



MEA UPDATE

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello MEA members! I hope this update finds you healthy and well even with the less than perfect weather. I just cannot believe how close we are to the end of the year. Didn't we just have Spring Break? I have been coming out to quite a few elementary buildings to talk about planning time. If I have not made it to your building yet be looking for me in the near future.

As for Ellie and Ben, they are quite busy these days. Ben is trying so hard to be like Ellie. He now takes his binky out of his mouth, grabs a book, and heaves himself up on the couch to "read" books. It is so cute to listen to him jabber on and on with facial expressions and all. As for Ellie, she is trying really hard to be more patient. I would like to think that all of my coaching about being a big helper is paying off and then we take three steps backward when I ask, "Why is Ben crying?" She looks right at me and, without missing a beat, says, "Because I pushed him." We are so close!

As we close out the school year a very special thank you for all your hard work and dedication this school year. Please enjoy the few weeks off this summer to relax and

recharge and I look forward to seeing everyone in August!

IMPORTANT DATES

The Millard Public Schools Foundation is having their First Annual Strides Walk on **Saturday, August 21st at Zorinsky Lake.** **The event will begin at 8:00 am.** This will be a 5K walk/run. Elementary students will be designing the t-shirts! MEA is proud to be the Presenting Sponsor for this event that will be raising money for students at every school in Millard. More information will be in buildings this week.

Click on the link below to register:

<http://www.mpsfoundation.org/NetCommunity/Document.Doc?id=1186>

The MEA will have its Second Annual "Walk for Students" in the Millard Days Parade. The parade is on **Saturday, August 28th.** **We will begin lining up at 9:00 am.** Last year we had so much fun giving out crayons and colored pencils to the students of Millard. We hope to have an excellent turnout again in 2010! I will send out more information in August when we are back at school.

Corporate Cup is Sunday, September 19th.

Please click on the link below to sign up for this annual event. Registration will take place online through the ALA. T-Shirts will be available from Millard as well. The t-shirt order forms will be coming to you in the fall.

The website is: www.omahacorporatecup.org

Then click on: "Click here to Create or Join a Team."

There is a Cycling Challenge on **Sunday, August 15, 2010.** This event raises money to help Eastern Nebraska Trails. Please click on the following link to register. You will register as an individual.

<http://www.corporatecycling.com/>

CRYSTAL APPLE AWARD WINNERS

Our 4th Quarter Winner of the Crystal Apple Award sponsored by Horace Mann is Barb Asmus, 1st grade teacher at Bryan Elementary. A special thank you to Mama's Pizza and Joslyn Art Museum for their donations to all out winners this year. Please click on the link below to view a picture of Barb receiving her award.

<http://www.millardmea.org/media/CA4BARB.jpg>

Our Teacher of the Year is Lynette Dergan, media specialist at Andersen Middle School. A special thank you to Horace Mann for providing a donation this year to pay for all the awards and a special gift for our Teacher of the Year.

Please click on the link below to view Lynette receiving her award.

http://millardmea.org/media/Lynette_2.jpg

MEA AWARDS

Congratulations to our Rookie of the Year Matt Aschoff from MNMS. Matt is a first-year math teacher in Millard this year. Matt was selected because of his ability to connect with students and use of technology in his classroom. Matt's students look forward to learning in his classroom.

Congratulations to our Building Rep. of the Year, Kristen McKenney. Kristen is a SPED teacher at Rohwer. She attended monthly meetings, distributed information, and helped members in her building. A very special thank you to all her hard work.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

As we approach the fall this will be a busy time for politics. If you are interested in serving on the GRC committee please email Paul Schulte through GroupWise. In the email please include a personal email address, as we are not allowed to pass along political information through the school email system.

CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP

Your membership to the MEA is continuous. This means that you will be a member next year and your coverage will be in place as we start the school year in August. If you wish

to discontinue your membership you need to contact the MEA Office in writing by June 1. If you have any questions please contact Molly Erickson via email in GroupWise.

NSEA CHILDREN'S FUND GOLF TOURNAMENT

The NSEA Children's Fund Golf Tournament is on Tuesday, June 8th at Yankee Hill Golf Course in Lincoln. This event raises money for the Children's Fund and increases public awareness of its purpose. The MEA sponsors a hole along with a 4-person team. If you are interested in golfing please contact Molly Erickson via email by Friday, May 28th.

PRESIDENT'S DINNER

Thank you to all the retirees who were able to attend the President's Dinner. We honored 32 retirees at Shadow Ridge Country Club. A special thank you to Vintage Financial for underwriting this special night. Please click on the link below to view the retirees that were honored.

<http://www.millardmea.org/media/Retirees2010.JPG>

RETIREE LUNCHEON AND MEETING

We have two events planned for those retiring or planning on retiring in the next few years.

First, there will be a luncheon on **Wednesday, June 16th at 12:00 noon at Valentino's on 108th in between L St. and Q St.** Please contact Sharon Brown with any questions at 331-8065.

Second, there is a retirement session for those retiring or considering retiring in the next few years. Bob Lykke, former MPS teacher and administrator, and Pam Boosalis, retiring MPS teacher, are presenting this class. **It will be held on Tuesday, June 29th from 9:00-10:30 am at a location TBD.** To receive more information about this class please email Bob at rmlykke@cox.net or Pam at boohouse@cox.net so they can put you on their email list. Please click on the link below for more information.

<http://www.millardmea.org/media/2010retirementflyer.pdf>

BOWLING WITH MEA

The Communication's Committee is in the process of setting up a bowling league for the fall. If you would like to join please email Tom Whisinnand, Communications Chair, via GroupWise.