



NTEA Connection



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President's Corner

June, 2004

NTEA's website has been given a make-over! I hope you will take time this summer to access the website. A special thanks goes to Jack Brewster for his work on the new website.

The NTEA website features include links to WEA, WEA Chinook, NEA, Member Benefits, and political issues of interest to educators. Your collective bargaining agreement is accessible through our website. The Association newsletter is posted each month. The website also provides the names of your local, district, state and national representatives. It explains WEA-PAC and NEA-PAC membership and encourages your participation. NTEA's website shares information about governing structure, the Association Mission Statement, Purpose and Goals, Association committee structure, and even information on your dues dollars. It is filled with detailed Association information. I hope it will prove valuable to you.

As you review the website information, look for that Association activity in which you might participate in the coming school year. We would like to see every member participate in Association activities.

Have a great summer!



Don't Let Your Certificate Lapse!

Every teacher who received a Washington State teaching certificate after August 31, 1987, needs to check the expiration date on his or her certificate. All certificates now have a universal expiration date of June 30. The certificate holder is responsible for meeting all of the renewal requirements by that date in the year the certificate expires. If your certificate lapses because you did not meet these renewal requirements, you must fulfill other requirements to get a new certificate issued.

Here's the real rub: you will receive a new Residency Certificate regardless of the kind of certificate that lapsed. This means you will have five years to obtain a Professional Certificate by gathering and presenting evidence that your teaching meets 17 standards set by the state. Your certificate will no longer be governed by the old rules, which means you will also have a change in renewal requirements.

Our advice: don't let your certificate lapse! Check it today. If you have questions about your certificate, please call NTEA or the Personnel Office.

Special Ed Students in the Regular Ed Classroom

Classroom Instruction that Works

With today's increased accountability, WASL, ESEA / AYP, how do we meet the requirements and the needs of both special education and regular education students? Come participate in a discussion with Pat Steinberg, WEA Coordinator of Special Education, about current research on nine effective instructional strategies

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and how they connect to accommodations for special education students. What works? How can we apply it to individual students?



When: Thursday, June 24, 2004
 Time: 9:00 - 3:00
 Where: WEA Chinook
 5220 Capitol Blvd.
 Tumwater, Washington
 RSVP: 360-943-1776 or 1-800-244-0147
 E-Mail: jlael@washingtonea.org

The workshop is free. However, a \$15 per participant "good faith" preregistration fee is required and will be returned at the end of the workshop on June 24th. Mail check(s) to Jeannette Lael, WEA Chinook, 5220 Capitol Blvd., Tumwater, Washington 98501. We must receive your check before you will be registered. Three clock hours are available for a \$5.00 fee.

- The book, *Classroom Instruction that Works -- Research-Based Strategies for Increasing Student Achievement*, by R. Marzano, D. Pickering and J. Pollock will be used and will be available for purchase. You will leave with specific ideas and strategies to use in your classroom.

- Your questions and discussion time will be key components.

To register for the workshop, please call Jeannette at WEA Chinook (360-943-1776) or jlael@washingtonea.org. It is imperative that you pre-register, no later than June 21st, so we may plan for you. Space is limited.

NTEA Teachers of the Year Announced

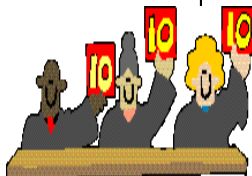
On Wednesday, June 2nd, NTEA members gathered in the District Office Boardroom to honor retiring teachers, to thank NTEA Representatives and Officers for their work on behalf of members, and to award honors to the Teachers of the Year.

Retiring Teachers were recognized at the gathering:

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| Bob Atwell | Timberline High School |
| Phyllis Dodds | District Office/Special Services |
| Linda Forrer | Horizons Elementary School |
| Maureen Rawlings | Lacey Elementary School |
| George Somnis | Timberline High School |
| Mary Thomas | Olympic View Elementary School |



The following **Teachers of the Year** were honored:



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| Holly Berchet-Hall | Chinook Middle School |
| Jay Lirette | Komachin Middle School |
| Team 7C/Honors Program | Nisqually Middle School |
| • Jacqui Gibbons | • Cathy Shippee |
| • Londa Moro | • Lorena Goss |
| Kathy Beach | Horizons Elementary School |
| Jenifer Tourtillott | Lacey Elementary School |
| Bill Mickelson | Lakes Elementary School |
| Jackie Huetter | Mountain View Elementary School |



Gale Stearns
 Sherri White
 Peggi Stuart
 Diane Taylor
 Sharon Drazen
 Phyllis Dodds
 Dan McCracken

Olympic View Elementary School
 Pleasant Glade Elementary School
 South Bay Elementary School
 Woodland Elementary School
 River Ridge High School
 South Sound High School
 Timberline High School

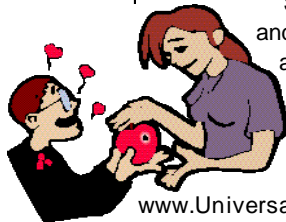
Looking for Professional Growth Opportunities?

The 17th Annual Summer Institute and Pacific Lutheran University Presents: "NO EDUCATOR LEFT BEHIND" Workshops at various locations in the Northwest, where you can earn five credits or 50 clocks hours at each site. The Montesano site will be at the Montesano High School and will start on Thursday, June 17. The Olympia area site will be at the Tumwater High School and starts on Monday, June 28, with registration starting at 7:30 AM. For "early bird" discount rates, detailed information and to register on-line, please refer to: www.summerinstitutes.com or call Connie Cutler at 360-249-5237.

Coordinating the workshops in the Montesano / Olympia sites will be Scott Ricardo, CEO of the Summer Institute and Connie Cutler, teacher with the Montesano School District. A variety of topics will be presented by some very dynamic and well-known speakers, including: Bill Hayne, Professor at Lewis and Clark College, Nancy Perino, Teacher of The Year from Hughson, California, Judge Gordon L. Godfrey, Grays Harbor Superior Court, Kathy Jacobson, ESD 113 and Gail Mar-Chun, North Thurston Public Schools.

Special Features will be a full-day field trip for a historical tour of the sailing ship "Lady Washington" in Aberdeen (for participants at the Montesano Site) and McCord Air Force Base (for participants at the Olympia Site). A complimentary lunch will be included.

Take Advantage of Universal Studios Teacher and School Employee Appreciation Days



Starting June 7 and continuing until September 12, 2004 all teachers and school employees may receive \$15.00 off the one-day general adult admission price to Hollywood's Universal Studio. The offer is good for up to six people. You must present a payroll stub and driver's license at the Universal Studios Hollywood box office to receive this special offer.

For further information call (888) 777-2397 or go to www.UniversalStudiosHollywood.com.

Retirees Must Complete VEBA Forms in June

Eligible retirees of the North Thurston Education Association once again voted to participate in the VEBA III Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan. Under the rules regulating this program, retirees may do one of the following:

- Become a member of the VEBA III Plan and Trust, and in doing so, convert his or her sick leave days directly into a medical



The NTEA Office has cans for recycling. First come, first served ... are you interested in picking them up?



expense reimbursement account; OR

- Forfeit 12 days of sick leave, but be eligible to convert the rest of his or her accumulated sick leave days to cash.

Retirees must fill out and sign the VEBA membership enrollment form, make a copy of the entire document for his or her records and send the form to the payroll office. If retirees do not do so, the District will assume he or she does not wish to participate, automatically deduct the 12 days and convert the remaining sick leave to cash. This payment will then be a taxable event for IRS purposes.

If you have any questions, please call the NTEA Office at 352-5220.

NEA Member Benefits Provides June Web Site Giveaway



Need a car or van for that summer camping trip or trek to the beach? NEA members can register anytime during the month of June 2004 in the "Members-Only" area of the NEA Member Benefits Web Site (www.neamb.com) for a chance to win one of three \$100 gift certificates from Hertz. Giveaway entry begins on June 1, 2004 and ends on June 30, 2004. No purchase is necessary to enter.

NEA Member Benefits Provides July Web Site Giveaway

NEA members can register anytime during the month of July 2004 on the NEA Member Benefits Web Site (www.neamb.com) for a chance to win a Bose Wave Radio! Wake up to crystal clear sound provided by Bose's waveguide speaker technology. The attractive graphite gray unit has an AM/FM tuner, dual independent alarms, battery backup, and a credit card-sized remote control. Giveaway entry begins on July 1, 2004 and ends on July 31, 2004. No purchase is necessary to enter.

President's Summer Schedule

I have included my main summer events on the calendar. I will be in the office through June 25 and most days in August. On those times when I am not in the office, I will be checking my voice mail. Please feel free to contact me if necessary. If I am not available, I will get back to you as soon as possible.

1999 **Honda Civic** five-speed for sale. Honda has all the amenities, including a CD player, with 55,000 miles. Cost: \$9000 or best offer. Call Sarah at 570-8026.



West Maui condominium for rent: one bedroom, ocean front unit. Available December, 17 - 31, 2004 and January 1-21, 2005. Swimming pool, tennis court, small beach on site. Average temperature: low 80's. View of Molokai and Lanai. Cost: \$695 per week. Phone Judi at 352-3582.

Expensive **quilting machine** for sale at bargain price. Getting married so need the room and space. Will fit into a guest bedroom with no problem. Can also be used for regular sewing. Call 357-4933 evenings.

Vacation in Paradise -- condo available for rent. Four weeks on the island of Kauai. This condo can be rented by the week any time June to October. Imagine being 20 feet from the ocean! Call 866-3741 evenings.

