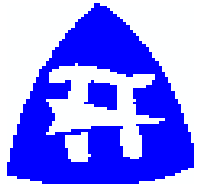


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Tip-Off

December 16, 2009

*Wishing you a holiday season
Filled with good cheer,
And a very happy, healthy
and peaceful New Year!*

*Mary Freel Marj Stolle
Lorrie Stuto Sue Perkins
Ellen Yates Tim Krapp
OEA President, Doreen Jankovich*



Professional Development Log

Priority Calendar: January 4th

January 4th, our first day back from winter break, is a day without students.

According to the OPS Priority dates schedule, the entire day is for teacher planning and preparation. No meetings can be scheduled by administration on this day (except for an after school staff meeting) without the approval of a majority of staff members obtained through a secret ballot vote.

Be sure of what is scheduled in your building BEFORE winter break!

If you have any questions, please contact the OEA.

Read Across America!

Save the Date!

NEA's Read Across America: Celebrating Dr. Seuss's Birthday

This will be the National Education Association's tenth annual observance of NEA's Read Across America. NEA is calling all of America's children, both young and old, to reward their learning by celebrating the joys of reading with Dr. Seuss on his 106th birthday. Readers of all ages are encouraged to celebrate on March 2, 2010.

Our reading party for the Omaha Public Schools will take place on March 2, 2010. If you would like to have a community reader come to your classroom, please fill out this form and send it to the OEA office by Friday, January 15, 2010. You will be informed of the name of your reader and their scheduled time by February 19, 2010.

So please mark your calendars now and feel free to email Cheryl Richardson at cheryl.richardson@cox.net if you have questions.

For more information about how to generate excitement for reading among America's children and their families and about best practices for motivating and teaching reading, visit www.nea.org/readacross.



READ ACROSS OMAHA – CELEBRITY READER REQUEST

Teacher's Name _____

School _____

Grade or Class _____

Room # _____

Cell phone number _____ School number _____

1st Choice Time _____ **Be specific – not just AM or PM**

2nd Choice Time _____ **Be specific – not just AM or PM**

3rd Choice Time _____ **Be specific – not just AM or PM**

Title of book that you will have ready for the Community Reader to read:

Please send in this completed form to OEA by Friday, January 15, 2010

Nebraska State Education Association Delegate Assembly Nominations

The Nebraska State Education Association (NSEA) Delegate Assembly is the governing body for the NSEA. The NSEA Delegate Assembly will take place in Lincoln at the Cornhusker Marriott on April 16 & 17, 2010. The meetings begin around 7:00 p.m. on Friday and run through lunch on Saturday. All expenses, including your overnight stay, are paid for by the NSEA.

Election of the 50+ OEA delegates will take place **on February 9th**. To be eligible to run for election as an OEA delegate, you must be nominated. You can be nominated by:

- 1) Submitting a nomination form to the OEA by 5pm on **Tuesday, January 12, 2010** OR
- 2) Being nominated from the floor of the Tuesday, January 12, 2010 meeting of the OEA Representative Assembly at Wilson Middle School. The meeting begins at 4:15pm.

FILING DEADLINE: January 12, 2010

Nomination forms have been sent to your building as a "Please Post" to the OEA leadership, see your Association Representative ; they are also available to be downloaded from the OEA Member icon on First Class or by calling the OEA at 346-0400.



The Vote Is In!



The official results of the OEA negotiated tentative agreement ballot count is:

1365 in agreement

589 opposed

16 Invalids

A total of 1970 ballots cast.

The agreement includes a salary increase of 3.6% and a total package (including benefits) increase of 4.1%.

Special thanks to the Negotiations Team for all of their hard work from this past spring through the summer and most of this fall.

Thank you!
Thank you!

Thank you to the Governance Team for their time spent in counting the ballots.

Thank you in advance to the volunteers who will be attending the Compensation and Benefits Committee, in preparation for future negotiations.

Compensation and Benefits Committee meeting - December 17, 2009 - 4:15 p.m. - OEA

OEA Board of Directors meeting - January 6, 2010 - 4:30 p.m. - OEA

A/R Assembly - January 12, 2010 - 4:15 p.m. - Wilson Middle School



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Jim Sinegal Jim Sinegal, President & CEO

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