

NAMING OF DISTRICT FACILITIES
HENRY AND EVELYN BOZARTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On October 15, 2007, the School Name Committee considered recommendations of new school names for approval. It has been recommended that an elementary school be named for Henry and Evelyn Bozarth.

Dr. Henry "Hank" Bozarth was born May 27, 1922 in Caldwell County, Kentucky. From 1943-1945 he served his country as a B-26 bomber pilot in the Army Air Corps. He was commissioned as a First Lieutenant and flew more than 60 missions over Europe during World War II, three on D-day. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross Medal, the Air Medal with 11 oak leaf clusters, the Presidential Unit Citation Medal and the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with five bronze stars. After the war Hank received the rank of Major and continued to serve his country for 18 years in the Air Force Reserves. The nose section of his B-26 bomber, along with a picture of Hank and his crew, is on display at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Bozarth earned a BA, a Master's and a Ph.D. in Education from the University of Texas at Austin. He began his educational career in Texas as a teacher and principal. He also served as an assistant professor at both East Texas State College and University of Texas at Austin before becoming the Director of Elementary Education for the Port Arthur School District, located in Southeast Texas, in 1962.

In 1964, he moved his family to Las Vegas and accepted a position in the Clark County School District as a Director of Education. Later he would be assigned to be the Curriculum Coordinator where he implemented the Reading Improvement Program, commonly known as RIP.

Dr. Bozarth held membership in six different professional organizations throughout his career and had a lifetime membership in Phi Delta Kappa. He was also a member of the Lions Club in Las Vegas. Dr. Bozarth retired from the Clark County School District in 1988.

Evelyn Bozarth was an outstanding student earning her Bachelors Degree with a triple major in mathematics, biological science and education at Louisiana State University in 1941. In 1953 she earned her Masters from the University of Texas.

Mrs. Bozarth taught in elementary school systems in Louisiana, Texas and Nevada. An outstanding teacher, she was awarded the Lemuel Scarbrough Award for Excellence in Teaching. During the 1960's she wrote the mathematics curriculum for the Clark County School District's fourth, fifth, and sixth grades.

It is recommended that if a school is to be named to honor Henry and Evelyn Bozarth, that the school be named the Henry and Evelyn Bozarth Elementary School.

Discussion and possible action on approval to name a school the Henry and Evelyn Bozarth Elementary School, is recommended.