



LIVONIA
Paraprofessionals'
Association

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Newsletter

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LPA... Providing support in education

Presidents Ponderings

Fall is here, smell the leaves, pumpkin lattes, red and orange trees. Football, sweaters and oh yes, some Allegra please. It seems like we hit the ground running right out of the gate. Some of you are in new buildings this year and I hope all is going well. We had our first parapro picnic and had a lot of fun. We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful night. Thank you to all who came. Amy Fogel's husband Tim won the 50/50 raffle.

*We have a new contract which I am hoping to have to you as soon as possible. There are three seats open for the school board this November. Seven people are running. Please know what candidates represent public education and our roles as paraprofessionals. It is crucial that we **vote** for candidates that support our schools and value our jobs. If you have someone new in your building, please introduce yourself and offer any assistance that may be needed. October is from the Latin octo, which means "eight". The number "eight" is said to be a symbol of wealth, prosperity, peace and fertility. Sounds promising!*

**Need to join the union Its
quick and easy?**

<https://tinyurl.com/joinLPAunion>

Remember to Vote!

On 10/26 Voting will be open for cluster reps . There are 2 openings and the nominees are Georgia Tzelepis and Chele Dolan.

Have you ever wanted a spot on the LPA Executive Board? We have an immediate opening for Public Relations which the board can immediately appoint, Consider this excellent opportunity to become involved. As an added bonus, your monthly dues will be reimbursed at the end of the school year. Feel free to inquire today!

Welcome New Parapros

Deshawn Hunt - Transportation

Sarah Iler - Franklin

Samantha Morelli - Frost

Renee Johnson - Coolidge

Shannon Teddy - Jackson Center

Lea Leonard - Kennedy

DeDe Byers - Randolph

Lindsey Stark - Churchill

Do you know? Newly hired members receive \$15,000 in term life insurance free of charge from the NEA in their first year of employment!

Your Executive Board

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Cleveland, Cooper, Emerson,

Franklin, Frost, Grant, GSRP,

Hayes, Jackson, Johnson,

Kennedy, Randolph, Transportation



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month! Over 200,000 women and men are diagnosed in the U.S. every year. We CELEBRATE all of you that have been touched by this disease. You are true WARRIORS!

Are you a new hire who has been wavering on joining the Union? Are you wondering what are the benefits of being part of a union?

Unions support both employers and employees. Being in a union has benefits for both parties including...

- Negotiate better pay
- Collective bargaining
- Negotiate better working conditions
- Provide training for new skills
- Provide job security
- Give general advice and support
- Negotiate for additional benefits
- Protection, Protection, Protection!

eDues Payments and Rebates

If you returned from any type of leave, you will need to contact MEA membership to re-establish your eDues payment preferences.

Pay your dues in full by October 31, 2022 and receive a \$30 rebate. All members who have paid in full by that date will get a rebate form from MEA in November. If members sign the form and return it by December 31st, they will receive a \$30 check within 90 days.

Dates to Remember

Nov. 8th -No School PD

Upcoming Paid Holidays

Thanksgiving break

Nov. 23-25

Winter recess

Dec. 26- Jan 6

Please remember to enter your preference for using vacation time or unpaid time into AESOP

Livonia Paraprofessional Picnic

It was wonderful to gather with everyone at the LPA Picnic! We had a great evening of food and fun! There was an abundance of food, alcohol, and desserts to go around!

It was a fun evening filled with laughter, games and prizes! Congratulations to the 50/50 winner Tim Fogle! We hope to continue the 50/50 raffles in the future. Our 2023 plan is to use the proceeds to support YOU! We would like to express our appreciation for everyone who attended, We want to give an extra special "thank you" to Sue Gonyou, Leona Andres, Vikki Lafave and their husbands for planning, and organizing this fun event. Below are some of the pictures from this fun evening.

