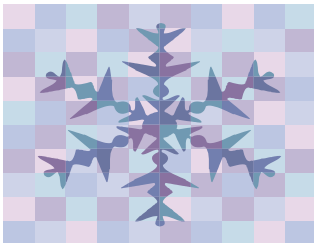


# WEAthervane

January 2015

## Important Dates

- Tuition Waiver Deadline for Summer  
April 6
- Early Release  
Jan. 29  
Feb. 26
- Waiver Day  
Feb. 6
- Winter Leadership Workshop  
Feb. 28



## **WEA Officers:**

### **President**

Rhonda Gilpin

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## President's Corner

*Take care of yourself. During this extremely stressful time we need to find ways to reduce our stress levels. Unfortunately we can't control all those stressors or ways to reduce them but we need to find daily coping mechanisms that allow us to stay healthy. Hang in there, we are all in this together.*

Reminder: Need fee waivers for OSU? We have plenty. OSU fee waivers are issued electronically. In order to apply for an OSU fee waiver you have 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.

*Did you know?* The HR department will be putting internal postings on the intranet on Tuesdays and Fridays. If you are interested in changing buildings or grade levels, please be sure your application is current.

## Informational Retirement Meeting

There will be a second informational retirement meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 25. It will be held in Central HS Auditorium. A representative from STRS will be there to give an overview from 4-4:45 and then HR and Treas. Office will share information starting at 5.

Everything will be done by 6 pm. Spouses are welcome.

## WINTER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

**FEB. 28, 2015 9AM-3:30PM**

**WHERE:** Dublin Crowne Plaza. 600 Metro Place North, Dublin, OH 43017

**WHAT:** Assessments; Merit Pay; Google Apps; Politics; Social Media; Educator Residency, and more

**HOW:** Sign up today at [www.centraloeanea.org](http://www.centraloeanea.org)



## Because We Care...

### Births

Walnut– Jen Harris– Baby Girl  
-Kimberly Swingle– Baby Girl  
-Heather & Stephen Smalley– Baby Boy

Blendon– Chad Bell-Baby Boy

South- Brad Burris-Twin Boys

### Condolences

South-Tina Roslovic-father

**MyEdPortal** - If an activity is returned to you for clarification or is denied, please go back into MyEdPortal and when looking at that activity scroll to the bottom of the page and read the comments from the LPDC. Also be sure and put activities into MyEdPortal in a timely manner as they happen. Don't save them all up until it's time for you to renew your license.



## Point of Information

### Master Teacher Designation

A master teacher strives for distinguished teaching and continued professional growth as specified by the Ohio Standards for the Teaching Profession. Master Teachers are eligible to advance from a Professional Educator License to a Senior Professional License. Master teacher designation is for five years and is renewable.

Teachers seeking to be named Master Teachers must have taught for a minimum of seven years. Candidates submit written responses and evidence samples of consistent leadership, focused collaboration, distinguished teaching and continued professional growth along with professional recommendations. The submissions are scored by a district level committee of teachers and administrators using the Ohio Master Teacher.

An informational meeting for Westerville teachers interested in earning Master Teacher designation was held on November 12. You can view the presentation on the intranet. If you were unable to attend or have additional questions contact Lisa Kuhar. Applications for Master Teacher must be submitted to the Human Resources office at the Early Learning Center by April 30, 2015.

### WEA CIPD Grants

Congratulations to the following members who were awarded WEA grants in Fall 2014:

Amanda Welsh  
Kristi Szabo  
LaTresa Rieves  
Aileen Moran  
Jill Ponzi  
Amy Hamrick  
Christy Gill  
Laura Kerns

The next application window will open in March for the spring recipients.

## **TAX INFORMATION: AMOUNT OF DUES THAT YOU CAN DEDUCT**

Full time:	\$829.97
Half time:	\$534.87
Quarter time:	\$395.38