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**Garden Grove Education Association**  
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*The beautiful spring came; and when Nature resumes her loveliness,  
the human soul is apt to revive also.  
Harriet Ann Jacobs*

GGEA First Fridays  
Join GGEA members for a meet and greet!!  
April 3rd 3:00-?  
Louie's on Main Street, Garden Grove

School Board Mtg April 21  
Schools asked to attend:  
Pacifica, Hare, Bell, Jordan, Barker, Garden Park, Enders,  
Patton, Wakeham, Lawrence, Hill, Sunnyside, Post and TOSAs

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

**Online Access to Good Teaching Conference: REGISTER TODAY**

For the first time, CTA will be streaming sessions live from the 2015 Good Teaching Conference (South) to members that are not able to attend the conference in person. Registration is Free, but you must register today to get access. Click here to register: <http://bit.ly/1Eu6rih>. Those who are attending: We look forward to your feedback!

**The Virtual Pass will bring the following sessions direct to you:**

Friday - March 20, 2015

- **2:30 pm - Formative Assessment Resources: The Smarter Balanced Digital Library** - Learn about the Smarter Balanced Digital Library, a formative assessment tool that will help teachers with lesson plan design and performance tasks.

Saturday - March 21, 2015

- **9:15am - Getting Started with STEM by Introducing Engineering in the K-6th Grade Classroom** - This workshop will provide easy to implement strategies to get K-6th grade teachers started with engineering and plenty of sample project ideas to take back to school and share with your colleagues.

- **10:45am - Key to Success; Making the Common Core Standards Accessible to All Students** - This workshop focuses on instructional strategies for Mild/Moderate and General Ed teachers to use in the classroom when planning and teaching the new Common Core Standards to students with Individual Education Plans (IEP).
- **1:45pm - Using Children's Literature to Enhance Literary Skills While Engaging and Entertaining Students (K-6)** - Learn how children's literature books can enhance the joy and love of reading and writing while meeting Common Core State Standards.
- **3:15pm - Drawing Out the Best in Common Core (K-6)** - Energize your teaching and transform the way students learn with techniques that have worked with more than one million students around the world.

### **GGEA SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY - MARCH 11 through APRIL 3**

When we take action as GGEA, it is based on the information our members provide. Please let your voice be heard, and be confident that any information you provide is secure, and cannot be traced back to you as an individual. This is a GGEA survey, and the information you provide comes to GGEA only.

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. Use the link below to take you to the survey. Thank you for your input!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ggeaschoolclimate2015>

### **NCLB Reauthorization-Politics in Your Classroom**

Some 6,000 NEA members participated in a special tele-town hall this week, led by NEA President Lily Eskelsen-García, featuring a call to action on ESEA reauthorization. Senate HELP Committee Chairman Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Ranking Member Patty Murray (D-WA) announced the markup of a bipartisan ESEA bill the week of April 13, with a vote by the full Senate shortly thereafter. It is unclear how soon the Student Success Act (H.R. 5), the House version of ESEA reauthorization, could come back to the floor.

Not much time is left to be heard. The last time Congress reauthorized ESEA, it did not listen enough to educators and parents-the result was a No Child Left Behind Act that has not worked for students. Don't let that happen again!

NEA's core goals for the next ESEA are:

- A new accountability system with an "opportunity dashboard"
- Less testing to give students more time to learn
- Decoupling high-stakes testing and accountability
- Ensuring qualified educators and empowering them to lead

Contact Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer now to make your voices heard! Click here for easy access: <http://educationvotes.nea.org/get-esea-right>

### **Day of the Teacher Poster Contest**

## **"Teachers are the Best in the West"**

Posters by students are due to the GGEA office by Tuesday, March 24. There are many opportunities for students to win a prize at their grade level. The grand prize winner's poster will be mass produced to share at our schools and in the community. See flyer for details: [PosterContest](#)

## **Board Of Directors Election**

If you are interested in becoming more involved with GGEA, you may want to run for the GGEA Board of Directors. Declaration of Candidacy forms are due to the GGEA office by Friday, March 27. We will be holding elections for 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, and Segment Directors for each level. If you have any questions feel free to contact any GGEA board members, or call the GGEA office.

## **Discovery Streaming: Webinar**

On March 26, GGEA will host Part 2 of Integrating Technology into Instruction from 3:30-4:45 at the GGEA Office. Enrollment is limited so email [jennyg@ggea.org](mailto:jennyg@ggea.org) to sign up ASAP. If you sign up, but are unable to attend, please let us know so we can contact those on our waiting list. The focus of this training will be close reading.

## **GGEA Spring Break Office Hours**

GGEA offices will be open during Spring Break  
Monday, April 6- Thursday, April 9 from 8:30-12:30

## ***REMINDERS***

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

The CTA Orange Service Center will be holding CalSTRS Retirement Workshops for members on May 16 in Orange. The workshops cost \$10. Please see the flyer for further information: [RetireInfo](#)

### **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: [2014TAX](#)

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 <http://www.ggea.org>

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: March 25 and April 29 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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