Garden Grove Education Association

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If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.

GGEA is an association of educators who advocate for the well-being of our membership and the students we serve.

Join GGEA President at School Board mtgs. 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Next Mtg: April 17, 7:00pm, 5th Floor
Mark your calendar to attend the school board meeting on April 17 to hear the Special Education Presentation for GGUSD
School Board

Helpful Tax Information
Your GGEA dues may be used as a tax deduction. Here is the information you can use to calculate how much you paid in 2017. Go to ggea.org for more information

Go to ggea.org to learn about your professional organization
Wear your GGEA Blue on Tuesdays to show your GGEA Pride.

Day of the Teacher Poster Contest-DUE TUESDAY!
This year's theme is "Teachers Make Learning an Adventure!" Have your students create a poster about this theme and win money. The Grand Prize winner's poster will be duplicated and posted around the district and community. Deadline is March 27. See the flyer on your GGEA Bulletin Board or here for rules and details: **Day of Teacher**

Necessities Drive
GGEA Community Action Committee is sponsoring a drive to help local families. As you travel over spring break, grab those extra toiletries. Donate diapers, toilet paper, or socks to help our community. There is a contest for each segment to win pizza for the school that brings in the most! Click link **Necessities Drive** or check out your GGEA Board.

SPED MOU reminder Re: Class Size
GGEA and GGUSD signed a memorandum of understanding last year regarding class sizes for M/M and M/S classes. If a K-6 M/M has 19 or more or a K-12 M/S has 13 or more, the teacher may elect to have one release day or a $150 stipend one month following the additional student. This is allocated one time per school year. If you have questions, call the GGEA office.

Consults
The Social Science consults are being formed for Secondary teachers. Please check your school email and respond to **jennyg@ggea.org** when you receive the information. We would like a representative from each school to serve and support the pilot and recommendation process. Email **Tina** if you have questions.

Saturday Work
If you are required to work on a Saturday, be sure you are receiving hourly pay. Talk with your admin to get the correct paperwork.

June Primary Election
This June there are elections that will affect public education. The Teachers for Local Control PAC has endorsed two candidates for the OCDE school board. Mary Navarro is running for the seat in South County. Learn more about her at **www.votemarynavarro.com**. David Boyd represents parts of Garden Grove and the surrounding area.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction race pits a pro charter advocate against CTA endorsed Tony Thurmond. Tony has spoken at many CTA conferences and has shared how public education made a difference in his life. To learn more about the upcoming campaign go to **www.cta.org/campaign**

Upcoming Workshops and Trainings

Interview 101
If you may be transferring to another school or are thinking of moving from elementary to secondary or secondary to elementary, here is a chance to brush up on your interview skills. On April 16, 2018 at 3:30, GGEA and GGUSD will host a workshop to give pointers on how to interview well. Click link here: **Interview 101**

OSCC/CTA Retirement Workshop
It's never too early to learn about your retirement. Basic Info will be shared on Saturday, April 28 at the CTA Orange Office. See link to sign up **CTA STRS**

Dangers of Social Media
Learn the legal Do's and Don't for teachers. Go to CTA Orange Service Center on April 30 from 4:00-5:30 to learn how social media can influence your career. Click here for more info: **Social Media**

Racial and Social Justice in the Classroom
Join other teachers to come together to discuss ways to help our students in the classroom. Saturday, April 21 9:00 am-12:00 at the Orange CTA office. See link to sign up **Social Justice**

OSCC Field Trip to Museum of Tolerance
Join other educators from around Orange County for a guided field trip to the Museum of Tolerance on May 6. The cost is free for CTA members. You may bring a non-member for $75. See the flyer **MuseumofTolerance** for more information.

Reminders:

Janus vs. AFSCME
The Janus case was argued before the Supreme Court in February. To learn more about this case that could affect our collective bargaining, go to ggea.org and view the Janus power point.

IFT Grant
Would you like a grant for your school or class? GGEA members have received between $5,000-$20,000 to help them implement special projects at their site. Go to https://www.cta.org/About-CTA/CTA-Foundation/IFT.aspx to find out how to apply.
The deadline to apply is April 30, 2018.
All of the current grant information is available under the GRANTS Tab on their website-www.teacherdrivenchange.org.

Info for you:

Save Money!
By being a member of GGEA, you are also a member of CTA and NEA. Both organizations have membership benefits that allow you to get discounts. You can save enough money to equal what you spend in dues! Go to **https://www.cta.org/Member-Services/Member-Benefits.aspx** and you can download the app. Or go to **https://www.neamb.com** for national savings.

Attorney Available at the GGEA Office
GGEA provides our members with the opportunity to meet with an attorney for 30 minutes about non-job related issues free of charge. This is on a first come, first served basis. The lawyer is available November 15 & 29 from 3:00-4:30. Please call the GGEA office if you wish to schedule an appointment.

Join the GGEA Facebook Page -Connect with other members!
To join, Facebook members search for "Garden Grove Education Association" and ask to join the group. Allow our administrators 24-48 hours to accept your request. If you are concerned about privacy, please make sure your own Facebook page has privacy settings adjusted before joining GGEA Facebook. Here you can read education articles, see GGEA activities and share your ideas.

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