



AD NOTES



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March 4th - Statewide Action

As detailed in a separate flier, GGEA is organizing a local demonstration as part of a collaborative statewide effort on March 4th. All public education stakeholders will be joining in this effort, including the California School Board Association, the Association of California School Administrators, the Parent Teacher Association, the California School Employees Association, and the California Teachers Association. **We need as much participation as possible. I urge you to join us in making our collective voice heard!** The demonstration will be held from 3:30- 5:30 at the intersection of Beach Blvd. and Trask Ave. All GGEA members in attendance will receive a free GGEA t-shirt.

Job Share Networking Meeting

The District recently agreed to allow "trading" to help job share partners who need to go back to the classroom full-time. This agreement is only for the formation of job shares for the 2010-2011 school year and may not be a possibility in the future. In order to accommodate current job share partners interested in a trade and teachers who wish to form a job share, **GGEA will host a Job Share Networking Meeting on Monday, March 1st.** The meeting will be held in the GGEA Office and will start at 3:30 pm. If you will be attending, please notify the office. Also, the Job Share PowerPoint Presentation and the Dissolving Job Shares Frequently Asked Questions have been posted on the GGEA website under "Member Resources".

Personal Email Addresses

We have almost 1,000 personal email addresses on record for the GGEA emailing list! If you have not already done so, please email me (cfrancis@ggea.org) using your personal email address with the following information: first name, last name, and school site. **If you have already submitted this information, please make sure that cfrancis@ggea.org is in your address book.** Messages to some members are being blocked or placed into the junk folder.

Good Teaching Conference

There are still 7 available slots for the Good Teaching Conference, which will be held in Los Angeles from March 12-14. If you are interested, please contact the GGEA Office as soon as possible. This is an excellent opportunity to learn classroom ideas from fellow teachers statewide.

GGEA/GGUSD Contract Calendar Guidelines

The following information is the contractual guidelines for establishing each school year calendar. Based on previous input from GGEA Contract Surveys, this is unlikely to change for the 2010-2011 school year. Keep these dates in mind when giving your input through the 2010-2011 Contract Survey. These are tentative guidelines because we have not reach agreement with the District on the calendar. This will be done in the next session of negotiations, which will not begin until May.

- Opening Date For Teachers: Day after Labor Day (September 7, 2010)
- Veterans' Day: November 11 (Thursday, November 11, 2010)
- Thanksgiving Recess: Fourth Thursday in November and the following Friday (November 26-27)
- Winter Recess: Begins Monday prior to December 25 (December 20-31)
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: Third Monday in January (January 17, 2011)
- Lincoln Day: If it falls on a Saturday, the holiday will be Friday (February 11, 2011)
- Presidents Day: Third Monday in February (February 21, 2011)
- Spring Recess: To be negotiated
- Memorial Day: Last Monday in May (May 30, 2011)
- Local Holiday: To be negotiated (will be dependent on Contract Survey feedback and the placement of Spring Recess)

As communicated earlier, there still exists the possibility of Budget Cut Days for the 2010-2011 school year. The placement of these days, if implemented, will be decided through the negotiations process. The direction the GGEA Board of Directors gives the team will be dependent upon Contract Survey feedback as well. Again, these are tentative dates to use as a guideline; they are not set in stone.

Universal Studios Promotion

Universal City, California - In recognition of the importance of education and the vital role played by educators in our communities, Universal Studios Hollywood is paying homage to teachers and school personnel with a "Salute to Educators" program, inviting all California educators to receive a free theme park admission ticket, good through March 31, 2010.

All California K through 12 primary / secondary public, private and charter school teachers and school personnel with valid employee, association/union and photo identification are eligible for the free one-day theme park general admission ticket. Eligible educators can also enjoy a 50 percent savings on the purchase of up to three additional general admission tickets for friends and family. (Tickets are valid for day of purchase only.) More information is available at www.UniversalStudiosHollywood.com/salute.

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