



MEA UPDATE

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello everyone!! I hope that this Update finds you well and ready for Spring Break! It is hard to focus on teaching when all you want is to get outside and enjoy the sunshine!

Where to start with the kid stories this month? They are growing up and are now starting to interact with one another. It is so cute. Ben sneaks up on Ellie, takes the toy she is playing with and runs. Ellie begins screaming at the top of her lungs to give it back. Ben begins screaming because he is having so much fun. I begin screaming because Ellie is about to tackle her brother who is half her size. They are so cute at this age!

We took Ellie to Disney on Ice this weekend. She loved the ice-skating princesses and their beautiful dresses. However, when we asked her what her favorite part was she said, after some thought, "Pinocchio." I was a bit surprised but said, "Did you like the whale that came out on the ice?" Which she promptly answered with, "Actually mom, that was a shark."☺ Ben will not sit through putting his shoes on right now so I do not know if we will ever be taking him anywhere where he has to be still and quiet. He would have been done just after the drive to Council Bluffs.

CRYSTAL APPLE AWARD

If you would like to nominate a teacher for the award for fourth quarter please visit the link below and email your nomination by April 16th.

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

OPEN MEA BOARD POSITIONS

The following positions are open next year on the MEA Board of Directors: High School Director and At-Large Director. If you are interested in any of these please email Kathy Gibbs via GroupWise before March 22nd.

DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

Delegate Assembly will be held in Lincoln on April 16 - 17. If you are interested in attending please email Molly Erickson by Monday, March 22nd.

REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

Representative Assembly will be in New Orleans, LA from June 30 - July 7. Will they be done celebrating the Super Bowl victory? Nebraska will be staying at the Chateau Burboun. For more information, or if you are interested in attending, please email Molly Erickson by Monday, March 22nd.

RETIREMENT PLANNING WORKSHOP

Vintage Financial is offering a free workshop for people retiring or planning their retirement. Please click on the link below, then on Retirement Workshop, for more information. To RSVP please call Mary Jo at 731-0400.

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

MEA TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP

If you are a teacher that is enrolling for graduate classes this summer or fall you can sign up for the MEA Teacher Scholarship. Two scholarships are given to a new teacher (1-5 years of experience) as well as two scholarships for experienced teachers (6+ years of experience) for each semester. Please click on the link below to fill out the application. Application for summer and fall scholarships are due to the MEA Office by Wednesday, March 31st.

http://www.millardmea.org/media/MEATeacher_Scholarship0910.pdf

MEA ELECTIONS RESULTS

At the February Building Rep. meeting there were no contested races. So, the following people were declared for the MEA Board of Directors for the 2010-2011 school year:
Molly Erickson - President
Paul Schulte - Vice President
Erin Shirmang-Ward - Secretary
Becky Scherbring - Elementary Director
Jason Weber - Middle Level Director

PROCOM MINUTES

The Professional Committee (ProCom) is made up of district administration and teachers from all three levels. This group meets four times a year to discuss current trends and issues. The four topics discussed on March 4th were budget issues, elementary hours, LCCC/Legislative update, and engagement. For the complete minutes from this meeting, please click on the link below.

<http://millardmea.org/leaders/procom.htm?1268067651>

TAX INFORMATION

This is a reminder that you can claim your MEA dues on your tax return. Please click on the following link for valuable tax information you can print!

<http://www.millardmea.org/members/dues.htm>

NOMINATIONS NEEDED

We all work with amazingly talented teachers everyday. Please nominate a spectacular rookie teacher that is in his/her first year of teaching. Please email Molly Erickson with the name and building of the rookie teacher and why they are deserving of the award. Also, if you have a building rep. that is excellent at getting information to you please nominate them via email. Please have these nominations to Molly by Friday, March 26th.

MASTER'S PROGRAM THROUGH CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

For those of you looking into a Master's program, Dave O'Donnell, the program director, sent this information to me. This is in no way an endorsement for the program but merely a bit of information if you are interested.

Concordia University's program offerings will include a Master's of Education in the following fields: M.Ed. in Educational Administration, M.Ed. in Literacy w/ ESL Endorsement, M.Ed. in Literacy, and M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education. The program format will include a two-year or less completion time, class one evening per week, and a lengthy summer break.

The Program Highlights:

Entire program conducted in or near your school; one night a week, same night entire program; class only 4 hours per

week, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.; no weekend classes; 2 years or less completion time, including breaks; generous summer, Christmas & holiday breaks; finish one course every 7 weeks; course make-up options available if scheduling conflicts occur; no thesis required; transfer credits considered. no GRE or other admission tests required; one course at a time provides manageable workload; courses may be used for Professional Development requirements

If interested, please call **800-956-8509** to attend the informational meeting. An RSVP is required.

Information Meetings:

Morton Middle School

4606 Terrace Drive, Omaha

Tues., March 9th @ 3:30 and 4:30 p.m.

OR

Central Middle School

12801 L. Street, Omaha

Wed., March 10th @ 3:30 and 4:30 p.m.