

MEDIA ADVISORY

May 2, 2024

Daniel F. Goldfarb Elementary School Fourth Grader to be Recognized as Mojave Max Emergence Contest Winner

Fourth-grade student **Keira S. of Glodfarb Elementary School** will be recognized as the winner of the 2024 Mojave Max Emergence Contest on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 12:30 p.m. Keira was recently informed by her teacher, Ms. Kimberly Tyler, that she was the winner.

The announcement event will take place in the school's atrium, which houses a desert tortoise habitat and the school's pet tortoise, Goldie. This event congratulates the student who most closely estimated when Mojave Max would emerge from his burrow this year.

More than 4,100 students entered the 2024 Mojave Max Emergence Contest, which ended on Tuesday, April 23rd at 3:09 p.m. when Mojave Max emerged from his burrow on the 15-acre desert tortoise habitat at Springs Preserve. Keira guessed that Max would emerge on April 23 at 2:45 p.m.

Keira and her class are heading to Springs Preserve later this month for a field trip and to meet the live Mojave Max. Keira and her teacher will each receive a laptop computer. Keira will also receive a year-long family membership to the Springs Preserve, a year-long "America the Beautiful" pass from the National Park Service for access to all national parks and federal recreation areas, and a backpack filled with outdoor supplies for exploring our beautiful desert. In addition to the field trip, Keira's classmates will receive a trophy to display at the school, Emergence Contest t-shirts, Olympic-style medals, and a pizza party.

The Mojave Max Education Program is sponsored by a partnership between the Clark County Desert Conservation Program (a division of the Clark County Department of Environment and Sustainability), Springs Preserve, Get Outdoors Nevada, and the Clark County School District. Each year a minimum of 20 school assemblies and 70 Tortoise Talks are provided to elementary schools throughout Clark County. Additionally, two Mojave Max assemblies were recently added for students who are homeschooled. The educational assemblies and Tortoise Talks provide students with information they need to make an informed guess in the Mojave Max Emergence Contest, such as the lifestyle of the Mojave Desert tortoise and various habitat and environmental factors.

The Emergence Contest has taken place every year since 2000.

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Questions about the live Mojave Max tortoise should be directed to Tom Bradley with Springs Preserve at (702) 822-8365.

Questions about the Mojave Max education program, the emergence contest or the Desert Conservation Program should be directed to Audrie Locke at (725) 270-4286. Information is also available at www.ClarkCountyNV.gov or www.MojaveMax.com.

NOTE:

Media interested in covering this event must check in with the school office upon arrival.

Monday, May 6, 2024
Arrival/Set-up: 12:15 p.m.
Presentation to student: 12:30 p.m.

Goldfarb Elementary School (atrium)
1651 Orchard Valley Dr.
Las Vegas, NV 89142

Video of Mojave Max emerging this year can be found [here](#).

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About the Department of Environment and Sustainability

Located in Clark County, Nevada, the Department of Environment and Sustainability (DES) is the region's air pollution control agency. DES also administers the Desert Conservation Program and leads the All-In Clark County initiative to address climate impacts in Southern Nevada. Whether it's protecting the air we share, protecting species like the desert tortoise or making home and vehicle electrification easier for residents, our team is united by our shared passion to create a cleaner, healthier, more sustainable Southern Nevada.

About Clark County

Clark County is a dynamic and innovative organization dedicated to providing top-quality service with integrity, respect, and accountability. With jurisdiction over the world-famous Las Vegas Strip and covering an area the size of New Jersey, Clark is the nation's 11th-largest county and provides extensive regional services to 2.4 million citizens and 45.6 million visitors a year (2023). Included are the nation's 7th-busiest airport, air quality compliance, social services and the state's largest public hospital, University Medical Center. The County also provides municipal services that are traditionally provided by cities to 1 million residents in the unincorporated area. Those include fire protection, roads and other public works, parks and recreation, and planning and development.