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Newsletter

September 5, 2014

Welcome to the 2014-15 school year!

Our work together offers new opportunities and challenges to improve the lives and futures of Hillsboro's children, and we welcome our almost 200 new teachers who will join us in those goals. We know that our new members will enrich our District with knowledge of recent methods and pedagogy, at the same time finding many mentors among those of us who are returning. Together we will create the schools Hillsboro students deserve.

Strong Public Education, Strong Community: A Celebration

Join HEA and other OEA locals at Pioneer Courthouse Square on **Sunday, October 19, noon to 3 p.m.** for the "Quality Education Festival". This is part of a state-wide effort to advocate for the schools Oregon students deserve!

An invitation to step up your involvement in the Hillsboro Education Association

The Hillsboro Education Association Executive Board includes at-large representative positions, to ensure communication with all of our members. These positions are elected by the building reps, but one does not necessarily need to be a building rep to fill a position at-large. The at-large positions are: elementary school, middle school, high school, Special Education, and ESL/Bilingual programs. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month, from 4:15 until 6:30 pm. A nominal stipend is offered.

Please feel free to contact any member of the Executive Board or your building representative if you have questions about serving as one of the at-large representatives. **Nominations are welcome and encouraged ahead of the voting on September 17.** Nominations may also be made at the meeting.

Your Hillsboro Education Association Executive Board includes Elizabeth Nahl, Past President; Jill Golay, Vice President; Joe Vermeire, Secretary; Bonnie Wakeman, Treasurer; Sarah Coyle, Political Chair; and Maureen Barnhart, President. Angel Gonzalez is our webmaster.

It's in your contract: Elementary Supply Money

Elementary principals will budget a *minimum* of \$75.00 per member in their per pupil allocation in each year of the contract as an amount to be used for teaching supplies. Members will be notified of the amount by the first day of school. (Article 17, p. 39)

Tuition vouchers

Mentor teachers in the District receive vouchers for reduced enrollment fees, which are often shared with you. We currently have four vouchers covering approximately 2/3 of the cost of a three unit course offered through Portland State University. They must be used by Spring term. If you are interested in having your name entered into a raffle for one of these vouchers, please email your name and site to HillsboroEA@oregoned.org. We will draw the names at our Representative Council meeting in September. Please send your names by midnight on September 16.



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Reasons to thank your colleagues who contribute to OEA-PIE*-- and consider joining us!

Your union dues are not used for support of legislative candidates. Those who wish to support candidates voluntarily contribute to PIE, a statewide fund to promote candidates who support schools according to our “measure up” criteria:

- Protecting children’s health and safety
- Preparing students for jobs of the future
- Securing stable school funding and strengthening public schools

Respecting the rights of public school employees
In 2012, a large coalition of organizations, including the OEA and legislators endorsed by OEA, came together to reform the corporate kicker tax law. The law was changed so that when the corporate kicker refund was triggered, the money would go to our K-12 classrooms, rather than the out-of-state corporations who were receiving most of the kicker refund. Oregon voters agreed and Measure 85 passed by a wide margin of 60% to 40%.

Last week state economists released their latest Revenue Forecast, projecting that the corporate kicker could very well “kick” \$43 million. Thanks to the work of our partners and our OEA recommended legislators that money, if we reach “kicker” status, will fund public schools.

If you live in HD 29 or 30, be aware that the Washington County locals Hillsboro EA, Forest Grove EA, Banks EA and Gaston EA are recommending Susan McLain and Joe Gallegos to be our legislators. More information will be coming about how to support these candidates. Meanwhile, make sure your voter registration is up to date and don’t forget to vote this fall.

* (Oregon Education Association People for the Improvement of Education). Contributions to PIE are eligible for a tax credit of up to \$50 per individual, \$100 per couple. That means your money comes back to your pocket.)

Please note and save the dates for these upcoming events:

HEA REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, September 17, 4:00 p.m., UniServ Office. Election of At-Large reps at this meeting.

HSD LISTENING SESSION
Wednesday, September 24, 4:00 p.m., Location TBD

WORKSHOPS
Check the HEA website (www.HEAOEA.org) for the list of workshops for 2014-15. Workshops are offered through Beaverton and Washington County locals (Hillsboro, Gaston, Forest Grove, and Banks). Check the HEA website often throughout the year as new workshops are often added!
Coming up:
Sept 25—Introduction to Love and Logic
Sept 27—ORELA Prep



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Quality Education Festival

Creating the Schools Oregon Students Deserve

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19th  **NOON-3:00pm**

PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE

701 SW 6TH AVE, PORTLAND

STUDENT PERFORMANCES

FACE PAINTING

EDUCATIONAL BOOTHS

HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES

MUSIC

FOOD AND PRIZES

We believe:

- Our students deserve to be a funding priority
- Students are more than a test score
- Strong public schools & colleges build strong communities



Join public educators, parents, students and
community members for an afternoon of family fun!

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