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**Garden Grove Education Association**  
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**President: Tina Gustin-Gurney, Electronic AdNotes, February 20, 2015**

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*"A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark."  
Chinese Proverb*

*GGEA First Fridays  
Join GGEA members for a meet and greet!!  
March 6th 3:00-?  
Lazy Dog on Beach Blvd, HB*

*Upcoming Meetings  
Join a GGEA Committee!*

- February 26 Discovery Learning Training*
- March 2 Human Rights*
- March 9 Instruction and Professional Development*
- March 12 Communications, Special Ed*
- March 16 Organizing*

*School Board Mtgs. are March 3 and 17.*

*Schools asked to attend:  
Santiago, Los Amigos, Doig, Walton, Eisenhower, Riverdale, Clinton,  
Clinton Corner, Peters K-3, Peters 4-6, Woodbury, Rosita, Hazard,  
Russell and traveling music teachers*

*See Tina at the Board meeting to get a form for raffle.  
Contact Tina if you have any questions.*

**Call your Congressperson and Senator today!**

Both the House and Senate are now fully underway in the most serious effort to rewrite the law since the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)/so-called No Child Left Behind passage in 2002. This means the time for each and every one of us to act and shape the outcome is now. This reauthorization of ESEA is an opportunity to set a new vision of shared responsibility for a public education system that promotes opportunity, equity and excellence for all students. A system where students and

teachers can focus on learning over testing. It's up to us to make sure Congress gets it right this time!

PLEASE CALL 866-331-7233 Use these Talking Points [NCLB Renewal](#)

### **K-6 Spring Conferences**

Conferences should be held for all students that are performing below grade level in Mathematics or English Language Arts. Students are considered below grade level on the overall matrix on the report card, not on each individual standard. Furthermore, students that are not meeting school expectations on responsibilities for learning should also have a conference scheduled. Every student should have the opportunity for a conference if a parent requests one. If you have further questions, please discuss this with your principal or call GGEA.

### **Dental Care for Students**

If you notice that any of your students seem to be in need of dental care, the process is to make a referral to the health aide at elementary schools and to the health office in 7-12. That person has the paperwork for the parents and will then fax them to the Assistance League Dental Clinic and they will make the appointments.

The clinic is open on Monday and Wednesday mornings. There is a fee, but no one is turned away unless they miss 3 consecutive appointments without notice. X-ray and initial exam are \$5.00, fillings \$10.00. They also do root canals and extractions.

### **School Safety Plans**

Are you aware of the safety procedures at your site? Have you read the guidelines? Make sure you are aware of what to do in an emergency. Ask your administration if you are unsure of the expectations. Being prepared ahead of time is instrumental for the safety of students and personnel.

### **NAEP Testing and Surveys**

Each year schools are randomly chosen for federal testing of English Language Arts and Math of 4th and 8th graders. A proctor is brought in during the testing period. This year ten GGUSD schools were chosen. Teachers and administrators are asked to fill out a survey which is used by NAEP, not GGUSD. The data used from this testing is used to examine California or Federal trends. When you see where the U.S. is ranked in the world, it comes from NAEP testing data. If you have further questions, contact GGEA.

### **Hardcopy Paycheck Change**

In cooperation with OCDE, GGUSD will be transitioning from hardcopy paychecks to an alternative form of direct deposit. A payroll card will replace hardcopy paychecks. This will begin with the March 31 pay period. Paychecks will be deposited directly into a payroll card account each payday. Funds can be accessed free of charge through School's First ATMs and many other ATMs. This will only affect those who are given hardcopy paychecks.

### **Scholarship for Students with Disability**

Help a talented student with a disability win \$2,500 for college. The Standard is once again partnering with Incight, a nonprofit dedicated to reducing barriers between high school and college for students with disabilities, to offer one-time scholarships in the

amount of \$2,500 each to eight students nominated by California Teachers Association (CTA) members.

The deadline to nominate your students is March 15, 2015, and student applications must be completed by April 1, 2015. To learn more and to submit your student nominations, visit [www.standard.com/cta/scholarship](http://www.standard.com/cta/scholarship)

**Reminders:**

**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.

**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: [2014Taxes](#)

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.

**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 25, March 11 and 25 from 3:00-4:30. Please call the GGEA office if you wish to schedule an appointment.

**Join the GGEA Facebook Page**

To join, Facebook members search for "Garden Grove Education Association" and ask to join the group. This is a great way to get up to date information. 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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