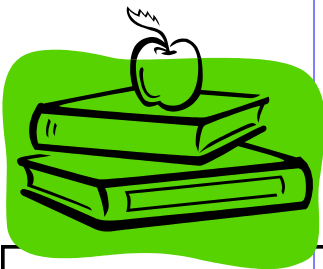


WEAthervane

October 2014

Important Dates

- Open Enrollment for insurance
Oct. 10 - Nov. 7
- Tuition Waiver Deadline for Winter/Spring
Dec. 12
- Early Release
Oct. 30
- Fac Rep Workshop
Oct.31-Nov.1
- Election Day
Nov. 4



WEA Officers:

President
Rhonda Gilpin
Vice President
Tom Cook
Treasurer
David Johnston
Secretary
Kelly Modlich
Fac Rep At Large
Cathy Montiero
Jordi Vilanova
Kimberly Rostorfer
Tami Martine
Karen Lee
Todd Ebbrecht

President's Corner

Lots of information can be found in this WEAthervane so please read it carefully. 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.

In the Legislative Update found on page 2, if you need a district that is not listed please reach out to myself, Geoff Mize, Kari Tucker, Mark Brugger or Cathy Montiero to see who is endorsed in that district.

I know many might be grumbling about the ticket/ballot, but all I can say is a vote for Ed Fitzgerald is a vote against Kasich and things like SB 5.

Insurance

October is open enrollment month for our medical insurance. **EVERYONE** using Westerville's Health Plan must fill out the HSA funding election form 2015, sent to you via e-mail from the treasurer's office. The deductibles have gone up per IRS, \$1300 for single and \$2600 for family. Your form needs turned into the Treasurers' office *******Due by November 7*******

A **Flexible Spending Account (FSA)** is another way to use pre-tax dollars to help with medical related expenses. If you want the government to pay for a part of your braces, glasses or other related expenses not fully covered by our insurance, sign up for an FSA. For more details, call Linda Bertelsen at Central Office.

Informational Retirement Meeting

There will be an informational retirement meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 18. 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.

Did you know?

If you plan on retiring this school year, don't put money into a FSA instead put that additional money into your HSA. That way the money can be spent after you leave the system.

If retiring this school year, you should also make your contributions to your HSA either as a one time payment or over 12 consecutive pay periods. Do not make your contributions over the 24 consecutive pay periods because you will have already left the system.

Because We Care...

Births

Cherrington– Ashley Hogan—Baby Boy
- Jami Hicks—Baby Boy
- Kelly Yates– Baby Boy
- Jaclyn Gafford– Baby Boy

Walnut– Phil Carney– Baby Boy
Annehurst– Lindsey Visintine-Baby Boy
Hawthorne– Kathleen Waltman– Baby Boy
-Katie Ensell-Baby Boy

Condolences

McVay-Lisa Dapoz– Mother
Blendon-Pam Aylor– Mother
Cherrington-Val Jackowski– Husband
Huber Ridge-Cathy VanWassen– Father-in-law

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 renewal time.

Point of Information

Continuing contract application due to HR by Nov. 1. The form can be found on pgs. 94 and 95 of the contract. (Pg. 95 is for those who were licensed after 1/1/11). The granting of these contracts is voted on by the BOE in April.



Legislative Updates

OEA Endorsements:

Governor– Ed Fitzgerald
Attorney General-David Pepper
Treasurer– Connie Pillich
Auditor-John Patrick Carney
Secretary of State– Nina Turner

Ohio House

HD 2–Don Bryant
HD 5-Nick Barborak
HD 18-Mike Stinziano
HD 19-Michael Johnston
HD 20–Heather Bishoff
HD 21–No position
HD 22-David Leland
HD 23-Rick Redfern
HD 24-Kathy Hoff
HD 25-Kevin Boyce
HD 26-Hearcel Craig
HD 27-Joe Otis
HD 71-No position

Ohio Senate

SD 3-No endorsement
SD 15-Charleta Tavares
SD 17-No endorsement
SD 19-Neil Patel
SD 31-John Carlisle

US House

CD 3– Joyce Beatty
CD 14-David Joyce

State Board of Education

District 10-Ron Rudduck

Franklin County

Judge, Common Pleas-Thomas F. Hayes
Judge, Common Pleas-William H. Woods
Judge, Common Pleas-David Young
Judge, Common Pleas-Chris Brown
Judge, Common Pleas-Monica Hawkins
Judge, Common Pleas-Robert

Montgomery

County Commissioner-Marilyn Brown
County Auditor-Michael Schadek

Supreme Court Justice-John O'Donnell