



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!

This was a very busy summer for the leaders of MEA and NSEA. This is a very difficult time for those of us in public education. The year will be critical as we face many more challenges ahead. I will ensure that all of you are very well informed as we all work 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! ☺

2ND ANNUAL STRIDES 5K

The Millard Public Schools Foundation is having their Second Annual STRIDES Run/Walk on Saturday, August 20th 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.

<https://www.mpsfoundation.org/netcommunity/slpage.aspx?pid=376>

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

<http://millardmea.org/media/STRIDESvolunteeropportunities10.pdf>

MILLARD DAYS PARADE

The MEA will have its Second Annual "Walk for Students" in the Millard Days Parade. The parade is on Saturday, August 27th. We will begin lining up at 10:00 am and we are spot #98. We will be handing out books, crayons and markers to children this year! We would love to have a bunch of members there to help us hand out these wonderful gifts to our students!

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 2011!

CORPORATE CUP

Corporate Cup is Sunday, September 18th. 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."

More information about Millard Team Shirts will be coming soon!

METRO BOARD VACANCY

Paul Schulte, who has been representing MEA on the Metro Board, was recently elected to the NSEA Board. Congratulations Paul! However, that now leaves Millard with a vacancy on the Metro Board. If you are interested in serving in this position for MEA, please email Molly by Friday, September 2nd for more details.

2010-2011 PAY RATES

You will receive an email from the district a week or two after August 10th 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 402-731-0400.

NEW CBA FOR 2011-2012

In the spring you received an email with our Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2011-2012 along with a summary page of the contract. If you have misplaced that information the two links below will get you to this information.

Link to 2011-2012 CBA:

<http://www.millardmea.org/media/ProposedCBATch2011-12.pdf>

Link to Summary Page of 2011-2012 CBA:

<http://millardmea.org/media/11-12NegotiationsSummary.pdf>

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, September 2nd.

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

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

MEA TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP

Every semester the MEA awards scholarship to members that are pursuing a Master's Degree. We have three (3) \$500 scholarships available each semester. Please submit the application to Molly Erickson via email or school mail before Monday, August 29th. Click on the link below for your application:

<http://www.millardmea.org/media/MEATeacherScholarship1112.pdf>

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 94 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>