



MEA UPDATE

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello and welcome to the 2010-2011 school year. Is it really possible that we are back already? I hope that you are having a wonderful start back at the buildings and with the students. I really do love this time of year!

For those of you who missed the Ellie and Ben stories over the summer I wanted to let you know that they are actually getting along much better! There were actual moments over the summer when they played together! Ben is really talking up a storm. He loves to "read" books and sing songs! Ellie still loves playing with her dollhouse. If we were not playing outside in the pool we were playing with dolls in the dollhouse. If Ben tries to play with the dolls we have issues. Needless to say we had a wonderful summer of playing outside and just spending time together!

I wish you an amazing school year. I look forward to being out in buildings and seeing all of you this year. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help in your buildings or classrooms! I love to be out helping teachers and students! ☺

IMPORTANT DATES

1ST ANNUAL STRIDES 5K

The Millard Public Schools Foundation is having their First Annual STRIDES Run/Walk on Saturday, August 21st at Zorinsky Lake. The event will begin at 8:00 am. This will be a 5K walk/run. MEA is proud to be the Presenting Sponsor for this event that will be raising money for students at every school in Millard. We need volunteers! You can click on the link below for volunteer opportunities. If you would like to volunteer please email Molly Erickson at your earliest convenience. You can also click on the link below to register for the race.

Click on the link below to register or see volunteer opportunities:

<http://www.millardmea.org/>

MILLARD DAYS PARADE

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 10:00 am. We are in the Faith-Westwood Parking Lot and are Number 104. If you participated last year please wear your Red MEA Shirt.

If you do not have an MEA shirt we will have those available at the parade. 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!

CORPORATE CUP

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.

The website is: www.omahacorporatecup.org
Then click on: "Click here to Create or Join a Team."

After you register, if you would like a Millard Corporate Cup Team T-Shirt please click on the following link. Shirt orders need to be in no later than Friday, September 3rd.
<http://millardmea.org/media/10CorporateCupshirts.pdf>

2010-2011 PAY RATES

You will receive an email from the district in the next week or so with your new pay rate for the 2010-2011 school year. Please check this with your own records to be sure it is correct. Remember that the contract is from September to August. If you have any questions about how to figure your new salary please do not hesitate to ask. Just email Molly via Group Wise or call at 731-0400.

CRYSTAL APPLE AWARD

MEA and Horace Mann are proud to present the Crystal Apple Award for Teaching Excellence again this year. If you have an exceptional teacher in your building or on your team, please nominate them by clicking on the link below. We have a new nomination form this year that is quick and easy to complete. Please email your

nomination to Molly Erickson by Friday, October 1st, 2010.

Click on the link, then on Crystal Apple Nomination Form.

<http://www.millardmea.org/>

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. We are just sending out questionnaires to Millard School Board Candidates. Interviews will be held early in September so please let us know, at your earliest convenience, if you are interested in helping.

NEW TEACHER LUNCH

Thank you to all of the MEA Building Reps who helped at the New Teacher Lunch. The MEA hosted a lunch for the 144 new teachers in Millard. We signed up quite a few new teachers with the help of all of our building reps sitting at each table! If you know a new teacher in your building please be sure to welcome them to Millard!

MEA CALENDAR

Check out the MEA Calendar on our website. This will tell you where and when our board, reps, committees, and other fun activities are happening. Please click on the link below to see when the Communications, Government Relations, and Membership Committees are meeting. This calendar will be updated throughout the year.

<http://www.millardmea.org/about/calendar.htm>

**TEACHER APPRECIATION NIGHT WITH
THE OMAHA ROYALS**

Thursday, August 26th at 7:05 pm the Omaha Royals take on the Iowa Cubs. Teachers are eligible for prizes throughout the game. Teachers receive a complimentary ticket and up to 4 tickets for their families at \$4 each with a school ID. To register for the game please call Dave Endress at 738-5116 or email dave.endress@oroyals.com.