



Happenings

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Message from the President

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This month has been very busy for PJTA and its members as we all settled into the new school year.

Benefit Fund

Forms will be sent out to all members to re-certify you in the benefit fund. The executive board agreed to take two dollars (one dollar for vision and one dollar for dental) out of your yearly dues to re-certify everyone who is enrolled in the benefit fund so that the fund will be EXCEPTED from the Affordable Care Act (Obama Care).

Health Insurance Buy Back

The district informed PJTA that if we agree upon a separate check, it automatically calculates it as a lump sum, at a higher tax rate and you would receive \$350 less. Since no one wants less money, the buyback will be placed in your regular pay period check.

New Teacher Social

On October 2nd, the building representatives and executive board welcomed the newest members to PJTA. We had a nice time and the Best Western provided plenty of good appetizers and dessert. I want to personally thank Claire Dillon for planning such a pleasant gathering, and to all who shared their wisdom with our newest members.

Police Benevolent Association

Represented Assembly voted on to sponsor a full page advertisement for the PBA ball.

Building/Faculty Cabinet Representatives

PJTA thanks our members who have volunteered to serve on the building faculty cabinets, the Building Education Planning Teams (BEPT), and those who serve as building representatives. Please check the building representative list so you are aware of your building representatives. I urge all of our members to request a building representative to be present at any meeting where you are being reprimanded, accused, or questioned about an incident. The building representative will be able to advise you in a situation that may be emotional or sensitive.

President's Message

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Reporting Annual Professional Performance Review Scores to Parents

Pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-c, teachers' and principals' composite APPR ratings may be released to parents or guardians upon request and verification of identity, only for their child's current teachers and principal. Procedures for making a formal request and receiving APPR scores have been decided by PJTA and the district.

If a parent or guardian would like to know their current teacher's or principal's composite APPR score, they will have to do the following:

- 1) Fill out the form "Request for Release of APPR – Teacher Scores" in person with Dawn Lasch
- 2) Dawn Lasch will verify the current student schedule of their teacher in School Tool
- 3) Parent or guardian must submit proof of identification such as a driver's license to establish their identity
- 4) There will be a short private meeting with the requesting parent at the district office
- 5) The district will provide a final quality rating (Highly Effective, Effective, Developing, In-Effective) and composite overall score to the parent or guardian in person verbally.

(I.E. Dawn would verbally say composite overall score for your daughter/son's teacher is 95 which is Highly Effective)

The breakdown of your 60%, 20% local, and 20% state is not allowed to be given out to the parent or guardian! The district will keep all dated written requests, proof of identification, when and what information was provided to the parent or guardian. The district will contact the PJTA member that a parent or guardian was in to receive their APPR composite score.

Health Insurance Open Enrollment

The Business Office sent out a memo stating that during the month of November any member can enroll or change coverage options. If you want to make any changes, you must complete an enrollment form or change form. These forms are located in the main office in your building.

If you have any questions you can contact the district business office.

Parent-Teacher Association/Parent-Teacher-Student Association

All members should be a part of this organization. The PTA does great things for everyone as well as helps us out. I encourage all of you to join in your building. By joining this association, you can use this as part of your APPR evaluation for Domain IV at the end of the year!

I hope you are enjoying the autumn season!

Regis Foster

Correspondence

Cards Sent

Sympathy

Jeanine McKeeby—loss of her grandmother, Helen Connelly
Jennifer Curreri—loss of her uncle, Charles Jenks (“Bud”)
MaryAnn Knapp—loss of her mother-in-law, Ruth Kinne Knapp
Judy Dawson—loss of her father, Daniel Matuseski
Scott Spears—loss of his uncle, Rick Spears
Sharon Krause—loss of her father, Al Kelly

Get Well

Vito DiBiasi

Congratulations

Cristina Lundewall & Chris McCaw on their marriage
Tracy West Barnes & Joe Johnson on their marriage
Amy Reilly & Paul Relyea on their marriage
Susan Elston-Mills & husband Jake—birth of daughter, Addison
Theresa Fontana & husband Mike—birth of daughter, Liliana
Seth Riehl & wife Sarah—birth of daughter, Naomi

Cards Received

Thank you cards received from the following:
Jessica Eli & the Weyant family
Nancy Dillon for donation to Hospice in memory of her mother
Devin Rearer for the PJTA scholarship
Maryann & Dan Sevireno & family for donation made to Highland Manor Rehab & Nursing Home
in memory of her mother, Grace Bonita

