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LPA... Providing support in education

President's Ponderings

Happy New Year! I hope you found some time to rejuvenate over the break. I know it wasn't ideal for some of us but hope you found some way to enjoy bits and pieces of it. I am not one for resolutions as I have too many things to resolve but a couple things caught my eye. I write down one positive thing that happened during the day and put it in a jar. At the end of the year it will be nice to reflect on the positive things that have happened. You can do it daily or once a week. The other is a quote by Goran Persson. "We will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word."

General Membership Meeting

Our membership meeting is Thursday January 27th at 5:15pm. Due to the rise in covid cases, it will be held via Zoom. A link will be emailed out to you as we get closer to the date. This is an excellent opportunity for you to voice your opinions on upcoming negotiations, nominate a candidate for March elections, and hear updates on what is happening in the district. Please consider attending.



TODAY IS YOUR DAY!

Have you ever thought about being a part of the LPA Executive Board? Who could represent your perspective better than you? Or do you know a good candidate? We are taking nominations for Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Cluster Reps! Consider this an excellent opportunity to become involved. Feel free to inquire today!

Dates to Remember

Upcoming PLC dates

February 2nd ½ day- students attend pm
April 27th ½ day- students attend am
May 25th ½ day- students attend pm

Upcoming Paid Holidays

MLK Jr. Day
Good Friday
Memorial Day

Need to join the union?

<https://tinyurl.com/joinLPAunion>

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Cleveland, Cooper, Emerson,

Franklin, Frost, Grant, GSRP,

Hayes, Jackson, Johnson,

Kennedy, Randolph, Transportation

Your Bargaining Team is meeting!

Sue Gonyou

Carrie Shelton

Chele Dolan

Chris Flanagan

Betty Jo Woodworth



Your Bargaining Team has begun meeting to discuss items that are beneficial to our paraprofessionals. If you have questions, concerns, or comments that you wish to be addressed now is the time to let us know. Please reach out to any of the Executive Board members or the Bargaining Team members as soon as possible.

Welcome New Parapros

LeeAnn Roe - Johnson

Laurie Shakarian - Grant

Kelly Lee - Johnson

Jessica Schilling - Roosevelt

Julia Messer- Transportation

Besnike(Betsy) Velu - Stevenson

Allison McGee-Chessire - Transportation

History is a great teacher.

Everyone knows the labor movement did not diminish the strength of the nation, but *enlarged* it. By *raising* the living standards of millions, labor miraculously created a market for industry and lifted the whole nation to undreamed of levels of production.

Those who attack labor forget these simple truths, but history remembers them.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

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If you have misplaced your paper copy of your Professional Agreement (AKA The Contract) You can find a PDF in the LPS website under the Transparency Reporting.

