Rogers Foundation Grant Winners

CASLV was recently awarded $100,000 by the Rogers Foundation. Nearly 500 of our 6th through 12th grade students were on hand to packed the multi-purpose room to hear the good news. Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas received the Foundation's first "Gift of Innovation" award that is committed to supporting the lives of Southern Nevada students through arts and education. The Rogers Foundation was established by the estate of Jim Rogers and has created as a non-profit organization to support the artistic and academic achievements of students in Southern Nevada.

Grant recipients were selected after an application process, in which each school or program was asked to request an amount, up to $100,000, to support an educational or arts related initiative. The Rogers Foundation received 109 applications, and a committee reviewed all applications and selected the winners based on the strength of the proposal, planned program and usage, and impact on Southern Nevada arts and education.

We extend our most sincere gratitude to our parents Pamela Lum, Lauren Tran, and Sanyak Suvari, as well as Dr. Arthur Baragara of UNLV and our very own, award-winning instructor, Hikmet Erdogan. If it wasn't for them, the Rogers Foundation grant wouldn't be ours.

Way to go, Falcons !!!

The Washington Post

The Washington Post Rated Coral Academy of Science on their list of America's Most Challenging High Schools. CASLV Ranked #2 in State of Nevada and #148 in the Nation Congratulations!
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A Message from the Executive Director

Hello Esteemed Coral Parents,

We have already started yet another successful school year! It is hard to believe that the first progress reports were mailed already and that the first quarter is almost over. October 23rd is the last day for the 1st quarter and report cards will be mailed out by end of October. We will have the parent/teacher conferences on November 5, 2015. I strongly encourage you to go over your child's report card with her/him and attend to the Parent/Teacher conferences to discuss your child's academic progress.

Thank you everyone for your continued support of our students and our school. A very special thank you to all of our volunteer parents who help in the elementary campus car lines. When you are dropping your children off, please be sure tell them “Thank You” and follow their directions for the safety of all of our students.

I would also like to thank our parents and PTO for all of their continued support and hard work! Please attend the monthly PTO meetings to support them and all their efforts to ensure all our Coral kids get the best experience possible.

We will have our Around the World Festival on October 24 from 1-5pm. Please join us at this great event with your whole family. Last year, many students, parents, and members of the community joined us to celebrate and to learn more about other cultures in a fun and educational environment. We are looking forward to sharing this wonderful event with you for many more years to come.

Coral Academy of Las Vegas is proudly hosted MathMatters. MathMatters is a free annual math contest for ALL Clark County 4th and 5th grade students. The primary goals of the contest are to stimulate interest and achievement in mathematics among elementary school students and to provide recognition of outstanding young mathematicians, their dedicated teachers, and their schools. The 12th Annual MathMatters Contest will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2015 at 10 am at our Sandy Ridge campus. Click the registration link on our Facebook page or on our website to register your child before the November 11, 2015 deadline. There is limited space available and it will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Please share this wonderful event with your neighbors, relatives, other parents, and whomever you feel might have an interest in attending.

Our Back-to-School nights also had a great turnout at all three campuses. Thank you for always supporting your child’s education and encouraging lifelong learning. Additionally, we appreciate all of the support you have provided the teachers in their roles. This show of unity is important to our kids overall academic success.

Please make sure to check Facebook, our website, and Twitter for updates throughout the year. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,
Mr. Ercan,
 Executive Director
Sandy Ridge Campus

Hello CASLV Family,

The school year is in full swing! We are moving along quickly and the students are progressing nicely. Our teachers and staff have been working diligently with evaluations to ensure that all students are placed in the best position for academic growth. We know that it is essential to have consistent support throughout the school year.

I am pleased to announce that we have added more online programs this year. Our English department is using Study Sync, a program that enables students to improve their abilities in English Language Arts. For this purpose, we have purchased an additional class set of Chromebooks. We also use various resources of online academia to address the Nevada Academic Content Standards as well as the individual needs of our students.

We have increased the number and quality of extracurricular activities available to students. Clubs have begun and a good majority of our students (over 250) are enjoying them. For fall sports, we are glad to have cross country, girls volleyball, and lacrosse. Please come out to support our amazing Falcon athletes.

Please help keep the school spirit strong and the motivation going! Encourage critical thinking, goal setting and reading at home. Goal setting for your students helps them to remain accountable for their education and success. Also, please consider becoming a part of our PTO. Your time helps the school immeasurably.

Thank you for your continuous support. Let's have a great year!

Mr. Gunozu, MA

Site Director
Upcoming Events

All Campus
Around the World Festival - Oct 24
End of Quarter One - Oct 23 - Half Day
Nevada Day - Oct 30 - No School
New Enrollment Begins - Nov 1
Parent Teacher Conferences - Nov 5
MathMatters Registration Ends - Nov 11
Veterans Day - Nov 11
MathMatters - Nov 14
No School - Nov 25 - 27
Winter Break - Dec 21 - Jan 1
End of Quarter Two - Jan 15

Tamarus
Halloween Parade - Oct 29
Fall Book Fair - Oct 19 - 23
Muffins with Mom - Oct 20
Toy Drive - Dec 5

Windmill
Fall Book Fair - Nov 2 - 6
Muffins with Mom - Nov 3
MathMatters Contest - Nov 14
Halloween Carnival - Nov 29

Sandy Ridge
Visit from Senator Becky Harris - Oct 16
Winter Concert - Dec 9

Toy Drive and Dinner for Shade Tree - Dec. 5

The CASLV teachers and staff are reaching out to the community to help those less fortunate. We are partnering up with Shade Tree Shelter, who’s mission is to provide shelter to homeless and abused women and children and to offer life-changing services. In addition to the toy drive, on December 5, we are getting hands-on by helping serve a hearty meal at the Shade Tree facility to approximately 300 adults and children along with passing out all the toys to the children. We welcome any parents and families to support our efforts by donating toys or helping serve food. We will post more information on CASLV Facebook as the event nears. Let’s all come together to help others enjoy their holiday season and show the community that Coral cares!
Science Fair Achievement

CASLV would like to proudly congratulate Andrea Sedano, a 7th grader at the Sandy Ridge Campus! Her science fair project was presented at the International Recycled Rubber Products Initiative (IRRPI) held at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). UNLV hosted the 3rd International Conference on Recycled Rubber Products (R2P) in Amsterdam on September 25th. Here is the web address (http://recycledrubberproducts.org/) of the organization to learn more.

We would also like to thank Mr. Ayapanov for encouraging and exciting Andrea in science! It is students like Andrea and educators like Mr. Ayapanov that will change our world for the better!!

Around the World Festival – October 24

Please come out and join us for our 6th annual Around the World Festival on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 1 pm - 5 pm. The event will be at the Sandy Ridge Campus - 1051 Sandy Ridge Ave. Henderson, NV 89052. Enjoy delicious multicultural food, fun games, and exciting performances. This will be a school-wide event, so come out and get to know your Coral family from all of our campuses. Admission is free. Tickets will be used to purchase items or play games at the event. Tickets are worth $1.50 each, and will be for sale at the event.

MathMatters

It is that time of year again... Time for MathMatters!!! MathMatters is a FREE annual math contest for 4th and 5th grade students. The primary goals of the contest are to stimulate interest and achievement in mathematics among elementary school students and to provide recognition of outstanding young mathematicians, their dedicated teachers, and their schools. The 12th Annual MathMatters Contest will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2015 at 10 am. at our Sandy Ridge campus. Registration deadline for MathMatters 2015 Contest is November 11, 2015. See Coral Academy’s home page or our Facebook page for registration information.
Movie Night

Thank you to all the families who joined us for our Movie Night featuring *Home* at the Tamarus campus. We had a great turnout and are so appreciative of the PTO sponsorship of such a great event bringing faculty, students, and their families together. We are very appreciative of the administration and staff who helped make this event so wonderful!

Food Drive

The Windmill Campus is looking for donations of non-perishable food items to help fill the shelves at the Las Vegas Rescue Mission. The Las Vegas Rescue Mission feeds, shelters, and serves hundreds of men, women and children every day in the Las Vegas Valley. This is our chance to give back to our community and show the community how much Coral kids care. Please bring in your non-perishable food donations from Sept 24, 2015 to Nov 6, 2015 to the Windmill Campus. Let’s do all we can to ensure that everyone has a wonderful holiday experience.
Q & A with Noah Stevens

Our own Noah Stevens was featured in The Sunday on page 48. He was interviewed about why Coral Academy of Las Vegas is so great, what makes Coral Academy different, and about his own life. To read about Noah Stevens’ experience, pet peeves, plans, does in his free time, and what happened to him in the Swiss Alps, follow our Facebook page where we will be posting the whole article soon.

You have 4,000 students on a waiting list. Why do you think parents are so eager about this charter school?

More and more, parents are proactively searching for quality schools. Coral Academy continues to achieve tremendous results, earning five-star status and being recognized by the Washington Post as one of the most academically challenging schools in the nation. CASLV also offers a smaller, safe environment for children, with an average classroom size of 20 to 25 students.
Windmill Campus

Dear Windmill Families,

After serving students and parents at different locations in other states for more than 11 years, I’ve been welcomed to Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas. I am so pleased to be part of CASLV Family, and I am looking forward to a highly successful school year.

You may have received the newsletter or email, or maybe the automated phone call about the beginning of school, but I want to take this opportunity to gladly welcome you back to another wonderful school year at CASLV.

CASLV is recognized “5 Star School” and “Reward School” by Nevada State Department of Education. Such recognition doesn’t occur by chance. It is the result of three things: motivated students, involved parents and dedicated staff members. Our goal is to provide all students with the opportunity to excel in academics and be involved in extracurricular activities so that they may become positive, contributing members of our school and community.

You are cordially invited to our Halloween Festival at Windmill Campus on October 29th at 4:30pm.

I look forward to a wonderful school year. Let’s make it the best one ever!

Kind Regards,

Emrullah Eraslan

Windmill Site Director
Munchies for the Military

A huge “Thank You” to Mrs. Pohs, Mrs. Horton, Mrs. Nhan, Mrs. Wright, Mr. Shiver, and Ms. Destnie and their wonderful Windmill campus students who wrote letters in support of the J. Douglas Green Memorial Foundation program: Munchies for the Military. The foundation is dedicated to providing comfort and support to service members and their families through sending thoughtful and useful care packages during their deployments and planning exciting and memorable experiences for service members to look forward to once they return home. Locally, Mix 94.1 held a food drive to send to support our troops and our student’s letters of encouragement and support were included.

Photos graciously provided by Bethany Mickey. The students are Marissa and Cade Ragonese. Their father, Joe, delivered the letters.

**Educator of the Month**

Emilie Chapter

Teachers often put in the extra effort to ensure the betterment of the campus as well as the betterment of the students and culture. Being an active proponent of the bulletin boards, organizing amazing trips for students, taking on a new course for the school, and continuing to balance this with her own betterment in her field, Sandy Ridge teacher, Emilie Chapter is our educator of the month. Most importantly, her students know she cares because she works so hard to make sure they are prepared for whatever is still to come in her classes as well as down the road.
Dear Coral Family,

We are just one month into the new school year, and I must say that it has been such a joy seeing all the of the returning new students as well as all the new kiddos. I would like to send out a warm welcome to our new families joining Coral this year. As it is with every start to the school year, we experience both ups and downs. However, I believe that our team of teachers, staff, and administrators is strong and dedicated in serving our entire school community. Through our successes and learning experiences, it is important to remember that we are all in the business of uplifting rather than tearing down. If an issue were to ever arise, we would like to address and resolve it in a way in which everyone, especially the students, will benefit from the solution. I want to assure all of you that we strive to provide the highest quality of education and equitable access to education for all of our students.

We look forward to working with all of you parents in upcoming events such as the Around the World Festival, Halloween Parade, field trips, and other school wide activities. I would like to thank all of you parents who have already devoted time and effort to provide valuable help in the areas of office work, lunch supervision, car line, etc. Parents, you are true superstars, and we thank you.

If you have any questions, concerns, suggestions, or would simply like to say “Hi!”', please do not hesitate to contact me.

Your friendly neighborhood director,

Mr. Yutuc (jyutuc@coralacademylv.org)

As we begin this already amazing 2015-2016 school year at Coral Academy, we would like to recognize all the parents who have already shown their support by volunteering to help out teachers and the school in a number of ways. I have seen our dedicated parents step up to the plate when we've needed help at car line, lunchroom supervision/clean-up, classroom help, assistance in the front-office, and planning of upcoming school-wide events. On behalf of Coral Academy, I would like to extend my gratitude to all you parent volunteers who have shown so much dedication to CASLV thus far.

If you are interested in providing help and support for Coral, we still need assistance in the following areas:

- Lunchroom Supervision/Clean-up
- Kindergarten - 10:45-11:15
- 1st grade - 11:30-12:00
- 2nd grade - 12:15-12:45
- Morning Carline
- Office Assistance
- Classroom Aides (contact teacher)

Once again, from the bottom of our hearts, we would like to thank you for all that you do.
Tamarus Campus Halloween Parade – October 29

All Tamarus students are invited to wear their most creative and frightening costumes to school for our annual Halloween Parade and Trick-Or-Treat at the Tamarus Campus. Parents are welcome to come and see their children during their grade level's respective parade. Some of our dedicated parents have a lot of exciting features planned for our little ones, including decorations and plenty of candy (not too much though) for everyone. The parade will take place in the yard. All students are allowed to come to school in costume. However, we will not allow mask or weapons of any kind. It will be loads of fun for all the kids. The times of each grade level's parade are as follows:

- Kindergarten - 11:30
- 1st grade - 12:15
- 2nd grade - 1:00

We are kindly asking for candy donations for the trick-or-treat portion of the parade. Please keep in mind that any donated candy must NOT contain nuts due to nut allergies that some of our students may have. **We ask that parents exit to make room for the next parade and the next wave of parents. Furthermore, we also ask that parents please refrain from going into the classrooms, as class activities are still taking place.

Windmill Campus Halloween Festival - October 29

This year, along with the Trunk or Treat we will be decorating the remainder of the schoolyard and having Carnival and Halloween games with prizes, a bounce house, costume contest, and food and drinks. To get people in the spirit (no pun intended) of Halloween will have the students make crafts and hang them on a designated class tree for families to discover. So, please bring the whole family and join us at our biggest Halloween Festival yet!

Coral Academy Open House 2016-2017 School Year

Sandy Ridge - Jan 23, 2016
Windmill - Jan 30, 2016
Tamarus - Feb 6, 2016

Our Open House is a great time for you or other prospective parents to come a campus to learn about what is available for our Coral Academy students at that campus. Please share these dates with other prospective parents. Remember, applications will start being accepted on November 1, 2015 for the following school year.
Brennan Rosales is a senior here at CASLV. He has been with Coral since his sophomore year and excels both academically and athletically, having participated on the boys varsity basketball team the last two seasons. Brennan currently boasts a staggering 4.9 grade point average and is hopeful to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the fall of 2016. He has interests in both the fields of engineering and finance, as well as aspirations to play basketball at the collegiate level. Brennan has very little free time due to the amount of time he dedicates to his studies as well as the time he spends in the gym working on his basketball game, but when he does have some down time, he enjoys going to the movies and listening to music.

"We cannot play down to their level, come on team, let's play our game of bump, set and spike," pleaded captain and setter Raissa Mejia-Miquirray, at a recent middle school volleyball game. The team rallied back to beat Henderson that day. Currently sporting a 4.0 GPA and being a leader both inside the classroom and out if it, Raissa is always lending a hand in English and her other core subjects. Her presence on the court is that of a patient leader, which downplays her intense desire to succeed at all she attempts including her singing and playing piano. She has her sites set on many goals this year, and knowing Raissa she will accomplish them all.

Congratulations CASLV Debate Team! Coral Academy competed at a Speech Tournament at Desert Oasis High School in which students from all over the Valley competed. Coral Academy took 1st place overall in Small School Sweepstakes. Sweepstakes awards are based on the number of points each team wins over the whole tournament and the following students helped make that possible:

- Aksha Narasimhan took 1st place in Novice Original Oratory
- Ryan Khal took 2nd in Varsity Original Oratory
- Esra Aydogdu and Natalie Manjooran took 5th in Novice Duo Interpretation
- Braxton Hilton and Jirah Taylor took 3rd in Novice Duo Interpretation
- Jenna Fliesen was a Semi-Finalist in Dramatic Interpretation
A Note from the School Counselors

There is no doubt that the beginning of the school year can be a stressful time. Students are overwhelmed with school work, a new grade with new responsibilities, new teachers, new schedules, new friends, extra-curricular activities, as well as many other things. It is easy to feel overwhelmed and begin an unhealthy process of coping with stress. Sometimes unhealthy coping mechanisms start the school year off on the wrong foot and it is difficult to make a comeback from missed assignments, low test scores, or developing a negative reputation. More importantly, the habits we choose to set today can stay with us for a lifetime. Which would you choose? Good habits or bad ones? In order to be proactive about the stress that we all know will arise; we can begin to teach ourselves HEALTHY coping skills! Below are some common symptoms associated with stress. It is important to understand that our bodies react to stress both physically and mentally. When we can identify how our bodies react to stress, we can begin to cope with it in a healthy way. Additionally, below are some healthy coping mechanisms to implement when experiencing symptoms of stress.

**When dealing with stress, the following are common symptoms:**

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**Healthy Coping mechanisms to implement when experiencing these symptoms:**

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*Monica Vanderheiden, MS, Clinical Mental Health Therapist*

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My name is Mr. Petty, your elementary school counselor. As your counselor, I believe in having a positive attitude and using "Nice Words" as a lifetime learner. I have been with Coral Academy of Science since 2011. I received my Masters Degree in Educational Counseling in 2003 and a proud UNLV alumus. I truly believe that students can complement their friends on a daily basis by using nice words, doing something kind, and showing love for family. Students can simply turn around a difficult moment into a positive one. Be ready parents for a positive boost in smiles, nice words and fair play. Here is my calendar of character education for the next few months:

**September:** "Have you filled a Bucket Today" Book: Guide to positive words daily

**October:** Trustworthiness and Respect (Character Education, Six Pillars of Success)

**November:** Responsibility and Fairness (Character Education, Six Pillars of Success)

**December:** Caring and Citizenship (Character Education, Six Pillars of Success)

Thank You to all Parents and Students. It truly is an honor to work with great families.

*Mr. Petty - Counselor bpetty@coralacademylv.org*

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**Want to See Yourself in the Yearbook?**

Post your CASLV #Memories on Instagram or Twitter using #CASLV2016 to be included in this year’s Social Yearbook! Find us in Twitter @CASLVYearbook and Instagram @CASLV_Yearbook
Some News on Online Payments

We are excited to announce that our online payment option is up and running! Please visit our school website for further information.

In order to create an account, you will need to have access to your student's School ID Number. This number can be found either on your child's report card or once you log in to Infinite Campus. You may also be able to create an account using you "family number", which is the main phone number entered into Infinite Campus. The phone number must be entered in the (702) ***-**** format in order to be recognized.

Once you have created an account you will be able to pay Consumable Material Fees and Book Deposit for all of your children in one place. You can even set it up to pay a certain amount automatically, so you don't have to remember to send a check with your child or stop by the office to make payments You will not be able to see your child's balance, but you can still contact the office to find out this information. If you already have an automatic payment plan in place, it will continue through the end of the school year. Please help us reduce paper waste by making payments online!
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