Panther Pageant. Mr. Panther, in short, is a group of only senior male students who volunteer to take part within a series of different competitions, in hopes of being crowned the school year’s “Mr. Panther”, somewhat like the more famous Miss America Pageant. With group choreographed dances, a talent competition, and the infamous “best-pick-up-line” competition, these young men compete for a title that rivals, if not supersedes, the average Homecoming Royalty or even Prom King.

We love to host this event because we can see first-hand the transformation of our idea. From the creation process, the long night practices, to the actual execution of the pageant. This project not only allows the council to come together as a team but it also gives them a sense of accomplishment when they see the end result, and are able to crown another winner.

The students at Palo Verde love to come and support this event because no matter what, when you see a group of “rhythmically acceptable” peers dance on stage as they sing along to “Barbie Girl” by Aqua you are bound to laugh, almost literally out of your seats. This year the Senior Council cannot wait to host this event this coming February, and they hope that they can achieve the exact same side-splitting result that our school loves so much!
Pahrump Valley High school has been in the process of developing new traditions over the past two years. With the introduction of a first-day welcoming assembly, we have been able to reach our students on the very first day with do’s and don’ts of our school. This year, we have expanded our school spirit outreach by starting a student section for our football games, and while our team hasn’t been the greatest, the students still come out in droves to support their Trojans.

Here at Pershing County High School, we have tons of traditions that we do each year. Most happen during our spirit weeks (Homecoming, Winter Spirit Week, and Battle of the Sexes), or just during a sports season.

Like everyone else, of course, we have Homecoming. One of our favorite Homecoming traditions is the Bonfire. This year we literally had to take a rain check, but thankfully we are going to have it this week during our Winter Spirit Week. We have an annual Spaghetti Dinner to raise money for our sports teams that the community attends and loves. Our Homecoming Queen and King are crowned during the Varsity Football game, and the style of the crowning is unique each year.

Winter Spirit Week is always a lot of fun. Although the place that we decorate each year has changed a couple times, it is still a tradition to decorate walls for a class competition. A kind of unspoken competition that the classes have against each other is trying to keep it a secret what they are preparing for their wall. You always see kids sneaking around, trying to spy for their class.

Battle of the Sexes is intense! Different sexes don’t talk to each other all day, and if they do, they get thrown into our penalty game. One of our traditions during this week is to have, during our Battle of the Sexes Assembly, a contest between couples in our school. It always get very heated.

Our Extreme Red and Black Days are a new tradition that pumps up our school on gameday. On gameday, we don’t just wear red and black shirts. We go all out. You see kids running around in tights, too toos, capes, and tons of red and black all day!

The many traditions at PCHS bring our school and community together. Last year, we honored the 1965 state championship basketball players, and this year we are honoring the 1961 state championship players and cheerleaders at our winter spirit assembly. Former players from all over the country come back to PCHS; it’s a great experience for all!
At Rancho High we have an annual fair and assembly called Multicultural. We host these events during the month of April. These two events may be one of the best, however, Rancho Student Council is always hosting events throughout the year and this is what makes our school different from all the rest.

For the Multicultural Fair we have all the clubs in the school reserve spots for them to sell a variety of food that represents cultures from all around the world. At this fair we also have live music performed to entertain our students. Our council hosts this event during both lunches. This is a great opportunity for all of the students to interact with each other and learn about different cultures that we have at Rancho. Once the fair is over, our council starts working hard at our next event which is the Multicultural Assembly.

This assembly consists of multiple performances. These performances are phenomenal! Our clubs and students practice non-stop to put on an excellent show! This assembly is always the most anticipated. We always have a high attendance for our assemblies, however, the attendance number for this assembly sky rockets. Plenty of the students record these performances post them all around our school, personal WebPages, and even internet websites.

These two events are such a wonderful tradition that keeps the spirit very lively. It is a great experience for all of our students from all grades. There is always something new that is waiting to be experienced. Our students never let us down and they continue to surprise us with the extravagant performances.

There are many traditions at Reed High School, but the one our council is most proud of is hosting the Annual Midlevel Student Council Conference for the west. This is always chaired by our Student Body President and Vice President and it is always held on the Monday of our Winter Homecoming Week at Reed High School. Just like any other student council conference there are general sessions, performances, keynote speakers, JC groups, workshops and of course the fun-filled atmosphere created when Nevada student council members get together! The conference is geared towards middle school students, with a large focus being placed on how exciting high school student council is, and how important it is to get involved once you’re there. This year we are thrilled about our theme “Leadership: Ain’t it Sweet” which is a candy theme. We are incorporating the concept of being “sweet” with the “Think Kindness Challenge” and helping middle school councils come up with ideas on how to spread kindness once they are back at their own school. Brian Williams, the founder of the “Think Kindness Challenge” will be our keynote speaker for the day, talking about how easily changes can be made within your school, the community, and ultimately the world with just small simple acts of kindness. Along with Brian’s keynote our general sessions are going to be packed with performers from our school—ranging from the show choir to break dancers—who will show off the variety of activities you can be a part of once in high school. It will be sure to excite the 275 Middle School Students who plan to attend.
Here at Reno High, we are a school with a 131 year history. With such an extensive history, we of course have some important school traditions that we love! Tradition is a big deal at Reno High School, and as a student council we do our best to keep all students involved and interested.

Basic traditions at Reno High would be things like: Homecoming float building and during our Winterfest week each class decorates a hallway flush with the overall theme of the week.

There are some more unique traditions that we hold as well. A mirror in our hallways is often covered with messages written on with paint marker and used as a central meeting location-usually the first place to go to find out what’s happening in school that week. We also have a large rock near the football field that students freshly paint nearly every week in some school related fashion. 1879- A motto placed on nearly all of our school clothing is a number close to every student’s heart; what other school can say all of their students know without hesitation the opening year of their school?

Without a doubt, our most noticeable and important tradition is the Toilet Seat. A fur covered, Huskie decorated toilet seat is the most loved and recognizable tradition we have. “Rahhh” roars the rabble as the President opens the lid the first time, “RAHHHH” intensity building the second time around. “RAHHH” the crowd is on their feet jumping up and down. “RA,RAH,RAH” shouts the crowd as the mouth is opened and closed three times. The Huskie Toilet seat is one of the oldest, and definitely the most important tradition we have here at Reno High School.

Here at Shadow Ridge High School, we have two major traditions. They are Winter Wishes and Mr. Mustang. Winter Wishes is a week where student’s wishes are granted. Every student can submit one wish to the drawing, and over a hundred students’ wishes will be randomly picked and granted. Examples are for yearbooks, candy, Starbucks, and SRHS sweatshirts. One girl even wished for her own cowboy, and we made her wish come true. During the week we have different dress up days such as Polar Express day where we got to wear our pajamas, and avalanche day where everyone would dress in white. At the end of the week on Friday we have a Winter Wishes assembly where more wishes are granted by the “Wish Fairies” and games are played. This year at the end of the assembly we had an avalanche down the bleachers of students. Another major tradition we have at SRHS is Mr. Mustang. Mr. Mustang is where SRHS Senior guy’s will compete to see who will become the next Mr. Mustang of that school year. They will accept titles like Mr. Photogenic, Mr. Betty Crocker and the King of Hearts. There is also a talent portion that they compete in. At the end of guy is chosen by the judges and they become the next Mr. Mustang. He will also receive a prize such as a free helicopter ride for prom. These traditions are wonderful and all of our students look forward to them.
Here at Silver Stage High School we are always trying our best to enhance our school spirit and instill lasting values of dedication and support in our students. One particular tradition we love is Fun in the Sun which takes place at the end of the school year sometime in May. It is a reward for those students who maintain good grades (no D’s or F’s at the time of the event) and involves such activities as: a bungee run, eating contests, Pie-the-Teacher, volleyball/basketball tournaments, a Guitar Hero contest, squirt gun fights, and much more. Another Silver Stage tradition in particular that we enjoy is known as the “Blue Crew”. The Blue Crew is a group of organized students and staff who attend home games (of any sport) to cheer on our team. They dress completely in our school colors of navy and silver, paint their faces, and come up with cheers to root for the home team. These traditions and many more make up the heart and soul of the school we love. 

Smith Valley High School is full of traditions, but one of our favorites is “Secrets Week”. During homecoming week our volleyball and cheerleaders secretly “spoil” our football team with cards, locker decorating, goodies and other treats. Student Council sponsors a community wide dinner and spirit rally each year for Homecoming. During the rally the “secret” is revealed to the football player and in return the football player presents their secret with flowers and a nice little gift. This event is anticipated each year and is one of the highlights of our Homecoming festivities!

Another tradition that is celebrated is the painting of our “SV” on the hill. Our Block SV Club (letterman's club) treks up the hill each summer and gives the “SV” a new coat of paint. This tradition is really appreciated by our school and community. 

As a new school, Spanish Springs High School has only a few traditions, but the ones we do have we go all out for. Some of our most popular traditions include Cougarlicious, Trick-or-Treat in the Halls, and a Dodgeball tournament. Cougarlicious is a male beauty pageant for junior and senior boys; it contains a swim suit portion, a talent show, and a formal wear portion with questions. Cougarlicious is one of the most popular events at our school and we fill the room to capacity each year. Trick-or-Treat in the Halls doesn't just include our school and clubs, it gets the entire community involved. We invite every elementary school in the Spanish Springs area. The clubs have games and fundraisers while the leadership class passes out free candy. Everybody dresses up and enjoys the fun, safe Halloween activity. Dodge ball is another popular event at SSHS, with over 200 students competing and many more coming to watch. In addition to the tournament, there is a costume contest for each team. The event is great for promoting school spirit and unity. Over 45 teams signed up in this year’s tournament; some teachers even started a team. Spanish Springs is creating many new traditions and have kept the ones we began with going strong. School spirit is building up and our school is overflowing with a happy, united student body.
Spring Valley just recently started a new tradition! Last school year we had a Grizzly Fever “Blue Flu” spirit week in the month of April! The dress up days we’re simple and generic just by dressing up for Super Hero day or Western Day showed your spirit in school. The friday spirit day was a blue-out day which is one of our main school colors. Students dressed in blue that friday and packed the gym after school for an assembly! Grizzly Fever spirit week really brought everyone together and showed the love and pride in our school as our last assembly of the year. We plan to continue on this tradition this school year by making it even better and hopefully our newest grizzlies can catch the fever during this week sometime in April!

Tradition is the handing down of information, beliefs, or customs from one generation to another. At Sunrise Mountain High School we have our very own traditions that we have been creating this past year. At SMHS our favorite tradition that many students and faculty love are our seven dwarves.

At every assembly Student Council members dress up as the seven dwarves and parade around the gym. The seven dwarves were eternally etched into our school in the year 2009 by our own principal, Mr. Barlow. The dwarves represent a large part of our school; they never fail to excite the students. There is even a song that goes with the dwarves’ entrance it is the tune of Disney’s “Whistle while you work” from Snow White and The Seven Dwarves movie. This was suggested by Mr. Barlow himself. He has these Dwarves on display in his office and where ever else he thinks will make someone happy seeing it.

The seven dwarves include: Bashful, Doc, Dopey, Grumpy, Happy, Sleepy, and Sneezy. And how could we forget Snow White, who is occasionally played by any female teacher. Snow White only appears in our assemblies every once and a while, so it is a real treat when she comes. Each dwarfs’ personality is represented at our school, especially Happy, Sleepy, and Bashful. Not one school’s tradition could ever hope to undermine our fantastic, loveable, wondrous dwarves. Who inspire us to be whoever we want to be and to have fun while we are young. We hope this tradition sparks something to get you insipid to create a tradition yourself and if not you just learned a little more about our school on the mountain!
Since the first Winter Assembly hosted after Valley High School opened in 1965, we have continued the long tradition called the “Mr. Cool Valley” contest. Each year during our Winter Assembly, one male student is chosen by each Class President to represent his class in the contest. Each contestant sits on top a block of ice on the covered corner of the gym floor from the beginning of the Assembly to the end. Each contestant tries to melt the biggest circle in the block of ice by the very end of the Assembly. Throughout the Assembly, the SBOs check on their progress and involve the crowd as judging time approaches. At the very end of the Assembly, our Administration feels the depressions in the ice to declare the winner “Mr. Cool Valley.” The winning class usually has the biggest and warmest guy sitting on the ice. All of the classes have been victorious throughout the years creating a great Class completion each year at our Winter Assembly.

What makes a school great? Having academically strong students, lots of school spirit and fun activities. Veterans Tribute CTA is a new school, so we are many establishing many new traditions. With spirit comes tradition! One of our most important traditions is our Veterans Day assembly. We believe that it is important to honor the men and women who sacrifice their lives so we can have a better life, and at VTCTA, we are truly thankful for their efforts. During this assembly, we invite Veterans from every branch of the armed forces, and they are honored throughout the whole service. Some of this year’s featured events were a flag folding ceremony, a performance from a barbershop quartet and an inspirational speaker from Nellis Air Force Base, who has already served multiple tours overseas.

Another tradition that is loved by our students at VTCTA is our Chuck-A-Duck game. In this activity, the participant buys a rubber duck prior to an assembly. During the assembly we give a countdown to throw the ducks at the eye of the eagle painted in the center of our gym. The participant who gets closest to the center of the target wins a prize like movie tickets or a gift card. The fun comes in to play when one duck knocks another duck off the target. This activity creates lots school spirit and is really fun to play.

Our last popular tradition is our Annual Bowling Bash. The Bowling Bash is held at the Texas Station bowling alley. During this event, participants (students and their families and friends) get into teams of five and play against other teams. The tickets are $10 and the money goes towards helping our school with various expenses like field trips, student organizations or program needs. We also create some amazing gift baskets that people have an opportunity to win at this annual event. The memories are priceless. Though our school is still new we will continue to develop many more traditions in addition to the ones we already love.
Many people including students, teachers, parents and other school related staff believe that our school isn’t “real”. However, Virtual High School has plenty of our own little traditions that make us just as real as any other Clark County School. One of the traditions that make us unique from other online schools is that our graduating students are able to walk in a graduation ceremony with their peers. Another thing that separates us from both online and campus school is that our prom is combined with ATECH’s. We invite dates, buy our tickets, and get all spiffed up just like any other prom. These things may seem normal to any public school, but each and every one of us at Virtual is very grateful to be able to participate in these activities.

Wells High School has a history of being involved in a variety of traditions. Our activities do not end at the school doors because many of them are community based. Projects range from fun and entertaining to community service.

Enjoying and participating in our homecoming week is a community highlight. Attendance at the He-Man volleyball and Powder Puff football games proves to be impressive. Our annual bonfire celebrates all local athletes and coaches.

Each December finds our leadership class heading to Walmart for our yearly shopping trip. Our advisor, Ms. H, receives a list of students that are in need of our help to have a Merry Christmas. When our shopping is complete, we deliver the wrapped gifts to our Family Resource Center.

When it come to breakfast, we are the champions! For several years our organization has helped raise money for our Senior Center by hosting a yummy pancake breakfast. Also, we’re happy to announce a new school based breakfast program. Working together with Communities in Schools, we now provide daily breakfast for all Wells Combined students. Every day, two of our leadership students help serve the breakfast. Our Student Council plans to continue all of our current traditions and we look forward to the addition of new projects.
Having fun in the sun is the way West Tech starts off the school year. We do this by hosting a fun and inviting barbecue for students and their families. This gives students an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the school and their future classmates. Tours of the campus are offered and led by student council members. Refreshing drinks and an appetizing meal combined with joyful music gets everyone excited for the new school year.

To keep students motivated during the year, Wranglers take trips to exciting places like Knott's Berry Farm or Universal Studios Hollywood. It is a chance to clear the students’ minds and relax for a weekend full of fun.

Dances organized by student council, provide students an opportunity to have fun with their friends and relax a little bit! Fun and unique themes make the dances more exciting and appealing for all involved. For example, our school organized a Halloween dance instead of a homecoming. It was a great social event in which the students were able to wear their costumes. With the amazing skills of our West Tech photography students we had the chance to take pictures to remember the night. Games and food were provided, as well as a costume contest. Prizes from the contest were awarded by our amazing principle Mr. Bay.

The traditions of WCTA provide us with a fun and exciting school year. With the hard work of Student Council and the help of our administrators we were able to make these traditions happen. Hopefully, the traditions made by the school’s first Student Council continue on for many years.

Although West Wendover is a pretty young school, we have our traditions. Everyone has different things that they look forward to each school year, but the event that people look forward to the most is the lip sync. Homecoming week is pretty hectic for all, but the hard work all pays off during our Homecoming assembly. Each of the classes has to create a lip sync based on the theme, and preform it. The theme is the same for everyone, but no one takes exactly the same approach. Tons of laughs are a guarantee though!

This year our Homecoming theme was Superheroes, and the lip syncs were some of the best yet. Our underclassmen delivered, showcasing several different superheroes throughout, while the seniors took a different approach altogether. The lip sync by the seniors was a competition to see who the best superhero really is, but this can get a little crazy when the superheroes use song to express themselves. Several superheroes were represented including Iron Man who “wanted to be a billionaire” and Superman who sang “I’m Awesome.”

The Lip Sync is definitely a highlight of Homecoming, and our year. It has been a tradition at WWHS since our school started 15 years ago, and will continue to grow stronger with better ideas each year.
Schools that submitted the 2 articles required for SILVER STAR:

- Bishop Manogue
- Carson
- Churchill County
- Coleville
- Dayton
- Fernley
- Galena
- Incline
- McQueen
- Silver Stage
- Smith Valley
- Spanish Springs
- Sparks
- Yerington
- Truckee Meadows
- C.C.H.S.
- Battle Mountain
- Carlin
- Elko
- Lowry
- Lund
- McDermitt
- Pershing County
- Spring Creek
- Wells
- West Wendover
- Arbor View
- A-Tech
- Basic HS
- Bishop Gorman
- Bonanza
- Boulder City
- Canyon Springs
- Centennial
- Chaparral
- Cheyenne
- Clark
- Coronado
- Del Sol
- Desert Oasis
- Desert Pines
- Durango
- Eldorado
- Faith Lutheran
- Global Community
- Green Valley
- Indian Springs
- Las Vegas Academy
- Las Vegas
- Liberty
- Mojave
- Pahrump Valley
- Paio Verde
- Rancho
- SE Career & Tech. Acad.
- Sierra Vista
- Silverado
- Spring Valley
- SW Career & Tech Acad.
- Valley
- Veterans Tribute CTA
- Virtual
- Western

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- Gerlach
- North Valleys
- Reed
- Reno
- Cimarron Memorial
- CSNHS East
- CSNHS West
- East Career & Tech Acad
- Foothill
- Legacy
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- Shadow Ridge
- Sunrise Mountain
- West CTA

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   b. Spirit activities - 5 per year
   c. Staff Appreciation - 3 per year
   d. Student Recognition - 2 per year
   e. Dance - 1 per year
   f. School Service OR Campus wide Educational Program
   g. Evidence of Leadership Training
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   c. Staff Appreciation - 2 per year
   d. Student Recognition - 2 per year
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