



MEA UPDATE

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello everyone and welcome to a new and exciting school year. I am in my second year as president, which is dangerous because people now will expect me to know what I am doing!! I would like to start with an update. Ellie, my two-year-old loved the Keith Urban concert! She is now telling us that she wants to go see him again. However, next time she would like to take her guitar with her and sing with him on stage. We are in so much trouble!! ☺ Ben is now 11 months and all over the place. He walks around furniture, climbs the stairs, finds the play dough that Ellie drops on the floor. Then, when we take things away he says, "Uh-Oh!" There is never a dull moment!

I was out at Ezra for the first day of school! Everyone seemed so excited for school to start. There was such a buzz in the air. I hope that all of you had similar experiences for the first day.

A very sincere thank you for all that you do for the kids of Millard. We are a nationally recognized district because of all of the hard work you put forth every day. Best wishes for an amazing year. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help!!

CONTRACT APPROVED

The teacher contract for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years has passed. The final

vote count was 611 - yes (78%) and 170 - no (22%). The nurse contract for the same years has also passed. 8 - yes (100%) and 0 - no (0%). The MPS School Board approved both contracts on Monday, August 17th. For a copy of the complete contracts please click on the link below.

Nurse Agreement

<http://millardmea.org/media/2009-2011NurseAgreement.pdf>

Teacher Agreement

<http://millardmea.org/media/2009-2011Agreement.pdf>

SEPTEMBER PAYCHECK

Following up with the previous article, please be sure to check your September 10th paycheck for accuracy. I hope that you checked your statement from Chad Meisgeier to ensure accuracy. Along with that you should check this amount with your September paycheck. If you have grad hours that you just turned in on September 1st and they are not there, confirming that these will be on your next check and that they will be prorated is a good idea. Extra duty pay will not start until the October paycheck. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask.

CRYSTAL APPLE AWARD

Nominations are needed for the Crystal Apple Award. This award is given once a quarter to an outstanding teacher in Millard. They are awarded a Crystal Apple and a small token of thanks from the MEA. To nominate a teacher in your building please click on the link below and click on Crystal Apple Award Nomination Form. Deadline for the first award is October 16.

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

MEA SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was just approved by our building reps last year. The MEA has four (4) \$500 scholarships available for the spring semester. Two of these will be allocated for teachers with 5 years or less experience. Two will be allocated for those with 6+ years experience. To apply for this scholarship please click on the link below for the application and more details.

http://www.millardmea.org/media/MEA_Teacher_Scholarship.pdf

MILLARD DAYS PARADE

Thank you to everyone who was able to make it out to walk in the Millard Days Parade with the MEA!! We know that because of 194th Day obligations some of you were not able to attend. The communication committee would love to see everyone out again to keep this a tradition for the teachers of Millard to be part of this event every year!! Look in the next update for pictures of this fun event!! ☺

REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

Representative Assembly was in San Diego, California this year. Melissa Brendel, Molly

Erickson, Mike Foyt, Sandi Hansen, Erin Shirmang-Ward, Paul Schulte, Becky Scherbring, and Katie Tessin were in attendance representing the MEA.

Click on the link below to see more pictures of the fun!!

http://www.millardmea.org/about/ra_05.htm

FULBRIGHT TEACHER EXCHANGE

The Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program provides opportunities for K-12 teachers to participate in direct one-to-one exchanges of positions with colleagues from other countries for a semester or academic year. Participating countries for 2010-2011 are the Czech Republic, France, Ghana, Hungary, India, Mexico, South Africa, Switzerland, Turkey and the United Kingdom. By living and working in the cultures of their host countries, exchange teachers gain an understanding and appreciation of the similarities and differences in national cultures and education systems. Deadline for application is October 15. Please visit www.fulbrightteacherexchange.org for application forms and more information on both programs.

SAVE THE DATE

On Thursday, November 5th from 4:30 - 6:00 at DSAC there will be a retirement seminar for those of you thinking about retiring this year. More details to come!!