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**Garden Grove Education Association**  
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President: Tina Gustin-Gurney, Electronic AdNotes, February 6, 2015

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*The whole world opened to me when I learned to read.  
Mary McLeod Bethune*

**GGEA First Fridays**  
**Join GGEA members for a meet and greet!**  
**Today!!!!**  
**February 6th 3:00-?**  
**The Brickhouse on Main Street in Garden Grove**

*Upcoming Meetings*  
*Join a GGEA Committee!*

*Feb 9 Instruction and Professional Development*  
*Feb 10 Segment Mtg. 3:30 @ GGEA*  
*Feb. 12 New Teacher/Special Ed Teacher Meet and Greet 3:30@ GGEA*  
*Feb.12 Communications*

*School Board Mtg is February 17*  
*Thank you to all who attended the interesting Feb 3 mtg*

*Schools asked to attend:*  
*La Quinta, Fitz, Irvine, Allen, Anthony, Carrillo, Marshall,*  
*Paine, Heritage, Newhope, Northcutt, Murdy*  
*See Tina at the Board meeting to get a form for raffle.*  
*Contact Tina if you have any questions.*

**Training for Teachers with Students with Special Needs**

The CTA Orange Service Center will be hosting a CTA training for teachers who are looking for ways to work with difficult behaviors and ways to help your students with special needs. It will be held on February 25th from 4:30-6:30 at the Orange Service Center 281 N. Rampart Street in Orange. If you would like to attend, please save your spot by contacting Tami Beseda at [tbeseda@cta.org](mailto:tbeseda@cta.org) or calling her at 714-978-8861. Space is limited so sign up ASAP. Click link: [SpEd](#)

## **Family Life Presentations**

Most districts have the teachers present the Family Life presentation. Our nurses had asked GGUSD to look into this possibility. They have duties taking care of medically fragile students or any emergencies that may arise. There were times they had to cancel the Family Life presentations. They need to be available for nurse duties and the training was taking them away from that. GGEA and GGUSD began discussions on how to address this issue.

We agreed to a few different options.

1. Teachers who are comfortable presenting the information can do so by using the provided power point and only answering questions with which they feel comfortable answering.
2. Teachers may work with the school nurse to co-present the Family Life presentation.

Presenting teachers are welcome to go and see the nurses present the DVD to the parents at BOLSA on Thursday, Feb. 26th at 3:30 or 6:00. It takes about an hour including parent questions. They will get paid hourly for attending.

Teachers who have concerns can talk to the principal or their school nurse about how to deal with this.

## **Calling all Interested New Teachers and SpEd Teachers**

Join our Special Education Committee and New Teacher Committee as they host a get together for any teachers who would like to meet with other new teachers or teachers of students with special needs. Join us on Feb 12 at the GGEA office. See the flyer here: [GGEAMIXER](#)

## **Discovery Learning: Bytes of the Core**

The GGEA Instruction and Professional Development Committee is bringing a training by Discovery Learning for all teachers on Feb 26 at the GGEA office from 3:30-5:00. You will learn about using web-based materials to implement Common Core Standards in your class. Stipend will be provided. Mark your calendar now. Flyers will be coming to your school soon. Sign up will be limited.

## ***Reminders***

### **Read All About It**

The latest online publication of GGEA's Award Winning newsletter, The Advocate, is now available online. Go to [ggea.org](http://ggea.org) and read about Breakfast with Santa, President's Message, I Make a Difference Award winner, Early Childhood Education conference and a Latino convention. Thanks to our wonderful team for putting together a great magazine. If you have articles or ideas for articles, email [advocate@ggea.org](mailto:advocate@ggea.org)

## **GGEA Scholarships**

GGEA offers scholarships to GGUSD seniors as well as to senior children of members. Counselors at the high schools have further information or go to [ggea.org](http://ggea.org) to download an application. Click here: [Scholarship](#)

### **Looking to Retire and Need Information?**

The CTA Orange Service Center will be holding CALSTRS Retirement Workshops for members on February 21, March 21 and May 16 in Orange. The workshops cost \$10. Please see the flyer for further information: [Retire](#)

### **Tax Return Information**

Remember, your professional association dues are tax deductible. The amount paid for GGEA/CTA/NEA dues for the 2014 tax year is posted here: [2014TAXINFO](#)

W-2 tax forms can be accessed through the Orange County Department of Education Information System website. To access the website, there is a link posted on [our website](#)

For first time users:

- Log-in: ten digit District Employee Identification Number
- Password: Last four digits of District Employee ID Number immediately followed by the last four digits of your social security number.

### **School Board Meetings**

GGEA is asking our members to attend school board meetings this year to learn about GGUSD. We need to be informed of the decisions being made that may impact our profession and our students. Join President Tina Gurney to see presentations, see how decisions are made and learn about your district. Wear GGEA Blue! Get a handout from Tina when you are there to be in a raffle for a gift card. Thanks for being involved. See the list here: [2015SchoolBoard](#)

### **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 afternoon: February 11 & 25 from 3:00-4:30. Please call the GGEA office if you wish to schedule an appointment.

### **Join the GGEA Facebook Page**

[Click to join GGEA's Facebook 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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### ***Together Everyone Achieves More***

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