



MEA UPDATE

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President's Corner

It's hard for me to believe it's already the end of April. I think part of the reason is that even though it's the end of April, there's still a chance of snow this week. I am clearly ready for Spring!! I hope the testing is going smoothly in your buildings. Having served as a proctor for the last few years, I know it can create a lot of stress and anxiety over how your students are doing. Trust in your instruction and how you have prepared them. I trust that Millard will continue to perform well on our tests!

Calendar

The school board will be discussing the district calendar tonight. The district and I have received a lot of feedback throughout the year about the calendar, and I feel that the MEA was instrumental in bringing the topic up for discussion at the board meeting. I will be speaking to the board on how the calendar has affected the instruction and curriculum delivery this year with multiple short weeks as well as over the new spring break schedule. I am hopeful that the board will reconsider the calendar and approve a more traditional calendar based off of previous years. I will update you more after the board's decision.

MEA Scholarships

Just a reminder that MEA Scholarship applications for summer classes are due on April 29th. We award four \$500 scholarships each semester. You can find the scholarship application on the MEA website. This is a way to help current MEA members who are going back to school. It's also a great way to help recoup a portion of your dues! You are eligible to win the scholarship once within a calendar year. Please consider applying and letting MEA help pay for your college classes!

The School Bond

MEA needs your help!! We need to be supportive of the new school bond issue that will be voted on May 14th. There are many opportunities for you to help Millard Families for Safe Schools. They are asking for teachers to help call potential voters and answer questions about the bond. The evenings include:

April 24, 2013 5:30-8:00pm

April 29, 2013 5:30-8:00pm

April 30, 2013 5:30-8:00pm

They are also looking for volunteers to walk neighborhoods and deliver yard signs. If you are interested in finding out how you can help, please contact Pete Botkin at pete@millardsafeschools.org or call him at 402-630-5654. The MEA needs to do what we can to help pass this bond issue! Please help in any way that you can. Thanks!

Negotiations Committee

The MEA Negotiations Committee will be meeting on Saturday, April 27th, 2013 at the MEA offices, located at 4204 S. 57th Street. The meeting will start at 9am with a light breakfast. We will review the survey results and discuss options of how to proceed as negotiations start. If you are interested in attending please email me so I have an accurate count for breakfast. This is a great introduction to the negotiations process and allows you to have a voice as we decide what our priorities should be as we enter into negotiations. If you want your voice to be heard, please consider attending the meeting!

MEA Student Scholarship

Congratulations to the following students for receiving the MEA \$1000 scholarship. They are Frank Perrone-MSHS, Anna Wagemann-MWHS, and Meghann Torchia-MWHS. They will attend the Millard Public Schools Foundation Hall of Fame Banquet, where they will receive their scholarships. The MEA Scholarship was created to help students who have parents that belong to MEA, as well as students who are considering an education major. As your students approach graduation, please consider having them apply for this scholarship!

Rich Pahls for City Council

Rich Pahls, a former Millard teacher and administrator, has asked for volunteers to help with his city council campaign. If you would like to help, please contact him at richpahls@gmail.com.

Sen. Kolowski Town Hall Forum

The MEA will host a town hall forum with Sen. Kolowski on May 6, 2013 from 7-9pm. It will be hosted at the MPS Foundation building. Please come visit with Sen. Kolowski and learn more about what's happening in the Legislature.

Crystal Apple Award

The MEA would like to congratulate Dale Robinson, audiologist at Hitchcock, for winning the Crystal Apple Award for the 2nd quarter. The 3rd quarter winner will be announced soon. We are currently accepting nominations for the 4th quarter, which can be found on the MEA website. Thank you to Todd Adams and Horace Mann for providing the funding for the Crystal Apple Awards!

MEA Membership

MEA Membership is continuous, meaning you will continue to be a member for the 2013-2014 school year. However, if you would like to cancel your membership, you will need to email Paul Schulte between May 1 and June 1, 2013, stating that you would like to discontinue your membership for the 2013-2014 school year. If you have any questions or concerns about your membership, please feel free to contact me.

If you know someone in your building who would like to become a member for 2013-2014, please have them see their building representative for enrollment yet this year!