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Garden Grove Education Association

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***Every child deserves a champion –
an adult who will never give up on them,
who understands the power of connection
and insists that they become the best that they can
possibly be.***

-Rita Pierson

Thank you for being a champion for your students!

Upcoming Meetings

*Committees meet monthly and welcome new members
Join GGEA President at School Board mtgs. 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Next School Board Meeting is May 20*

- May 12 Evaluation Task Force*
- May 13 Segments 3:30 @ GGEA*
- May 14 CA Day of the Teacher*
- May 19 Special Education*
- May 26 Memorial Day*
- May 27 Rep Council Recognition 3:30 @ GGEA*
- May 29 Web Access Task Force*

Bargaining Days

***To show support for the GGEA bargaining team,
please wear green on days that we bargain.***

- May 27th***
- June 2nd***
- June 11th***

NEW INFORMATION

School Climate Survey Open until May 16

It is our sincere hope that we can help create positive working environments at each and every site in the district. Please complete the survey, and help guide us in reaching this goal.

Note: Schools without a minimum of 75% responding will not be tabulated. Let your voice be heard! Use the link below to take you to the survey. Thank you for your input!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GGEA2014>

May Posting

GGEA/GGUSD have been bargaining around class size. Due to this process, we have agreed to allow the district to delay the May Posting for one week. The posting that would occur the second Monday in May, which would be next Monday, will now be sent the following Monday, or third Monday in May. Thank you for your support of the Bargaining Team.

School Board Update

At the May 6 school board meeting, a resolution was passed to initiate the process of establishing trustee areas and elections by trustee areas. Research will take place in order to prepare for the 2016 election. With this change, school board members will be elected by the registered voters of a particular area or district.

Heat Wave

Predictions for the coming week are for another heat wave. We have made the district aware of the danger this places on our members and our students. The GGEA Grievance team has been given information to analyze. We have demanded that the district act swiftly to make sure members and students are cared for during this next heat wave. We have also insisted the district examine a bond for air conditioning.

Day of the Teacher

As we end the National Week of the Teacher and enter the California Week of the Teacher, GGEA would like to thank each and every one of you for making a difference in the lives of children. Your dedication and commitment to your students shapes the future of our country. Please accept our deepest gratitude for all that you do!

Day of the School Nurse

This week also was a day to honor the wonderful nurses who care for our students. They care and assure their health and safety so that the children can have success in school. GGEA thanks them for taking on this tremendous responsibility.

NEA FUND Drive Support the NEA Fund

GGEA is part of the National Education Association, which is the largest professional employee organization in the United States with close to 3 million members. Currently GGEA is having drive to raise funds for the NEA Fund. This is the Political Action

Committee of NEA which works every day to make sure elected leaders support our members, students and public education. California has benefitted from the Fund in our recent political battles. Due to Federal regulations, NONE of your dues dollars support this fund, therefore, members must "opt-in" to give a donation. GGEA will give a lunch to the school that donates the most money and a school with the highest percentage of donations. There are a few schools in the running for the pizza lunch, so get those donations in now! Last day to enter is MAY 16. If you have further questions, contact GGEA. Ask your rep to get you a form at the segment meeting on Tuesday.

Politics Matter!

The upcoming June election has a direct impact on education. The CA State Superintendent and the local Orange County Department of Education races have opponents who are supporters of charter schools, and other extreme ideas. CTA has interviewed and recommends reelecting Tom Torlakson for State Superintendent, and David Boyd and Elizabeth "Liz" Parker for OC Department of Ed. GGEA is planning to participate in this election by hosting phone banking to fellow CTA members. Please contact GGEA if you are interested in helping get out the vote to protect public education.

Attorney Available at the GGEA Office

GGEA provides its 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. There are spaces available on the following afternoons: May 14 and 28 from 3:00-4:30. Please call the GGEA office if you wish to schedule an appointment.

REMINDERS

Kindergarten Teachers Meeting

On May 22 GGEA will hold an information gathering meeting at the GGEA Office from 3:30-4:30. We will be discussing possible Kindergarten scenarios which include full day and reduction of class size. Please join us to give us your input. If you have further question please email president@ggea.org

Letter Writing Campaign

GGUSD School Board members have asked to hear from our members, therefore GGEA is engaging our members in a letter writing campaign. Members were sent a flyer and a blank piece of letterhead that may be used to voice your concerns. Please take a few moments to directly communicate about what teaching and working in Garden Grove means to you. See the flyer for more information.

[VOICE2014](#) LETTERHEAD: [GGEALETTER](#) Letters are due by May 16th to GGEA.

Community Action Committee

GGEA is partnering with Working Wardrobes to collect business attire for their new shop in Garden Grove. This group assists adults, young and old alike, in overcoming challenges to confidently enter the workforce and achieve success. Our Community Action Committee will be collecting donations at May 13 Segments. Items needed: shoes, purses, blouses, slacks (all sizes), business accessories, jewelry, scarves and

other business items.

CCSS Resources from CTA

CTA has compiled a variety of diverse resources for members to use as the new standards are rolled out. Go to www.cta.org/ccss to find the links. Read this statement to find out more:

Join the GGEA Facebook Page

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.

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