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President's Ponderings

Greetings to all of you,

This has been a whirlwind start to the school year. The staff shortages and work loads have been overwhelming to say the least. We never know from one day to the next what to expect.

Paraprofessionals truly are the soldiers on the front lines facing a barrage of tasks and challenges. I am grateful for all you do day in and day out. Be sure to take care of yourselves first and foremost. As caregivers we forget to be aware of our needs, putting others in the forefront. As the holidays quickly approach, take time to rejuvenate your soul with some me time. You deserve it. However you choose to spend your holidays please know you are appreciated for all you do and for who you are.

"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love."

-Hamilton Wright Mabie

Welcome New Paraprofessionals

Jennifer Quillet- GSRP
Lindsay Peterson-GSRP
Linda Gould- Transportation
Kimberly Gorris- Webster
Carrie Barretto- Emerson
Jessica Ulmer- Cleveland
JoAnn Beers- Transportation

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!

Happy Holidays!

The Thanksgiving Break, includes 3 paid days (November 24, 25, 26) The Winter Recess includes 4 paid days: Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Eve, New Years Day. You must enter into AESOP as either vacation or dock days for the following days: Dec. 20, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29. December 24, 27, 30 & 31 will be paid holidays as Christmas and New Years Day fall on Saturday. You **MUST** work on the last scheduled work day before and after these holidays to receive holiday pay.

Dates to Remember

Upcoming PLC dates
December 8th ½ day- students attend am
February 2nd ½ day- students attend pm
April 27th ½ day- students attend am
May 25th ½ day- students attend pm

"The bond that links your true family is not one of blood, but of respect and joy in each other's life."

- Richard Bach

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Need to join the union?

<https://tinyurl.com/joinLPAunion>



WE NEED YOU!

Have you ever wanted a spot on the LPA Executive Board? Do you know a good candidate? This January, we will begin taking nominations for Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Cluster Reps! Consider this excellent opportunity to become involved. Feel free to inquire today!

Meet your 2021 Bargaining Team!

Sue Gonyou
Carrie Shelton
Chele Dolan
Chris Flanagan
Betty Jo Woodworth



Soon our Bargaining Team will be 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.

Your responsibility as a Union Member:

The only way Union leadership can benefit our members is when you communicate with them.

Let a Union delegate know when something is going on in your building or department that give you cause for questions or concern. Even if you are unsure, it can only benefit you to keep your delegates informed!