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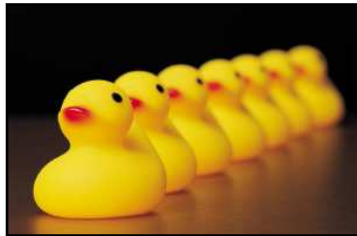
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AEA Bargaining Update: Surveys Read, Proposal Nearing Completion

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Thank you all for your hard work on the face to face surveys!!! The bargaining team met with building reps. on the evening of Wednesday, Oct 21 at the AEA office, also on Saturday, Oct 24 at the AEA office and at Jitter's in Eagle River. Out of 104 schools, we have all but 6 schools. That's a 94% return rate!!!



The Surveys have been read and are tabulated. They have given us a clear message from which to draft our initial proposal.

The Team had an all day work session on Oct. 21, which was spent establishing roles and working on contract language section by section.

Another all day work session on, Wednesday, Nov. 4 yielded progress on drafting our initial proposal and the team met with the AEA Executive Board on Nov.

10th to collaborate on the proposal and strategy.

The Bargaining Team worked on the finishing touches of our initial proposal on Nov. 18th in preparation for going to the table with the district in early December.

The team is proud to represent such a fine, hard-working group of professionals.

President Lepley and VP Pillifant testified before the school board on Nov. 23rd to officially usher in this year's round of negotiations.

Be sure to continue to stay tuned to the AEA website for information as we go down this path of negotiations.

We are establishing the Bargaining Support Team. If you are interested in helping with member activities to support bargaining, please contact Jim Lepley at AEA@asdk12.org.

Important Dates

Nov. 24th: Rights Committee Mtg., 4:30
Nov. 26 & 27: Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 1: Rep Council, East High, 4:30
Dec. 15: AEA Exec. Board Mtg. 4:30
Dec. 18: End of the quarter
Dec. 21-31: Winter Break
Jan. 5; Rep. Council, East High School

Want to know more about these events? Contact your building rep, or call the AEA office 274-0536.

Who do I contact for...

Health Insurance

Assistance: NEA-Alaska Health Plan—274-7526

A Mentor for New Teachers:

Log into "My Learning Plan." On the left side of the screen, Go to "My Mentor Request."

An Instructional Coach for Professional Support and Plans of Improvement:

donohue_erin@asdk12.org

Contract questions:

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AEA New Member Dinner: December 3, RSVP

The second New Member event of the year will be the **New Member Dinner** to be held on December 3rd. The dinner is open to all **new members** and their building reps. If you are a new member and haven't received an invitation or been personally invited by your building rep., please contact Mary Nibbelink at mary.nibbelink@neaalaska.org and let her know that you wish to attend.



The dinner will be held in a new venue close to the Sunshine Mall and will provide for some much needed time to socialize and further welcome our new teachers. It will also provide time for AEA leaders to share important information with new members.

The dinner will be catered by **Ginger's** who will provide a fabulous buffet.



Sutton's Treats for Troops program grows

Every Halloween, many of our students go Trick or Treating and come home with pounds of candy. Parents and teachers alike worry about the overindulgence of sugar. AEA member and Elementary Health Teacher Melanie Sutton saw the problem and created a program to combat the sugar woes, called "Treats for Troops."

On her own time, Sutton coordinated funding from the American Legion and volunteers from two elementary schools to collect donated candy from students and parents and ship it overseas to our soldiers. In the past three years, this program has grown to 11 elementary schools across the district.

The students who choose to donate candy receive a small prize in exchange--prizes that Sutton spent her own money to buy. Sutton explains to her students that the



soldiers don't always receive enough calories in their rations for the amount of energy they expend each day in trainings and missions, so this candy will be burned right off and not turned to extra pounds. The candy will be spread out to many troops, whereas here each child may have collected as many as 10 pounds of candy!

In her letter home about the program, Sutton explained, "Global sugar consumption for kids increases by about 2% annually and currently sits at 50 million tons per year, which means parents need to be even more watchful than ever before. Too much candy can lead to hyperactivity and weight gain, as well as cavities or worse. In some cases, the wrong types of candy can also lead to broken teeth and damaged braces."

Treats continued: anchorageea.org/e-adv/nov09/Treats.pdf



AEA Trivia:

As we celebrate American Education Week, I would like to draw your attention the various mini-celebrations within that week. What day and date has NEA set aside as "Parents Day" and what should schools do to celebrate?

Send responses to mary.nibbelink@neaalaska.org

Answers received by 5:00, Dec. 7th will be eligible for a \$10.00 gift certificate.

Have you changed schools? Moved? Changed phone numbers? Please call us at **274-0536** and assist us in keeping your information up to date.

Questions? E-mail us at AEA@asdk12.org or call 274-0536.

Your newsletter is compiled by member volunteers just like you. If you would like to participate in our newsletter, or have helpful suggestions for us, we'd like to hear from you.

To contact us, go to www.anchorageea.org click the AEA Committees link and select "communication." This webpage contains information about your volunteer committee and the appropriate contact person for questions and information.

