



Colleagues,

Making you aware of some information on events that are taking place.

Resigning from OPS

- April 30th is the statutory deadline to resign from OPS. If you do not submit your resignation, you will be employed by OPS for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Retiring

If you are planning to retire, here are a few friendly reminders.

- You have until **May 1st** to notify the district how you want your insurance paid out.
- Have a conversation with OSERS at 531-299-9423.
- If you have questions about your sick days, etc., you need to contact the Employee Benefits at 531-299-0308.
- Any unused funds in your PayFlex account will expire on **May 28th**. Start planning now to spend those dollars.

2021/2022 Calendar

The calendar was adopted at the OPS BoE meeting last night. Staff will be expected to work the 188-day contract as outlined in the Master Agreement, that can be found by [clicking here](#).

- The district did share the results from the survey that was sent out to staff, parents, community members and students.
- This resulted in moving the Spring Break back a week but did not change the fall break/Thanksgiving Recess as well as the end of the year.
- The last day for teachers to report will be June 1st.
- The breaks that have been identified will allow schools to offer additional time for students to master skills being taught. This is NOT

MANDATORY, if a teacher wants to assist, they will be compensated accordingly.

- No further days were added to contract, teachers will only be working for 188 days for the 2021/2022 Academic year.

Virtual Author Event

Join the OEA for a virtual author visit with Lacey Lamar and Amber Ruffin, co-authors of You'll Never Believe What Happened to Lacey: Crazy Stories about Racism. Dates, details, and registration info can be found here:

<https://omahaoea.org/2021/04/virtual-author-visit-for-members-only/>

Admiration Survey

OEA will be sending out a survey to gather input on those who are doing amazing work and are admired by fellow members. We use this data to reach out for various events or even when the OPS ask for names of individuals to serve on committees. The survey will go out at 8:00 am on Thursday April 22nd and will close at 8:00 am on Thursday the 29th!

OPSF

Continue to submit your wish list to the foundation. The foundation wants to show the teachers the appreciation they deserve, and all the items being wished for are being taken into consideration. Though, there is not an endless pot of money, the foundation is listening to the teachers and what they have identified as a need for their students. Share OPSF on social media as this is 'do good week' in Omaha! All donations will fund teacher classroom grants, making dreams possible for thousands of OPS students. So, share the word, visit their social media and share far and wide! The more money that comes in the more money goes into your classrooms! The OPSF LOVES teachers. You all have moved mountains for your students and the foundation has seen it! Send all wish lists to... omahaschoolsfoundation@gmail.com .

Membership Events

Two events are being planned.

Poker Run- A date needs to be identified, please [click here](#) to give us feedback on when to host this event. We know the calendar is being filled up by various events but wanted to host this event before summer.

Teacher Talk and Tacos on Tuesday-

- Starting at 6:00pm on April 27th
- Park and meet at the bike trail head at Robert's Park 730 N 78th Street (bring a friend)
- Head South to Stinson Park-Aksarben Village
- Stop at Voodoo Taco in front of Stinson Park (order "to go without the plastic packaging, please") Bring your food to Stinson Park to enjoy your food outside while practicing social distancing. Taco Tues specials at Voodoo Taco has \$1.00 off all taco entries.
- Wear your OPS school or OEA apparel.

- Please make an effort to practice social distancing on the trails, at the park and in the restaurant.

Finders Keepers

OEA will be hosting an event called 'Finders Keepers' for our new hires on June 16th. We would like to offer them the opportunity collect items to be used in their first classroom. If you have classroom materials that are gently used, consider donating them to the OEA. We will begin collecting them here at the OEA and organizing them for our event. We all know that at the end of the year a table gets identified in the staff lounge where unwanted items are placed for the taking. Why not share those items with first year teachers? Contact the OEA office to arrange for a pickup or deliver the items at the office.

Insurance 101 with BC/BS and EHA

Making sound decisions requires knowing what the best options are for you and your family. There are three different options to consider for next year. With the changes in the Health Insurance for next year, OEA has partnered with the Educators Health Alliance (EHA) and the Blue Cross/Blue Shield to offer many sessions to educate our members.

April 27th at 4:45

Please register for **OEA Insurance Educational Session on Apr 27, 2021 4:45 PM CDT** at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8468169590527295502>

May 4th at 4:45

Please register for **OEA Insurance Educational Session on May 4, 2021 4:45 PM CDT** at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7955799371006938126>

June 8th at 4:45

Please register for **OEA Insurance Educational Session on Jun 8, 2021 4:45 PM CDT** at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1638159489433935630>

July 6th at 4:45

Please register for **OEA Insurance Educational Session on Jul 6, 2021 4:45 PM CDT** at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3133389750093033230>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Be well,

Robert
OEA President

