



Anaheim Elementary Education Association

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

ANAHEIM'S FALL FESTIVAL

For about the past seven years, the AEEA has participated in Anaheim's **Fall Festival** by sponsoring a *Book Giveaway* booth. That tradition will continue this year with the addition of a "Read Aloud Corner". This project is made possible through a Community Outreach Grant funded by CTA. As part of our 09-10 association goals, the AEEA is working to improve the association's visibility with the public and have that visibility be a reflection of the positive work we do with the children of Anaheim each day.

Volunteers are needed to read aloud and give away books. One hour or more of your time on Saturday, October 31, will make a huge difference to children and to meeting our association's goals. Please contact Kristen asap: 714-398-4877 or aeeaoftu@aol.com. Set up crews have been established, but volunteers are needed to work in the afternoon and for bringing tables and chairs from Teachers United. Thank you in advance for your time!!! Check out the Fall Festival website www.anaheimfallfestival.org for more event details. It is a day of fun for little ones!

Do you have voluntary Disability or Life Insurance with another carrier?

From October 1 to November 30, 2009 you can switch your coverage to the CTA-endorsed plans offered by Standard Insurance Company without proof of good health. Simply provide proof of your existing coverage with your application.

You can find forms online at MyCTA at www.cta.org. Call The Standard's dedicated CTA Customer Service Department at 800-522-0406, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with any questions.

QUICK NOTES

- During the 08-09 school year, your AEEA Executive Board held some of their meetings at school sites and scheduled an open session at the start of each for members to have the opportunity to address the board. That policy will continue this year, but the meetings will be held at Teachers United. Check the Important Dates section of this newsletter for the next scheduled AEEA Board meeting.
- **A.S.K AEEA** (*Answers, Service, Knowledge*) envelopes have been posted at sites and serve to remind members that our association has a vision and core values that guide its leadership. One association goal for 09-10 is increased awareness, education, and participation. Questions can sometimes be answered through Ed Council, but if you are in need of information please utilize the slips in the posted envelope or contact your site representative or another AEEA leader. A complete AEEA Leadership list is included in this newsletter.
- The Orange Service Center will hold its annual Fall Leadership Conference on October 10 at the Marriott in Fashion Island. New and Advanced Site rep training will be provided. The AEEA has 8 reps and leaders attending: Monica Montoya-Robles and Madeline Pacilio-Brand (Lincoln); Faith Daverin (Edison); Heather Miller-Gonzalez (Olive); Roger Nguyen (Gauer); Sandra Mullen (Mann); Katie Northup (Marshall); and Diana Hurtado (Stoddard). Thank you all for spending part of your weekend in training!!!

August Rep Council

Schools Represented:

Barton
Edison
Gauer
Guinn
Henry
Jefferson
Juarez
Key
Lincoln
Loara
Madison
Mann
Marshall
Olive Street
Orange Grove
Price
Revere
Roosevelt
Stoddard
Sunkist
Westmont

Schools not represented:

Franklin
Palm Lane
Ross

September Rep Council

Schools Represented:

Barton
Edison
Franklin
Gauer
Guinn
Henry
Juarez
Key
Lincoln
Marshall
Olive Street
Orange Grove
Palm Lane
Price
Revere
Roosevelt
Stoddard
Sunkist
Westmont

Schools not represented:

Jefferson
Loara
Madison
Mann
Ross

Sorry we missed you. Hope to see these schools next time!

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 12	ACSD School Board @ 6 pm
October 19	AEEA Representative Council @ 4 pm
October 26	ACSD School Board @ 6 pm
October 27	Maternity Leaves Workshop Teachers United @ 4 pm
October 31	Fall Festival – Downtown Anaheim AEEA's Book Giveaway and Read Aloud Corner
November 2	AEEA Executive Board @ 4 pm (4:00 – 4:10 Open Session)

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFO

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George Woods and Barbara Dresel

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COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

There are many ways to be active in our association. Association work does take some effort, but there are activities and committees that are less time and energy consuming than others. If you have a particular interest such as politics, communications, membership, or community service, please contact AEEA leadership and get involved. Teachers United and our parent association, CTA, offer a variety of trainings and activities that may be of interest to you too.

Working together we are the Anaheim Elementary Education Association and ***we teach the children.***

Dear AEEA Members,

Thank you for all you do for the students you teach and the lives you impact. The field of education is energizing and vital to the future of our neighborhoods, cities, states, and our country. I attended a CTA President's meeting last week and a young man's comment pretty much summed it up. In response to the question, "Why did you become a teacher?", he replied, "I used to be in business and brought home a salary double what I do now, but one day I realized that each day I would take a pile of papers and move them from one side of my desk to the other. I wanted to do work that would make a difference and that meant something for society. That is why I became a teacher." So as I have poured through your emails and taken phone calls during the past few weeks, I know you are making a difference, and I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for all you do.

There are many topics to address with you all, but I would like to focus on two in this letter: 1) an expression of gratitude and 2) the 11.75% discussion framework presented by the ACSD.

- 1) Public education is under attack from many fronts and your work each day with students is being disparaged and belittled by many. I would like to publicly express sincere thanks on behalf of the AEEA to both Michael Stone, CTA Board member for District N, and Debbie Shroeder, Gauer Principal. Last Friday, at CSUF during a summit about "Closing the Achievement Gap", both Michael and Debbie addressed the negative comments that had permeated the room all day regarding teachers. Those comments came from local politicians in Orange County such as Loretta Sanchez and Lou Correa as they were joined by many OC business leaders and other politicians. If you would like more information about the summit, I can forward you a summary report or would be happy to discuss it with you in a phone call. Once again, thank you, Michael and Debbie, for standing up for teachers and pointing out to the room that "unions" and our contract protect due process rather than guarantee a teaching job.
- 2) There are some misperceptions regarding the two most recent AEEA4U Bargaining updates. Most importantly, the information you were given was information that was proposed by the district to our team. The AEEA has in no way, shape, or form agreed that any of the five options are acceptable for bargaining unit members. About three+ years ago, the membership asked AEEA Leadership and Bargaining teams to be more transparent and to provide complete and thorough information. Sending out the information the district presented at the bargaining table is the result of that request. The team responded to the request for transparency. I may be redundant here, but the 11.75% discussion framework is just that, a point of discussion. Our team meets at the table again on Wednesday, October 7, and talks and discussions will continue. That said, it is worth noting that our superintendent would like the district to continue serving students at the same level even in the midst of a 15 million dollar shortfall. He shared with me that all work in the district is important and the instructional support given to teachers via many avenues is vital to keeping "meat" on the district's bones rather than their being "bare". In my opinion, keeping status quo with 15 million less is unrealistic. Additionally, I view the strategy of fear being used in suggesting an 11.75 % cut in a Baskin Robbins type document as merely a way to get folks to be "grateful" if in the end the actual agreement is less.

I know you are busy and overwhelmed at times by the enormity of your daily work and the responsibilities you have as educators. You are appreciated and thank you for your time!!!

Sincerely,
Kristen