



MEA UPDATE

Millard Education Association

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President's Corner

Welcome to the 2012-2013 school year! It's hard to believe that summer is over, especially with this lingering heat. I hope that everyone has had a great start to your year. As a former Kindergarten teacher, I always looked forward to meeting those new students and welcoming them to their first experiences in Millard Public Schools. They were always so excited to be there, and thrilled as they experienced something new. I have been feeling the same way, as I start my first term as your MEA President. I'm extremely excited to represent all the members across the district and look forward to working with you this year.

This summer found many of your MEA and NSEA leaders busy attending Representative Assembly in Washington D.C., as well as attending New Leader Institute. We have some great ideas to start the year and hope you will all find ways to become more involved with the MEA.

I hope that you all have an incredible school year. I plan on visiting many of the buildings throughout the district and having a chance to meet as many members as possible. If there's anything I can do to help you or your building, please feel free to contact me any time.

New CBA for 2012-2014

In the spring, you should have received an email with our Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2012-2014, along with a summary page of the contract. This is also provided on the MEA website, and the links are provided below.

Link to 2012-2104 CBA:

http://millardmea.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/CBATentativeMEA-MPS_2.pdf

Link to 2012-2014 Summary Page:

<http://millardmea.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/PPTforEmail12-2.pdf>

2012-2013 Salary Placement Email

The district will be sending out your 2012-2013 Salary Placement email soon. Please check with your own records to make sure it's correct. In accordance with our new contract, your salary will be calculated differently from previous years. The email should clarify how your salary was calculated, whether you benefited from the % increase or if you benefited from the formula. Then it will also explain how your graduate hours will be calculated in. The MEA is working closely with the district to make sure everyone's salary is correct. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Vacancies for Building Representatives and Board of Directors

Currently there are leadership opportunities for Building Reps as well as Board of Directors positions. Below is a list of openings. If interested, please email me at your earliest convenience. Nominations will be accepted until the September 10th Building Representative meeting. If there are multiple nominations for the positions, we will hold elections in September. I have also attached the list of Building Reps and the Board of Directors at the end of the Update.

Board of Directors: 2 Elementary Directors, 1 High School Director

Building Reps: Ezra, Harvey Oaks, Neihardt, Kiewit Middle, MSAP, and YAP

MEA Teacher Scholarship

Every semester the MEA awards scholarships to members that are pursuing a Master's Degree. We have three (3) \$500 scholarships available each semester. Please submit your application to Paul Schulte via email or school mail before September 7th, 2012. Click on the link below for the application:

[http://millardmea.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/MEA Teacher Scholarship.pdf](http://millardmea.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/MEA%20Teacher%20Scholarship.pdf)

MEA New Teacher Lunch

Thanks to all the Building Reps and Board members that helped at the New Teacher Lunch. The MEA hosted a lunch for nearly 120 new teachers in Millard. We signed up

77 new members by providing materials at the lunch and having our representatives visit with the new teachers. If you know of new teachers in your building, please welcome them to Millard. If they are interested in joining, please have them contact your Building Rep.

Government Relations Committee

There are opportunities for all members to get involved with the Government Relations Committee. We will be conducting MPS School Board candidate interviews in September. If you are interested and contribute to the PAC (Political Action Committee), you are eligible to be a part of the interview team. For emails regarding political topics, please be sure to use your home email account and contact me at meapresident@hotmail.com.

Please check the MEA website for other opportunities to be more involved in your community.

MEA Website

Hopefully you have noticed that the MEA website has gone through some changes in the past few months. I am currently working to update all of the links as well as the calendar. I have included the calendar in the MEA Update, listing all of our BR meetings as well as the Board of Director's meetings. These dates will eventually be updated on the website. Our goal is to have a more "user-friendly" website to better communicate with the members and serve the membership. If you ever find any errors on the website, please contact the MEA office or email me at meapresident@hotmail.com.

2012-2013 Board of Directors and Building Representatives

President: Paul Schulte

Vice President: Marsha Edquist

Recording Secretary: Erin Shirmang-Ward

Treasurer: Tom Whisinnand

Elementary Directors: Melissa Brendel **VACANT** **VACANT**

Middle Level: Jason Boatwright, Kendra Kortus

High School Level: Tim Royers **VACANT**

Director-At-Large: Reynee Shanahan, Cama Charlet

Abbott: Jill Classen

Ackerman: Lori Cork, Jodi Critser

Aldrich: Dianne Vanourney

Black Elk: Rhea Hedstrom, Casey Hoffman

Bryan: Kristen Allen

Cather: Susan DeRoy

Cody: Carrie Swift

Cottonwood: Nitra Arlton-Doyle, Natalie Webber

Disney: Chris Janovec

Ezra Millard: **VACANT**

Harvey Oaks: **VACANT**

Hitchcock: **VACANT**

Holling Heights: Bruce Noble

Montclair: Sue Dunning, Elizabeth Smith

Morton: Elizabeth Engelbart

Neihardt: **VACANT**

Norris: Tyler Hottovy

Reagan: Paul Markley, Kate McGee

Reeder: Kerri Brodersen

Rockwell: John Becker, Shanna Wilwerding

Rohwer: Julie Schneider

Sandoz: Lynda Johns, Sarah Haver, Tonya Dykstra

Upchurch: Amanda Reinhart, Bethany Rowlee

Wheeler: Joyce Pawlenty

Willowdale: Julie Jernstrom

Andersen Middle: John Deeney, Michelle Lupardus

Beadle Middle: Gayle Jeffers, Amy Thalken

Central Middle: Amanda Parker, Sabine Fleshner

Kiewit Middle: **VACANT**

North Middle: Oscar Gonzalez

Russell Middle: Natasha Ludwig Page, Sharon Williamson

Horizon High: Sara Baily

North High: Sandra Drummond, Dave Patten, Sherryl Shannon, Paul Gabel

South High: Stephanie Beisch, Christine Kaldahl, Laura Powers, Tyler Renken, Megan Weber

West High: Candida Kraska, Jason Krska, Fred Robertson, Nathan Seggerman

Witt: Diane Howard

MSAP: **VACANT**

YAP: **VACANT**

2012-13 MEA Meeting Dates

Board of Directors Meetings

July 31	Board Retreat—Sempek’s Bowling	10am
August 27	Board Meeting—MEA Office	4:30pm
September 25	Board Meeting—MEA Office	5pm
October 30	Board Meeting—MEA Office	5pm
November 27	Board Meeting—MEA Office	5pm
December 18	Board Meeting—MEA Office	5pm
January 29	Board Meeting—MEA Office	5pm
February 26	Board Meeting—MEA Office	5pm
March 26	Board Meeting—MEA Office	5pm
April 30	Board Meeting—MEA Office	5pm
May 21	Board Meeting—MEA Office	5pm

Building Rep Meetings

August 3	Building Rep-New Teacher Lunch—MSHS	10:00am
September 10	Building Rep Meeting—MPS Foundation Building	4:30pm
September 24	“Rookie” Teacher Rights Meeting—MPS Foundation Building	4:30pm
October 1	Building Rep Meeting—MPS Foundation Building	4:30pm
November 5	Building Rep Meeting—MPS Foundation Building	4:30pm
December 3	Building Rep Meeting—MPS Foundation Building	4:30pm
January 7	Building Rep Meeting—MPS Foundation Building	4:30pm
February 4	Building Rep Meeting—MPS Foundation Building	4:30pm
March 4	Building Rep Meeting—MPS Foundation Building	4:30pm
April 1	Building Rep Meeting—MPS Foundation Building	4:30pm
May 6	Building Rep Meeting—MPS Foundation Building	4:30pm

Vintage Financial Meetings—DSAC at 4:30pm

September 18, November 8, January 29, March 5