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Have a Restful Thanksgiving Holiday

2006 CTA Scholarships for Dependent Children

The California Teachers Association is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the 2006 CTA Scholarship for Dependent Children. Twenty-five (25) - \$2000 scholarships will be awarded. One scholarship is designated for a student attending continuation high school in memory of Del A. Weber. One scholarship is designated as the Ralph J. Flynn Memorial Scholarship and is awarded to the highest scoring applicant.

Applications are available at www.cta.org. Click on "Resources" and then click "Scholarships". Also, you can call the GGEA office and we will send you an application via district mail. There are also other scholarship opportunities available at the CTA website. Please note that these scholarships are **not** the GGEA scholarships that will be available later this school year.

Renewing Your Credentials On-Line

If you hold a Clear, Professional, or Professional Clear teaching credential or a 30 Day Sub Permit, you can renew on-line. Please follow these easy steps:

1. Access the CCTC website at www.ctc.ca.gov
2. Click on "Renew Your Credential"
3. Click on "Renew your Credential On-Line" and follow the instructions.
4. Print a copy of your confirmation.

Your credential will be processed and mailed to you within 10 days. Once received, send a copy to Wendy or Michele in the Credentials Office. Also, **do not renew on-line if your credential has already expired**. In this event, please call Wendy (x6349) or Michele (x6410) for assistance.

Great News for Holiday Shoppers!

The GGUSD payroll department worked diligently so that both the pay raise **and** retroactive pay could be included in your November 30th paychecks. This is an unexpected but very welcome surprise at this time of the year. If you have the opportunity, please be sure to thank the employees in the payroll department.

Good Teaching Conference Opportunities

GGEA would like to send some of its members to the CTA Good Teaching Conferences taking place March 10-12, 2006 in Hollywood. The conferences are designed to support excellent teaching and learning practices for classroom teachers. Offering a variety of diverse workshops in curriculum content areas for K-12 teachers, the conferences provide opportunities for professional development and offer time to network and share ideas with colleagues and experts in the field.

Segment directors will be discussing this at the segment meetings on Tuesday, November 22nd. Sign-up information will be given at that time. You can also call the GGEA office at 638-7480 if you would like more information. For those interested, both college credit (\$55 for 1 unit) is available in addition to the professional growth hours for attending the conference.

Because this is a popular conference, we are encouraging anyone interested to contact GGEA as soon as possible.

GGEA Discussion Forum

Do you have some great ideas to share with your fellow colleagues? Would you like to get additional input on an educational topic? Well, the GGEA web forum might be able to help you with these questions. As requested, the GGEA website (www.ggea.org) now has a web forum so that teachers can communicate with other teachers about educational issues. Once at the website, click on "Forum" and follow the simple registration instructions.

Open Enrollment for New Teachers

New teachers to the GGUSD have a 120 day window of opportunity to sign up for disability income protection or life insurance without answering any medical questions or disclosing any current or past medical issues. Since teachers in California are not covered under the state disability insurance plan, you must purchase your own policy if you so desire. The window is quickly coming to a close! If you would like more information about these products, please call UnumProvident at 1-800-282-4049.

GGEA Office Hours for Winter Recess

The Garden Grove Education Association will be closed over the winter recess from Monday, December 19, 2005 through Monday, January 2, 2006. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2006 resuming regular office hours of 8 AM to 5 PM. We will be periodically checking phone messages over the break. However, if an emergency arises, please call the Orange Service Center at (714) 978-8861.

OCTFCU Member Education Award

OCTFCU has created the MEA to help hard-working students finance their higher education. Scholarships from \$500 to \$2000 can be used for educational expenses. For more information, visit www.octfcu.org and click on the MEA Scholarship button located under 'Top Stories'.