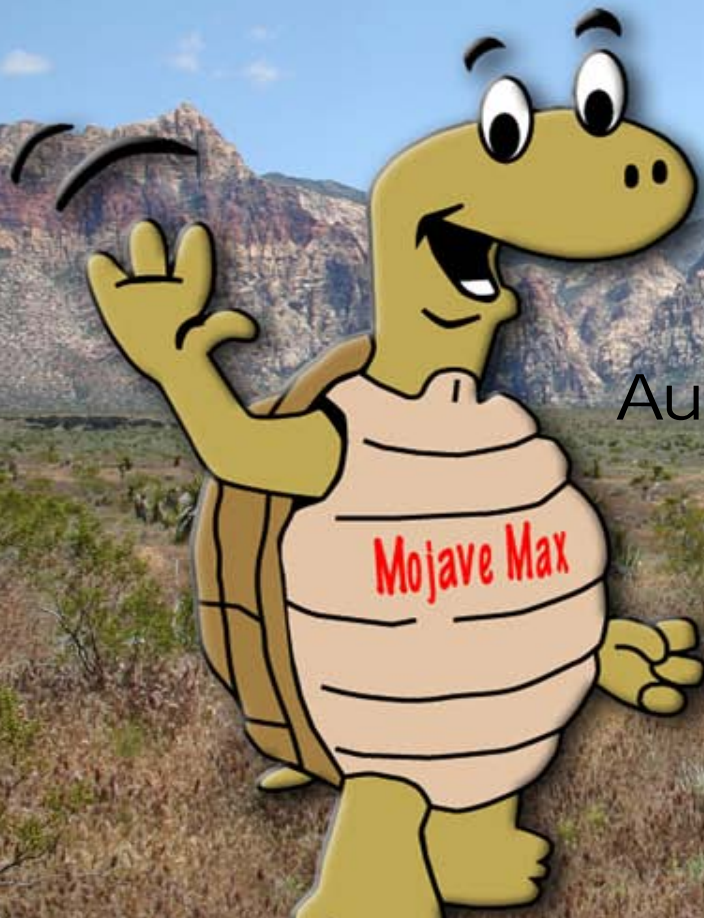


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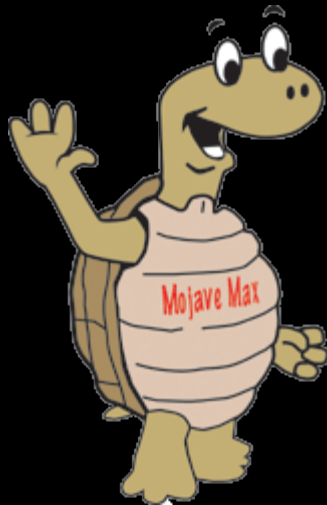
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RESPECT, PROTECT & ENJOY YOUR DESERT

The mission of the Mojave Max Education Program is to work with program partners, including local government, federal land agencies, nonprofit organizations, and the school district, to promote public awareness and appreciation of the threatened desert tortoise and its habitat, the Mojave Desert.



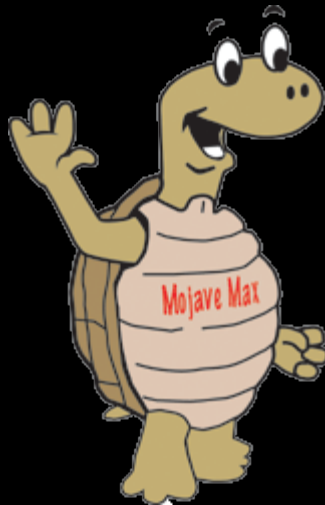


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Program Goals

- Educate the public about actions they can take to protect desert tortoises
- Support science education by offering a program that is engaging, scientifically accurate, and curriculum-based
- Foster a sense of community and stewardship





Stay on the trails

Please Stay On The Trails



The Desert Conservation Program and its partners
promote responsible use of our desert resources.



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www.accessclarkcounty.com
www.mojavemax.com

Keep the desert clean!



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Program Components

- Classroom Program
- Emergence Contest
- Teacher Training
- Community Events



Classroom Program



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TORTOISE ANATOMY

Check a "PLATE"!

The shell on the underside is called a "PLASTRON".

The large plates on the shell are called "SCUTES".

Strong "MUSCLE" are great for digging.

Desert Tortoise.com
See F04-0219.pdf

DESERT ETIQUETTE

Please keep the desert free of trash so that desert animals will not accidentally eat it or get hurt by it.

Always remember to respect, protect and enjoy our desert!

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THE PEOPLE

In the fall food is scarce. The days are shorter and it is getting colder. It is time for the desert tortoise to head to its burrow to "HIBERNATE" for the winter.

Desert tortoises dig burrows to escape predators and the heat.

If it gets too hot or too cold outside the desert tortoise will go down into a burrow to regulate its body temperature.

A desert tortoise gets water from eating plants and drinking from rain puddles.

TORTOISE DIET

Some of the desert tortoise's favorite foods are the beavertail cactus, desert flowers, and grasses.

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Classroom Program

2009-2010

2010-2011

Schools

136

110

Classrooms

711

672

Students

17,759

14, 548

Emergence Contest



Emergence Contest



Assembly Program

2009-2010

2010-2011

Schools

14

14

Classrooms

165

118

Students

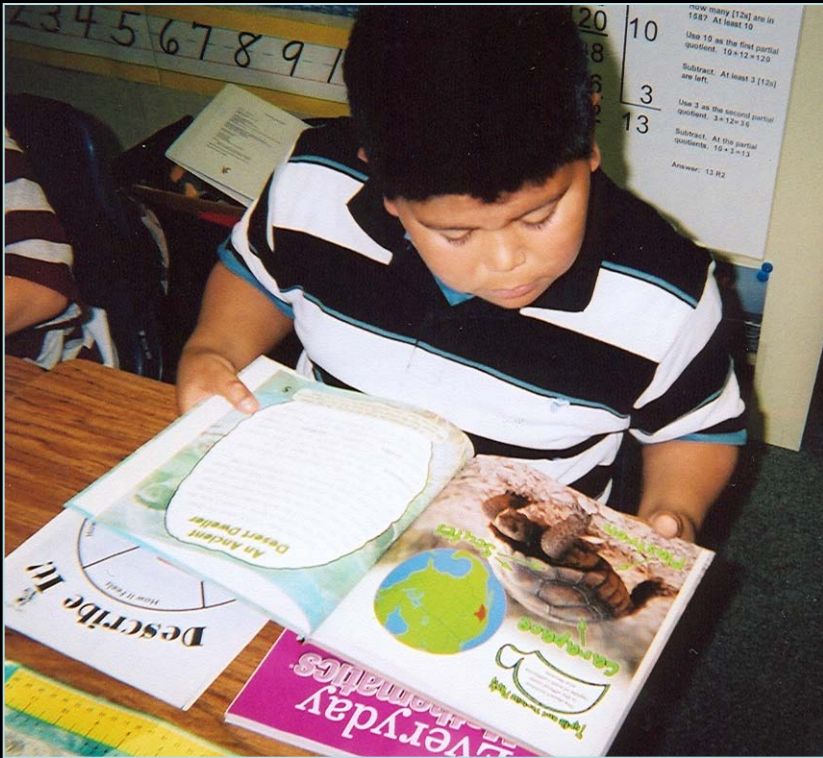
3,370

2,485

Teacher Training Program



Teacher Training Program



Tortoises

I sense a good idea here.

Describe It!

Think To Be Described:
TORTOISES

How It Feels: The shell feels very hard and smooth, rough.

How It Looks: It looks like a shell, it's a shell.

How It Smells: Tortoises like tortoise and tortoise.

How It Tastes:

How It Sounds: The sound like the green tree.

Name: Baylon

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Teacher Training Program

2009-2010

2010-2011

Schools

10

15

Classrooms

14

65

Students

365

1307

Community Events



Community Events



Community Events



Community Events

2009-2010

2010-2011

Displays

2,573

23,385

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7,608

21,571

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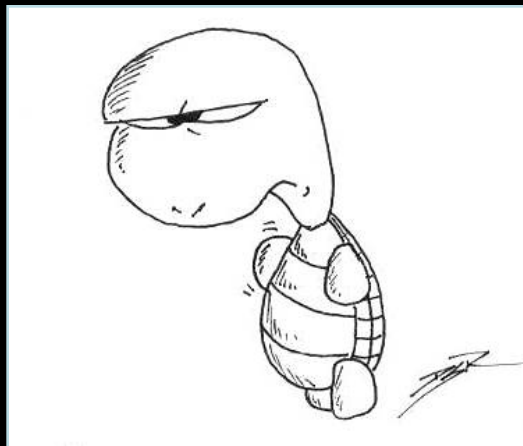
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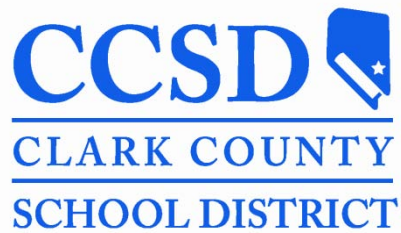


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Students Reached

	<u>2009-2010</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>
Schools	136	109	212?
Students	17,759	14,505	20,000?

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“Thank you for help educating the class. Tortoises are cool! And exciting! I will continue reading and learning about tortoises.”

3rd grader, French ES

In conclusion . . .



“It was really cool when you came. I thought we were the luckiest school ever. I learned a lot about desert tortoises and the desert. I really liked it when we got to feel stuff. It was really fun.”

3rd grader, French ES

In conclusion . . .



“This helped my students become more aware of their desert surroundings and the importance of protecting an endangered species. Thank you for your time and information.”

1st grade teacher, St. Christopher's Catholic School