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NSEA Calendar

June 2006

- ◆ June 12th: NSEA General Membership Meeting, 4:00 pm, BHS Gym
- ◆ June 19th: Last Day of School
- ◆ June 20th: Teacher Work Day
- ◆ June 28th: Summer Academy Begins
- ◆ June 30th: NEA RA starts, Orlando, FL

July 2006

- ◆ July 1st-July 5th: NEA RA, Orlando, FL
- ◆ July 4th: Independence Day, NSEA Office Closed

August 2006

- ◆ August 8th & 9th: NSEA Executive Board Retreat
- ◆ August 28th & 29th: Non-Student Days
- ◆ August 30th: First Day of School



Postponed!
General
Membership
Meeting
June 12, 2006

Mark your calendars and plan to join us on **June 12, 2006 at 4:00 pm in the Bothell High Gym.** The NSEA Table Team will be on hand to discuss the current status of this year's contract negotiations. Be sure to be there!

President's Message

Dear Members,

I can't believe the end of the school year is in sight! If my two children are any indicator of the students in the rest of the district, they too see summer vacation just around the corner. I know many of you are here days after the students leave, but make your work quick and get to the relaxing days of summer!



*Happy Summer
Vacation!*

I attended the retirement ceremony honoring our retirees on June 1st, and was humbled by the years of experience, expertise, professionalism, and humor of our retirees. They are a wonderful reflection of the devotion of all of you have to the children of our school district. Each member was honored with a bottle of champagne from our association for their years of hard work. They were thrilled and ready to party!

Contract negotiations have been underway for five days covering the past two weeks. The table team is doing an excellent job representing the interests of you, the members. They are asking tough questions and looking at operations of our school district from a wide perspective. This is a tough year for negotiations yet the team remains optimistic about the eventual outcome. **We have a General Membership Meeting scheduled for June 12th at 4:00 in the Bothell High School gym.** This meeting will either be a ratification meeting or an update on the bargain as of that date. It is imperative that each of you make a commitment to attend this meeting as a show of support to your table team as well as our association. Which ever way negotiations go from here, it is of the utmost importance for you to attend this meeting! We will keep you updated as to the purpose of that meeting as the date approaches.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the General Membership Meeting!

Tim

New NSEA Officers

Congratulations to our newly elected NSEA officers!

Executive Board

Katie Drov Dahl, Bothell High
Lynn Emerson, Crystal Springs
Steve Johnson, Shelton View

Secretary Treasurer

Eric Breekha, Leota Junior High

Contract Maintenance Commission

Steve Johnson, Shelton View
Annette Loy, Kokanee

A much deserved **THANK YOU** for your years of service and dedication to outgoing Exec Board member Kathy Haugen and outgoing Secretary Treasurer Annette Loy.

See the back for a chance to provide feedback and win a prize!

Boundary Changes Imminent

All you need to do is drive along 35th Ave. SE in Bothell to see that the northern part of the Northshore School District is experiencing rapid growth.

District staff, consultants, and the Enrollment Demographics Task Force are monitoring this growth and its impact on district schools. At this point the focus is on attendance balancing and boundary adjustments.

Blake Puckett, retired Northshore principal, has returned to the district on an interim basis to assist in the work of analyzing service area growth and decline and their effects on instruction, school building capacity, and staffing.

Tim Brittell, NSEA President, is also an active member of the Demographics Task Force. His goal is to ensure that the rights and needs of NSEA members are taken into consideration during this process.

All discussions are fact-finding sessions. No recommendations have been made to the School Board concerning any school boundary changes or attendance balancing. A final recommendation won't be made until fall of 2006 with the earliest implementation of any changes being the fall of 2007; however, depending on the final recommendations, implementation may take longer.

Safe Cleaners for the Classroom



Some Northshore staff have been led to believe that students may not use any cleaning products at school. One cleaner, however, *Sustainable Earth 64 Ready-to-Use Neutral Cleaner*, is non-toxic and safe. Student use should be under teacher supervision. Teachers must provide the spray bottle, and building Facilities Managers will provide a label and the cleaner. While diluted soap and water in a spray bottle is acceptable, please be sure that students are NOT using a product called

Hepastat. It is also advised that teachers *not* bring cleaners to school from home. Contact "Fitz" Fitzpatrick, chair of the district safety committee, or Sandie Tracy, NSD health and nursing supervisor, for more information.

Open Enrollment in August

Open enrollment for health care benefits will be held in August. This is the time when you can make changes to your health care provider and add or delete dependents to your plan. Be on the look out for benefits information from the district, or contact the Benefits Department at 489-6251 if you have any questions.

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How Did We Do?

In order to improve communications with our members, we want your feedback! Please complete this survey and return it to the NSEA Office by 6/12/06 and we'll enter your name in a drawing to win one of five Starbuck's cards.

- Did you receive the NSEA newsletter each month? Yes No
- Did you find the NSEA newsletter easy to read? Yes No
- Did you find the articles useful/interesting? Yes No
- What would you like to see added to the newsletter? _____

- Have you visited the NSEA website (www.northshoreea.org)? Yes No
- What would you like to see added to the NSEA website? _____

- How can we improve communications with members at your location? _____

Name: _____ Location: _____ Ext: _____

Drawing will be held on 6/13/06. You must be an NSEA member to win.
 Winners will be notified by phone and prizes will be sent to each winner's school.

For Sale

2004 New Beetle Convertible GLS, Harvest Moon Beige with black roof exterior, light tan interior. 21,600 miles, 2.0 liter, 115 horsepower, 4 cylinder, ABS. Options include 6 speed tiptronic automatic transmission, leather package, Electronic Stabilization program, Wind blocker, and ResistAll plus protection film (this is an exterior paint protection film). Asking: \$23,000. Contact Tim Brittell at 486-7101 ext. 19.

It's Not Too Late to Join WEA-PAC

From No Child Left Behind to I-728, political decisions have an impact on your classroom. It's vital for public school employees to have a political voice, and the easiest way to be heard is to join WEA-PAC. Ask your building rep for a WEA-PAC form or visit www.washingtonea.org/weapac to see how you can join the political arm of WEA.