



MEA UPDATE

Millard Education Association

4204 South 57th St. Omaha, Nebraska 68117 • (402) 731-0400

MEA Website: millardmea.org

Email: mberickson@mpsomaha.org (groupwise: mberickson)

Volume 3 Number 7

March 2011

MEA NIGHT OUT

The MEA Communications Committee is sponsoring a Night Out with the Beef on Friday, March 25th at 7:05 pm. Bring your friends and family for a fun night of indoor football! Please click on the link below for an order form and more details on this fun night out!! RSVPs need to be in by Friday, March 18th.

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

MEA ALL-MEMBER PICNIC

The MEA Membership Committee is hosting the First Annual All-Member Picnic on Saturday, April 30th from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm at Chalco Hills Recreation Center. The event will be catered by Hy-Vee. Please RSVP to Molly or Mary Jo at (402) 731-0400 by Friday, April 16th if you and your family can attend. Please click on the link below for more details.

<http://www.millardmea.org/media/PicnicInvite2011.pdf>

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The Bill for the CIR is LB397 - this is the shell bill that will come out of the Business and Labor Committee. So far, we are still waiting to see what will come out though Sen. Lathrop, the

chair of this committee. As more information becomes available we will let you know.

There are two ways to receive Legislative Updates. Through MPS Legislative Corps:

<http://community-involvement.mps.schoolfusion.us/modules/groups/homepagefiles/gwp/750516/1017089/File/Leg%20Corps%20Acceptance%20Form.pdf?sessionid=276bae68c4a52708f4d17c8af217586b>

Through NSEA:

<http://nsea.org/policy/LegUpdate.htm>

For maps of your legislative districts click on the link below:

<http://millardmea.org/leaders/committees/index.htm>

NSEA ELECTIONS

You should have received an email from NSEA that elections begin on Wednesday, March 9th. If not, there is a link below for voting. In this election, Molly Erickson is running for NSEA Board of Directors. The MEA Board feels it is very important to have a voice at the state level for Millard, especially during these potentially trying times. We are also supporting Alan Bone, Westside President, to be a fresh face and positive voice on this board. The Board urges you to vote sometime between March 9th and March 24th. Thank you!

www.nsea.org

NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

The MEA negotiations team and the MPS negotiations team have met 3 times. We are using the survey results as our goals for this year. Given the current budget we know this will not be easy, but we are working hard to ensure all teachers will be compensated for their time and effort. As we get closer to a final agreement more details will be included. We are also planning meetings to discuss concerns and the survey. If you would like Molly to come to your building for an update, please email her via GroupWise to set a date.

TAX INFORMATION

Your association dues are tax deductible. The amount you can claim for full-time dues for the 2009-2010 school year are \$649.20. If you need a print-out please click on the link below for a printer-friendly version of this information.

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

CRYSTAL APPLE AWARD

Our February winner is Patti Long, Media Specialist at Upchurch Elementary School.

To nominate an amazing teacher for March please click on the link below. Nominations for March need to be submitted by Friday, March 18th.

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

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Begin thinking about a new (1st year) teacher in your building that we can honor at the 2011 President's Dinner. Every year Millard nominates a first-year teacher to honor at our President's Dinner and then we go on to honor that person at the Delegate Assembly at the state level. If they win at the state level they will have a chance to compete nationally. **So, if you have a new teacher in your building that should be honored please email that to me by Friday, March 25th.**

OPEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS SEATS

The MEA Board still has a vacancy at the Middle Level for the 2011-2012 school year. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact Molly Erickson.

DA/RA

The Delegate Assembly (DA) for NSEA is being held in Omaha this year at the Embassy Suites in LaVista on April 15-16.

The MEA can send 23 delegates. **We currently have 9 members attending. Since the elections deadline has passed, the remaining delegates will now be selected on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please email Molly Erickson if you would like to attend.**

The Representative Assembly (RA) for NEA is being held in Chicago, IL from June 30 - July 7th. MEA can send 8 delegates. We currently have 6 members registered. **Since the elections deadline has passed, the remaining slots will now be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please submit your name to Molly Erickson via email by Tuesday, March 15th in order to have a slot.**

MEA TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP

Are you taking a graduate class this summer? If so, you can apply for the MEA Teacher Scholarship. Each semester the MEA give out four \$500 scholarships, two of these scholarships go to teachers in their first five years of teaching, and the other two go to teachers with more than five years of experience. The scholarship application needs to be submitted to Molly Erickson no later than Friday, April 22nd. Please click on the link below for the application.

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

AFLAC MEETINGS

The MEA has been approached by AFLAC to see if there is a need for supplemental insurance from our members. We are having three informational meetings to see if there is an interest in this coverage. All of the meetings will be at DSAC beginning at 4:30 pm. They will be held on Tuesday, March 15th, Thursday, March 24th and Thursday, March 31st. Please click on the link below for more details.

http://www.millardmea.org/media/Email_template.jpeg

Click on the following link and then on AFLAC Video for a short commercial.

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

UPCOMING VINTAGE FINANCIAL WORKSHOPS

MEA and Vintage Financial have teamed up to offer a tax preparation workshop. This class will be offered on Tuesday, March 29th at 4:30 pm at DSAC. Please click on the link below for more details.

http://www.millardmea.org/media/MEA_Flyer_planning_for_retirement_years_3-29-11.pdf