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AD NOTES

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Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best.

Bob Talbert

Affordable Housing for Teachers - Interested ?

A developer, who approached GGEA, has proposed a project that will provide affordable housing for teachers and other public employees in the central Garden Grove area. These brand new two bedroom/two bath townhomes with attached two car garages will be priced around \$360-370 K. Our very own OCTFCU has an Education Mortgage Program available that provides teachers 100% financing with NO PMI. If this project is of interest to you, please contact Eric at the GGEA office by email at president@ggea.org. Your help will be needed in moving this project forward.

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**. There are spaces available on the following Wednesday dates: March 12th and 26th and April 26th but the appointments are set on a first come, first served basis. Appointment times begin at 3 PM. Call the GGEA Office if you wish to schedule an appointment.

GGEA NEA RA Delegate Election - March 10th - 14th

GGEA is conducting an election to determine the delegates we will be sending this summer to represent us at the NEA Representative Assembly in Washington DC. There are two different ballots for this election-one for the local (GGEA) and one for the state (Orange Service Center). Please take the time to cast your vote(s) for our members. Helping our members get elected as state delegates allows us to send a larger group to represent you. Your involvement does make a difference and allows GGEA a voice at the national level.

You can make a difference through your actions!
New Teacher Meeting

The GGEA New Teacher Committee will be hosting a New Teacher Mixer on Thursday, March 13th at 4 PM. It will take place at the El Torito located at 15042 Goldenwest Avenue in Westminster. **All teachers are encouraged to attend.** This is an opportunity for both new and permanent teachers to gather together outside of school in a social setting. Put it on your calendar and we look forward to seeing you there!

GGEA Evaluation Goals Grievance

GGEA resolved an Association Grievance with the District re: evaluation goals for teachers. Goals are to be mutually determined meaning they are **NOT** necessarily school goals, department goals, principal dictated goals, or forced in a particular subject area. If you have goals that you feel are in violation this agreement/contract, please contact the GGEA Office.

Campaign Against Hunger

H.O.P.E. is currently helping out in the 11th Annual Campaign to Fight Hunger. Help give HOPE to the many families in our area who need assistance with food, clothing, and shelter. Your assistance with any donation will be of great value to these individuals and families. For further information, call Gayle Knight at 714-539-4357. Thanks again for your continued support!

B.A.S.I.C.

The District, upon the request of GGEA, is offering Behavioral Analysis for Successfully Initiating Change (B.A.S.I.C.) training for some of our teachers. This training encourages a proactive approach to dealing with students including proper ways to restrain when necessary. There are two remaining sessions this year in April that will be held at the Orange County Department of Education. If you are interested in attending this training, you are encouraged to contact Anna at the Office of Special Education at #663-6191.

Important Upcoming Dates:

March 11	Segment Meetings	3:30 PM
March 25	GGEA Rep Council	3:30 PM
April 1	Segment Meetings	
April 4-6	CTA State Council	Los Angeles
April 7-11	Spring Break	
April 22	GGEA Rep Council – Guest Dan Vaughn, CTA Sec/Treasurer	