

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*

Information from State Superintendent of Education

Courtesy of Joanne Fawley, President, Anaheim Secondary Teachers Association (ASTA),
 Our partner in and at Anaheim Educators

On Wednesday, October 23rd, I attended Tom Torlakson's Orange County fundraiser at the Pacific Club in Newport Beach. Torlakson is recognized by politicians and stakeholders from both major political parties, as someone who works "across the aisle" as they say. CTA members thanked Torlakson for his work on standing up to Arne Duncan and getting AB 484 passed and signed by Governor Brown, which eliminated the previously mandated style of standardized testing. We are moving in a new direction with Common Core so it does not make sense to expect teachers to teach to both, according to Torlakson. He also recognized that the previous "standardized tests" were not an accurate measure of student performance. He stated that rather than the "mile wide, inch deep" teaching and learning that was happening as a result of the standardized testing, now teachers can go deeper and more creatively into the subject matter and students can learn to think critically.

Mr. Torlakson discussed the need to increase technology in the public schools and will be rolling out a grant opportunity within the next month. Many attendees stressed that staffing and funding for ongoing maintenance must accompany this increase in technology.

As you may know, Torlakson's challenger in the next election is someone who favors linking test scores to teacher evaluations. It is expected, as has been reported, that Marshall Tuck, his opponent, will challenge and pose more threats to teacher unions labeling himself a "reformer," much in the same camp as people such as Michelle Rhee, who is not a friend to public education.

ANAHEIM FALL FESTIVAL, A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!!!

Seven hundred books given away and oodles of candy for trick or treaters make a perfect combination for a successful community outreach event! Thank you CTA for granting Anaheim Educators the funds for the book giveaway and THANK YOU volunteers for your participation. From book purchasing, booth set-up, working the booth, to booth tear-down, it was a joint effort between AEEA and ASTA, also known as the Anaheim Educators. Volunteers worked shifts handing out free books to costume-clad children and reading to them. It was great to have a teacher presence in the community, and the event was a resounding success!!! The Festival featured a variety of booths, a costume contest, haunted house, activities for children, and the annual Halloween parade. The Festival began in 1924 and is a great opportunity for community involvement and civic pride.

AEEA volunteers: Adriana Armeson (Franklin); Carol Brasher (Ponderosa); Sam Castellano (Guinn); Mary Coulter (Guinn); Cathy Dijamco (Guinn); Frances Falt (Retiree); Judy Fogerty (Franklin); Jennie Frank (Loara); Cecilia Hathaway (Guinn); Leslie Hottinga (Guinn); Linda Johnson (Lincoln); Elaine and Fred Krueger (Barton); Nicole McEwen (Sunkist) and Friends; and Denise and Bailey Uriarte (Westmont). ASTA volunteers: Juan Alvarez; Alfonso and Carrie Rodriguez; Kate Rusk; Eloise, Ethan, Kenneth, and Teresa Shimogawa; and Sandy Sweeten.

QUICK NOTES

- ✓ **WHAT DO YOU THINK?** The AEEA Calendar Committee wants to know what you think regarding the 14-15 calendar. A link will be on the AEEA website no later than Thanksgiving and will remain active through Winter Break. Please respond to all questions and participate. Also, if you have not taken the ELD Survey, that is also available online at www.aeea4u.org.
- ✓ **GOT TOYS?** Yes, once again, AEEA is sponsoring a Holiday Toy Drive for the Anaheim Boys and Girls Club! ☺ Look for a donation box in your lounge or help your AEEA Rep out by getting a box and starting the drive for your site. New toy donations are appreciated as used items can't be distributed from the Club or used at the annual Gift Wrap Event.
- ✓ **Check out** the CTA website for **online scholarships** applications and opportunities!
- ✓ 13-14 AEEA Election Information online at www.aeea4u.org
- ✓ **AEEA Texts** – Send Sam Castellano or Kristen your cell phone number for important updates.
- ✓ **Discount movie tickets** are available for purchase at the AE office. Call in advance to verify supplies. See ticket prices below.

www.aeea4u.org ~ www.cta.org

CTA GOOD TEACHING CONFERENCE

The CTA Good Teaching Conference (SOUTH) will be held March 14-16 in Anaheim. AEEA members can receive 50% registration reimbursement and paid parking after the event with proof of attendance.

AEEA members can receive 100% reimbursement for registration and parking if members either share or present something they learned at the conference at an AEEA Rep Council meeting or write an article for the AEEA4U newsletter.

Register online @ www.cta.org
– professional development tab – events.

November Rep Council

Schools Represented:

Barton Edison Franklin
Gauer Guinn Henry Key ELC
Juarez Lincoln Loara
Madison Marshall Olive Street
Orange Grove Ponderosa
Price Revere Roosevelt
Ross Sunkist Westmont

Schools not represented:

Jefferson Mann Palm Lane Stoddard
Sorry we missed you; hope to see you next time!

Discount Movie Ticket Prices

Please remember to bring exact cash or a check to Anaheim Educators.

AMC = \$8 / Cinemark = \$7.50 / Krikorian = \$7.50
Edwards/Regal (Red) = \$7 and (Blue) = \$8

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 28 THANKSGIVING

Thank you AEEA for the work you do each day for the students and community of Anaheim City School District. Thank you for all your help and support with our Association and its work and efforts for public education. Happy Thanksgiving to all!!!

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| Dec. 2 | AEEA Executive Board @ 4:00 |
| Dec. 9 | ACSD School Board @ 6:00 |
| Dec. 11 | Negotiations |
| Dec. 16 | AEEA Rep Council @ 4:00 /Toys Due |
| Dec. 17 | Negotiations |
| Dec. 23 | Gift Wrap Event |

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