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January 2016

Important Dates

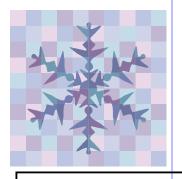
- Tuition Waiver Deadline for Summer
 April I
- Early Release

 Jan. 28

Feb. 25

 Winter Leadership Workshop

Mar. 5



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 but we need to find <u>daily</u> coping mechanisms that allow us to stay healthy. Hang in there, we are all in this together.

We also have the EAP (Employee Assistance Program) available. No matter when or where, you have access to free professional support. Call the toll free number 888-775-2236 or log on to their website at www.glaeap.net. The user name is WCS.

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.

Informational Retirement Meeting

There will be an informational retirement meeting on **Wednesday**, **Feb**. **24**. It will be held at the ELC in the Board Training Room. A representative from STRS will be there to give an overview and HR and Treas. Offices will share information specific to Westerville City Schools.

Starts at 4:30 pm

Spouses are welcome.

WINTER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

MARCH 5, 2016 9AM-3:30PM

WHERE: Airport Marriott

WHAT: Member Engagement, Various Generations in Education, Political

Action, Technology

HOW: Sign up today at www.centraloeanea.org



Because We Care...

Births

Walnut Springs—Scott Hayes—Baby Boy

Pointview – Bethany Solich-Baby Boy

South HS- Tammy Hanby-Baby Girl

- Ashley Reamsynder-Baby Girl

Annehurst-Jennifer Aransky-Baby Girl

-Lindsey Gamertsfelder-Baby Girl

Cherrington-Jaclyn Gafford-Baby Girl

-Leslie Alicea-Baby Girl

Condolences

Robert Frost-Jennifer Hall-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.

FYI

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

WEA CIPD Grants

Congratulations to the following members who were awarded WEA grants in Fall 2015:

Jeff Ostrowski

Carol Louden

Dave Schultz

Valerie Thompson

Kristi Salsbury

Pam Malcolm

Donna Dixius

Laurie McCartney

Lindsay Powell

Kim DeMooy

Jean Trimble

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

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

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



Learning Opportunities:

OSU Co-Planning and Co-Teaching: An Apprenticeship Model for Clinical Experiences 1 Graduate Credit Course; Summer Semester Two Day Course; June 2016; Location and Time TBD; One Franklin County Fee Authorization (must have approval from WCS for fee waiver before registering)

OSU Teaching Writing in the Secondary School: Teaching and Assessing Argumentative Writing

3 Graduate Credit Course; Summer Semester Five Day Course; June 6-10, 2016 from 8:00 am—4:00 pm; Location TBD; Three Franklin County Fee Authorizations (must have approval from WCS for fee waivers before registering)

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