

Anaheim Elementary Education

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The vision for AEEA is to build strength through unity, growth in leadership, and increased participation by providing service, support, and advocacy for members' rights. *AEEA Executive Board, July 28, 2008*

RECENT AND CURRENT EVENTS

Many events have taken place this past month, not the least of which is the hiring of our new superintendent, Dr. Linda Wagner. It is great to have a new leader on board, and AEEA welcomes Dr. Wagner as well as her enthusiasm, knowledge, talent, and experience. Welcome to ACSD!

We are in the midst of Transfer and Reassignment Season. This time of year is particularly difficult for temporary teachers as their future employment is unknown. Please remember to be cognizant of their additional stress. With changes in enrollment at some sites, many others have the added stress of being selected as Involuntary Transferees. These changes can be difficult for all. Transfer forms are located on the ACSD website under Human Resources (HR) (certificated), and forms are due to the HR office by Monday, April 15. Open positions will be posted "live" up to that date. If you are an Involuntary Transferee, you need to obtain your site administrator's signature on the form. If you choose to request a Voluntary Transfer, the signature is preferred by HR but not required. Please contact your Site Rep, Kristen, another AEEA leader, or the AE office if you have questions or concerns.

Please remember to not be alone with or to touch students and to address them at all times in a professional manner. Sometimes what seems like "kidding around" can be taken the wrong way by a child, and given recent media reports regarding inappropriate actions by teachers, reports to the school administration, the district, or even the police are being made prior to any questions being asked. It is better to be safe than sorry.

The 2013-14 calendar was ratified by a vote of 421 (YES), 82 (NO), and 53 invalid (one site had one more ballots than signatures and another site had a signature from a non-member added to the roster).

The Special Education workshop that was held at the AE office in early February was informative and empowering! I wish more had been able to attend, but thank you to those that did. One tip that is easy to work on for everyone is to start using the phrase, "In my professional opinion....." You all are amazing professionals and work so hard for the students of ACSD. Speak up and stand up for yourself and your expertise! Thanks for all you do!

The Good and the Bad about Direct Deposit

Well, believe it or not, I (Kristen) actually go into the bank and do some business in person rather than online or at the ATM. In today's world of convenience (the good), direct deposit is wonderful, and yet it has caused many among our ranks to pretty much never look at their paystub. I strongly encourage you to check your paystub a few times each year. Mistakes happen (the bad) and if you are underpaid, you need to be reimbursed, or if you are overpaid, you must pay the money back. The District cannot let either situation "slide" and especially with the latter, it would be a "gift of public funds" to pay an employee more than was earned. Gifting public funds is not legal. Your paystub outlines many items besides your monthly pay and all should be verified frequently.

QUICK NOTES

- ✓ **WANT A CHANCE TO WIN A \$10.00 STARBUCK'S CARD?** If that is an affirmative, sign up for AEEA text notifications of important reminders and events. Texts are sent infrequently. If you are already signed up, you will automatically be entered in the raffle again. If you are not, send Kristen your cell phone number by April 8, 2013.
- ✓ **COMMON CORE FEEDBACK** – Keep sending it in if you have not done so yet!
- ✓ **CANNED FOOD DRIVE** – In conjunction with CTA chapters around the Orange County area, *Families Forward* is sponsoring a canned food drive. (Cereal, pasta, canned goods, and/or gift cards to grocery stores are all welcome.) Bring donations to the AE Office or coordinate with your Site Rep for the collection. The drive ends May 16, 2013.
- ✓ **Discount movie tickets** are available for purchase at the office. Call ahead and verify supplies.

www.aeea4u.org



GOT A T-SHIRT?

If you haven't purchased your \$3.00 **AEEA4US** T-shirt yet, there are supplies on hand at the AE office. All sizes except Medium are currently available. Mediums will be ordered as needed. Contact Kristen for info!



February Rep Council

Schools Represented:

Barton Edison Franklin
Gauer Guinn Henry
Juarez Lincoln Loara
Madison Olive Street
Orange Grove Palm Lane Ponderosa
Price Revere Roosevelt
Sunkist Westmont

Schools not represented:

Jefferson Mann Marshall
Ross Stoddard

Sorry we missed you; hope to see you next time!

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 19	Negotiations – AEEA T-shirts
March 20	Health Expo @ DO
	3:30 AEEA Task Force @ AE
March 25	ACSD School Board @ 6:00
March 29	AE Office Closed - Holiday
April 8	ACSD School Board @ 6:00
April 10	EBoard Election due @ noon
	Election Count at 3:00 @ AE Office
April 12	Negotiations
April 15	AEEA Executive Board @ 4:00
	Tax Day
April 22	ACSD School Board @ 6:00
April 29	AEEA Rep Council @ 4:00

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