

NORTHSHORE NEWS

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NORTHSHORE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

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NSEA Calendar

September 2006

- ◆ September 19th: Primary Election
- ◆ September 25th: New Hire Dinner, 5:00-7:00 pm Courtyard Hall

October 2005

- ◆ October 2nd: Exec Board Meeting, 4:00-6:00 pm NSEA Office
- ◆ October 9th: Rep Council Meeting, 4:00-6:00 pm BHS Library
- ◆ October 13th & 16th: Non-Student Days
- ◆ October 14th: Doorbelling for Eric Oemig—More details to come!
- ◆ October 23rd: Principals' Dinner, 5:00-7:00 pm Courtyard Hall
- ◆ October 31st: Happy Halloween!

November 2005

- ◆ November 6th: Exec Board Meeting, 4:00-6:00 pm NSEA Office
- ◆ November 7th: Election Day
- ◆ November 13th: Rep Council Meeting, 4:00-6:00 pm BHS Library
- ◆ November 10th: Non-Student Day
- ◆ November 11th: Veteran's Day
- ◆ November 16th-22nd: Elementary Early Dismissal—Parent/Teacher Conferences
- ◆ November 23rd & 24th: No School Thanksgiving Break



Welcome Back!

President's Message

Welcome Back! I hope all of you had a relaxing summer and energized your batteries for the year! The opening of school seemed to go very smoothly this year. I spent opening day helping out at Canyon Park Junior High which is undergoing a major remodel. Students showed up to school to find that most of the main part of campus has been leveled. They took it in stride and were excited to be back!

This year will be eventful for many of us. The enrollment balancing plan was unveiled at the September 12th School Board Meeting. The Board will study the suggested plan, take input from parents and staff, and vote to approve or modify the plan on December 6th. If you have questions concerning transfer language in our new contract, please feel free to give me a call. Transfer language can be found on pages 76-77 in the contract. Once a plan is approved by the Board, Laurie Ferwerda and I will be coming to schools transferring personnel to answer questions and review the transfer process.

The Washington Learns Committee released its findings concerning public education in our state on September 12th. These findings will help shape the lobbying activities of the WEA through the Take the Lead Campaign. This is a biennium budget year for the legislature, so I will be calling on all of you to get involved in some capacity with the NSEA efforts on Take the Lead. This is a pivotal year for public education in Washington state. Washington needs to dramatically improve our ranking of being 42nd in spending and 46th in class size in the United States!

I have already visited several schools discussing our new contract and will complete my visits by the middle of October. Please look for announcements as to when I will be visiting your school. I look forward to meeting with you as we begin this year!

On a personal note many of you know that my mother was diagnosed with mesothelioma last Christmas. This is the form of lung cancer caused by asbestos exposure. She fought a courageous battle but succumbed to her illness one week after school closed in June. I was fortunate to spend the final 24 hours with her and was at her side when she passed. My older brother was diagnosed with another form of lung cancer one week later. To say this was not the best of summers for my family is a great understatement. This reinforced more than ever the importance of letting those in our lives know how important they are to us each and every day. Thank you to those of you that sent me words of encouragement last spring.



Take the lead.

Restoring Washington's Commitment to Great Public Schools

2006-2007 Exec Board

There are several new faces on the NSEA Executive Board this year. Each Exec Board member will act as a liaison to the schools listed below their name. Feel free to contact your liaison if you have any questions about the contract, grievances, or Association matters.

Gail Barnfather—Art, Northshore Junior High 402-5135
Northshore JH, Skyview JH, Timbercrest JH

Eric Breekha (Secretary/Treasurer)—LC, Leota JH, 402-5431
Leota JH, Home School, Woodinville HS

Tim Brittell—President, NSEA., 486-7101 ext. 19
Inglemoor HS, Kenmore JH, Kenmore Elem, Sorenson, SAS/JHAP

Katie Drov Dahl—English, Bothell High 402-7415
Bothell HS, Admin Center, Canyon Park JH

Lynn Emerson—LC, Crystal Springs, 489-6824
Crystal Springs, Canyon Creek, Hollywood Hill, Woodmoor, Fernwood

Justine Hurley—5/6 PACE, Lockwood, 402-5363
Lockwood, Arrowhead, Moorlands, Kokanee

Steve Johnson—5th Grade, Shelton View 489-6988
Shelton View, Frank Love, Maywood Hills, Westhill, Wellington

Kathy Rose (Vice-President)—PE, Woodin 402-5974
Woodin, Cottage Lake, Sunrise, East Ridge, Bear Creek

Contract Update

Thanks to the hard work of the NSEA Bargaining Table Team, we successfully ratified a new contract for the 2006-2008 school years. Because there are many important changes, Tim Brittell is visiting each school for a contract overview. The new contract, along with Tim's schedule of school visits, is online at www.northshorecea.org.

Highlights of the new contract include:

- ◆ 3.3% salary increase in 06-07 and at least a 1.8% increase in 07-08
- ◆ More money for Activity Stipends and Building Discretionary Funds
- ◆ Creation of Shared Decision Making Leadership Teams starting in 07-08
- ◆ Creation of G days (grading days) allowing teachers to complete grades off-site
- ◆ Creation of Special Ed and Instructional Technology Design Teams that will give teachers a voice in important district decisions

Please be sure to attend Tim's contract overview at your school for more information about your new contract.

Overload Relief

Classroom enrollment tends to fluctuate during the month of September and it is often difficult to tell whether or not you have overloaded classes. Article 20 of the new Collective Bargaining Agreement contains language and an updated Caseload/Overload Matrix that clarifies when overload assistance kicks in. Your bargaining table team worked hard to eliminate gaps in overload relief that existed in the previous contract. If you think you qualify for overload assistance, contact your supervisor. If you can not get the relief you need, call the NSEA office for more information at 425-486-7101.

Congrats, Chris Tracy!

Congratulations to Kenmore Junior High Librarian, Chris Tracy, who was recently awarded with the 2006 Outstanding Teacher-Librarian of the Year award by the Washington Library Media Association (WLMA). If you have good news to share with the Association, please email Lydia King at lking@washingtonea.org.

New Ways to Use Your CEA Account

Your Individual Continuing Education Account (CEA) funds can now be accessed to cover sub costs, allowing you time for peer observation and collaboration. If you plan to use your CEA funds for sub release, use code #29 when calling Road Runner. Remember: CEA funds can only be accessed three times a year, but you can now accumulate \$1,500 in your account. Refer to page 94 of the contract for more information.

Classifieds

Horse Boarding Available. Close to Woodinville High School, \$250/mo. Call Anne or Tom 425-486-4689.

Puerto Vallarta Holiday Rental - Playa Del Sol Grand one bedroom, sleeps 4 unit available for one week with a check in date of 12/26/06. It's a beachfront resort on Flamingos beach 5 miles north of the airport. Comfortable unit with full kitchen, balcony, a/c and resort amenities including infinity pool with swim up bar, spa, concierge, restaurants, beach activities and a great beach walk to Bucerias. 15% off green fees at Vista Vallarta and Marina Vallarta Golf Clubs. Check our more info at www.playadelsolpv.com. Asking \$1000/week. Contact Alice at keithandalice@verizon.net or 425-743-3883.

Female Roommate Needed for 2 bed/2 bath condo, furnished except your room, no pets please, I have a dog and part time cat, non-smoking, and clean. \$700/mo; includes utilities. Contact Lisa at 206-794-5427.

Sub Use Reminder

Please remember our contract states that "personal leave, except in cases of unanticipated circumstances, will be scheduled at least one week in advance." The sub office can be reached at 425-489-6429.



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