

WEAthervane

March 2016

Important Dates

- Tuition Fee Waiver
Deadline for Summer
April 1
- NEA RA election
March 8
- EOY election
Mar. 15– Round #1
April 5– Round #2
- WEA Officer’s Election
April 5
- Spring Break
March 25-April 3

President’s Corner

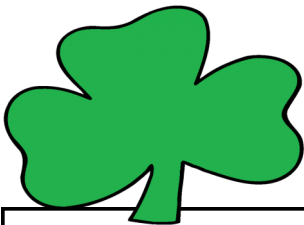
Thank you to those who contributed to FCPE (Fund for Children in Public Education). As the funding for public education continues to be cut, the unfunded mandates and expectations continue to pile up at an alarming rate. It is no coincidence that teachers feel overwhelmed, tired, and angry. Politicians have made these “professional” decisions regarding teaching and education. YOU are the experts. YOU deserve a voice. Your contribution helps you the professional to have a VOICE.

Friend of Education

EOY

**WEA Spring Reception
Wednesday, May 4
3:45-6:00 pm**

RETIREEES



WEA Officers:

President

Rhonda Gilpin

Vice President

Tom Cook

Treasurer

David Johnston

Secretary

Kelly Modlich

Fac Rep At Large

Cathy Montiero

Jordi Vilanova

Mark Brugger

Tami Martine

Karen Lee

Todd Ebbrecht

Did you know? We have plenty of fee waivers for OSU.

OSU fee waivers are issued electronically. In order to apply for an OSU fee waiver you should have an account set up with OSU and be able to provide your student ID number. Fee waivers from other institutions aren’t as abundant but we have many waivers to give for OSU.

Tuition Fee Waiver applications for Summer semester at any college are due by April 1 to Laurie Harris.

Contractual Information

Section 15.5 Unit members may elect to maintain District insurance through August 31 if a written notice of intent to retire (following completion of continued employment up to the last contract day of the same contract school year) is submitted to the Board office by **March 15**. The written notice of intent to retire must include a statement indicating whether the unit member wishes to continue their District insurance through August 31. If not, the District insurance will be terminated on May 31.



Because We Care...

Births

- ELC– Tami Santa– Baby Boy
- North HS– Ashley Evans-Baby Boy
- Central HS– Sara Kovach-Baby Girl
 - Diana Arko-Baby Boy
- Genoa MS-Lee Smith-Baby Boy
 - Shannon McCreary-Baby Boy
 - Leah Gaines-Baby Boy
- Huber Ridge-Emily Green-Baby Boy

Condolences

- Fouse-Amy Kreuzer-Father
- Emerson-Annette Christman-Father
- Whittier-Lisa Holdren-Grandmother

LPDC - Renewing your license? Remember to write a new IPDP.

Renewing early? Important info: new CEUs can't be earned until after July 1, when new license starts. So if you get a new IPDP written and approved in March but new license doesn't start until July 1, then no CEUs will count until after the start date of new license (July 1). If taking college courses, be sure they end after July 1 so the CEUs will count toward your new license.

PDI's are not tied to licensure date.



WEA working for you

Grievances filed

- Supplemental at Central HS (settled)
- Supplemental at North HS (settled)
- Supplemental for Dept Fac (Level II)
- Posting of position at Fouse (Level I)

Professional Development Opportunities

- Social Justice (NEA)
- SLO workshop for secondary
- SLO workshop for elementary
- Diversity Workshop (NEA)

Working with administration and teachers who are put on administrative leave. Enforcing the contract in regards to sick leave use. Many things are confidential but WEA is working for you.

Unrestricted Personal Days

Section 16.3.1 grants members 3 unrestricted personal days a year. Any unused personal days shall be added to your accumulated sick leave. If a personal day is being taken the day preceding or following a holiday, vacation period, first or last week of school or any Friday in May, you must submit Form I requesting prior approval. See Section 16.3.3

NEA 2016 Delegates A thank you goes to the following members who are willing to give up some time in the summer to represent WEA and OEA in Washington, DC.

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| Molly Wassmuth | Geoff Mize | Cathy Hall |
| Tami Martine | Kelly Modlich | Tom Cook |
| Ericka Boesch | Mark Brugger | Rhonda Gilpin |

TAX INFORMATION: AMOUNT OF DUES THAT YOU CAN DEDUCT FOR 2015

- Full time: \$839.92
- Half time: \$544.52
- Quarter time: \$404.89

FYI

Applications for Master Teacher must be submitted to the Human Resources office at the Early Learning Center by April 30, 2016.

Don't forget any name changes or address changes need to be sent to Amy Hinz at Cherrington . It is important that we keep our membership information up to date.

