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Newsletter

January 20, 2016

No Meetings January 28 and 29, You Can say “No” to Giving Up Prep

January 28 is a work day, in the buildings, to prepare for the second semester. There should be no meetings unless the member initiates one, or if there are IEP dates that cannot be scheduled around this date. January 29 is a grade prep day, again with no meetings. Members with grade preparation duties may work off-site. Members who do not have grading responsibilities sometimes arrange with administration to complete other duties off-site.

If you are asked to attend District meetings or workshops that deny you your prep period, you may decline to attend. You are obligated to participate in IEP meetings, and to meet regarding your evaluation and Student Learning Growth Goals, but it can be at your availability.

OEA Symposium, January 30

Great schools take sustained, collaborative effort by educators, parents, and members of the larger community. It takes everyone within a system working together – students, teachers, parents, principals, superintendents, local and state policy leaders and other education partners to create the great schools our students deserve. Each adult in the system has a responsibility to serve students, and a right to expect others to be responsible as well.

Saturday, January 30, 2016

9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the **Salem Convention Center**, 200 Commercial Street SE

Register at: <http://oregoned.org/whats-new/o eas-6th-annual-symposium>

HEA Ballots will be out after February 17:

HEA building reps and officers are wrapping up the second year of their two year terms of office. We will be accepting nominations for those offices: building rep, president, vice president, secretary and treasurer for 2016 through 2018. We will also be electing our delegates to the state and national representative assemblies. In January confirmed our nominees, and write-in lines are always provided on Association ballots. Now is the time to consider our future leadership!

Nominees for President: Jill Golay

Vice President: Barbara Scott, Joe Vermeire, Bonnie Wakeman

Treasurer: Barbara Wickham

Secretary: no nominees at present

Giving Direction to OEA for the Next Year

OEA holds an annual representative assembly at which delegates representing every local in the state are invited to come together to give direction for next year’s OEA policy, leadership and budget. Each year approximately 700 delegates convene to make these important decisions. This year the assembly is on April 15 and 16, in Portland. We have delegates serving the second of a two-year term and are seeking additional delegate candidates for our allotted positions, also two-year terms. If you are interested in serving as a delegate, please inform Maureen Barnhart at HillsboroEA@oregoned.org



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Educator's Voices Needed - 2016 TELL Oregon Survey (February 1-29, 2016)

Oregon educators have a second opportunity to share vital information about the teaching and learning conditions in their schools. The **Teaching, Empowering, Leading and Learning (TELL) Survey** is a collaborative effort between the Governor's Office, OEA, COSA, OSBA, the Oregon Department of Education and the Chief Education Office.

A growing body of research shows the importance of positive teaching conditions to student learning and teacher retention. Education leaders in Oregon want to hear from every teacher and administrator in order to make the best decisions about facilities and resources, professional development, time for collaboration, and ways for improving instruction. Now in its 2nd year, the TELL Oregon Survey will provide that data and much more.

Curious about the results from the 2014 Survey or need a refresher on this anonymous, online survey? Access the 2014 survey information and results at <http://www.telloregon.org/>. You may also download the [2014 TELL Guide](#) for further background information. The Guide will be revised for use after the 2016 Survey.

If you have any questions about the TELL Survey, email OEA's Center for Great Public Schools at: telloregon@oregoned.org.

OEA PIE: This is What Democracy Looks Like (March 4-5, Eugene)

Dues monies are NOT used to support candidates for public office!

OEA-PIE (Oregon Education Association People for the Improvement of Education) is made up of OEA members who give voluntary contributions to OEA-PIE Political Action Committee for the purpose of identifying, supporting and electing pro-public education candidates at the local and statewide level.

The 2016 OEA-PIE Convention will be held in Eugene, OR at the Valley River Inn on Friday, March 4, and Saturday, March 5. Our purpose is to make decisions regarding the offices of US President, all five US Congressional offices, the US Senate seat currently held by Ron Wyden, Oregon Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, and Treasurer.

Any WACPAC member/PIE contributor may participate: all delegates must contribute at least \$5 to OEA-PIE between January 1, 2015 and March 7, 2016 to attend. Download the pre-Convention handbook at www.oregoned.org If you wish to join the Hillsboro team and will require housing, please contact Maureen Barnhart (HillsboroEA@oregoned.org) by Friday, February 5.

Better Oregon Campaign—Gathering Signatures!

Your building representative has signature sheets for our endeavors toward an increased revenue for senior services, health services, and education. If more are needed, we will drive them to you at your building. Thanks to those of you who have gathered ten or more signatures—remember, our goal is for three signatures per member. Questions and concerns should be submitted using your personal email, and sent to HillsboroEA@oregoned.org

Emotional Wellness Resources, Counseling: Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

Confidential support is offered through OEBC at **no cost** to you or anyone dependent on your income regardless of address or age. During a crisis, you can call to speak with a counselor 24 hours a day: 1-866-750-1327

Online: www.myRBH.com (Access Code: OEBC)

FIRST FRIDAYS at 4 PM!

Save the date – February 5, at Schmizza Public House in Orenco Station: 998 NE Orenco Station Loop, Hillsboro
Free parking in the structure east of the pub! We'll buy the pizza!

Individual Financial Counseling--VOYA

Meet with VOYA representative Scott Wilson at the HEA office on Saturday, January 23. Contact Scott at 503.517.9363 or swilson@voyafa.com



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