



# MEA UPDATE

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello everyone!! I hope that everyone is having an excellent second semester and is gearing up for conferences. I know that this is such a busy time of year. However, I find that I am always saying that. Do we have a time of year that is not busy anymore? Maybe at some point in July?

As I have been out and about in the district I have heard that reading about my kids is a popular section of the update. I am so glad that people enjoy hearing about them because I love to tell about them! ☺

Ellie has discovered the word "Why?" So, most of my free-time is spent answering questions about, "Why is Mufasa dead?" "Why is Ariel crying?" "Why is daddy a boy and mommy a girl?" I used to think it was so cute when kids were inquisitive!

Ben, who is now 16 months, wants to talk like his big sister so bad. He jabbers on and on and knows exactly what he is saying. I just wish that I knew what he was saying. It would make both of us much less frustrated. He also loves to dress up like Ellie. I thought my husband was going to hit the ceiling when he came home from work and Ben was wearing a skirt!

## CRYSTAL APPLE AWARD

If you would like to nominate a teacher for the award for third quarter please visit the link below and email your nomination by February 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

## READ ACROSS AMERICA

NEA Sponsors a Read Across America Program that will take place on Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. For information to use in your classroom please click on the following link:

<http://www.nea.org/grants/18737.htm>

To invite Molly Erickson, MEA President, to read in your classroom please send her an email and indicate a preferred time. She will be out reading to classrooms the entire week of March 1<sup>st</sup>.

## OPEN MEA BOARD POSITIONS

The following positions are open next year on the MEA Board of Directors: President, Vice President, Secretary, Elementary Director, Middle Level Director, and High School Director. If you are interested in any of these please email Kathy Gibbs through Groupwise.

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

Representative Assembly will be in New Orleans, LA on 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 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## BUDGET COMMITTEE

Come one...Come all...to the Millard Education Association (MEA) Annual Budget Committee Meeting!!! The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm at the Panera by Oak View Mall!!! The committee will be discussing all things financial and will be making strategic decisions about how to best spend MEA's money!! This is an opportunity for any member to become actively involved and learn about how the Millard Education Association functions!! To RSVP, please email Tom Whisinnand or Molly Erickson through Groupwise.

**Thank you for all you do for the students  
of Millard Public Schools!!!**

## LEARNING COMMUNITY UPDATE

Millard had a table at the School Fair that took place on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. There was a steady stream of parents and students that asked the Millard team about our programs. The learning community website is up and running. The link to that site is:

[www.learningcommunityds.org](http://www.learningcommunityds.org).

## NSEA 2010 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Click on the link below and then on "NSEA Legislative Update" for more information on bills in the legislature right now that could effect education.

[www.millardmea.org](http://www.millardmea.org)

## NEA MEMBER BENEFITS

Thank you so much to Jason Weber, Middle Level Director for the MEA Board of Directors, for finding some good deals of which we can all benefit! Go to [www.neamb.com](http://www.neamb.com) to register. Go to the search box in the upper right hand quarter and type in "NEA auto purchase advantage." This will direct you to the link. Then one can search for whatever car they want to search. There are discounts for \$1000 or more compared to the local dealer prices.

One more link for new cell phones. Most of them are free.

<http://www.cellstores.com/mobile/upgrades/verizon-wireless.aspx?referringdomain=AD>

## **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. Please have these to Molly by Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **PASSPORT CARD**

The passport card is available to MEA Members for a discounted rate. The Passport Card offers discounts (mainly buy one meal receive the second meal free) at many restaurants in Omaha. Please click on the link below for more details.

<http://millardmea.org/media/Passport0910.pdf>

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Every year the MEA hosts a dinner to honor those teachers who will be retiring at the end of the year. This year the President's Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> in the early evening at Shadow Ridge Country Club. More details will be coming soon.