



# MEA UPDATE

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## BENEFIT FOR THE CATTON FAMILY

There will be a benefit for Sheila Catton, a teacher at Millard North High School who recently lost her life. The fundraiser is to help her family with medical bills. **The event is being held at Mama's Pizza on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:30 pm.** It will probably go much later than this given the numbers we are planning to have. If you go please tell the staff that you are there for the Catton Family. In addition to 20% of the food cost going to the family there will also be an auction with tickets to sporting events, a Bo Pellini autographed football and various other items. We hope to see you there for this very worthy cause.

## CRYSTAL APPLE AWARD

We are looking for dedicated teachers that work hard everyday. We know that you are working among these people. Please nominate a teacher you work with for this amazing award. **The Second Quarter Nominations are due by Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Click on the link to nominate a teacher in your building!

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

## MEA TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP

Many of you are registering for your Spring Semester Graduate Classes. As you register, remember that the MEA has a \$500 scholarship available for you to help off-set the cost of tuition. Go to our website and click on "MEA Teacher Scholarship" to register today! **Applications should be in by Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

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## MEA NIGHT OUT

The Communications Committee is hosting a Night Out with the Mavericks on **Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Qwest Center.** We invite you to bring your family and friends to watch the Mavericks take on the boys from Michigan Tech. Tickets are \$8 each. Please click on the link below for more information and your order form. Orders are to be in the school mail no later than Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Communications Committee invites you to their next meeting on **Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 at the MPSF Office**. They will be meeting to select the next Crystal Apple Award Winner and to continue planning "Spring Into Books." Spring Into Books is a book drive to provide all 1<sup>st</sup> grade students in Millard with a book of their very own. Please come and join us and help us plan future events for the teachers and students of Millard!

## GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

The Government Relations Committee has posted the results of the election in regards to how our MEA/NSEA Endorsed candidates fared. Please click on the link below, then on MEA GRC Update for more details.

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

## NSEA CHILDREN'S FUND

Every MEA member sees children who face such struggles. They know of children who are underdressed in cold weather; of students who eat well only when school is in session; and of students who can't see the front of the room clearly because they receive no vision testing. Teachers frequently spend their own dollars to help these children. But teachers can't help every child. That's why NSEA created the Children's Fund. Contributions to the NSEA Children's Fund come from

teachers and businesses across the state. A golf tournament raises nearly \$20,000 a year for the Fund. Contributions are tax deductible — and it's important to note that every penny contributed goes to help children. NSEA picks up all the administrative expenses. For teachers to receive funding to help a child, there is no red tape, no form to fill out. Simply contact the NSEA at 800-742-0047 and ask for Sally Bodtke. Or e-mail her at: [sally.bodtke@nsea.org](mailto:sally.bodtke@nsea.org)

## ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Begin thinking about a new (1<sup>st</sup> year) teacher in your building that we can honor at the 2011 Delegate Assembly. 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 there they will have a chance to compete nationally as well. **So, if you have a new teacher in your building that should be honored please email that to me by Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.**

## EXTRA DUTY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The MEA and MPS Administration have met twice this school year. We are in the process of investigating job description for forensics, debate, middle level activities and music/band/drama. After we have discussed the issues within these job descriptions we will then gauge our next steps. Please continue to check these updates for future information.

## **NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE**

I have heard from many members asking, "Isn't this a negotiation's year?" The answer is yes; we will be negotiating this year. We are in the process of selecting a team. That recommendation will go before the MEA Board in November and the MEA Building Reps in December. After Winter Break you will be receiving a survey. The team will go over the results to determine the needs of the staff. Then, meetings with the district will begin in the spring. Please continue to read the Updates for more information.