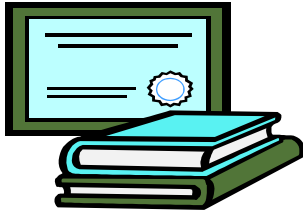


New Educator Caucus Provides the Answers

As a new educator, do you have questions about the Professional Teacher Certificate (Pro Cert) program? What about National Board Teacher Certification (NBTC)? Please join us on Tuesday, January 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. for an evening with Jim Meadows, WEA instruction, certification and higher ed specialist, as he explains the process of obtaining these certificates.

The New Educator Caucus is geared toward new teachers, librarians, counselors, psychologists, and specialists in the first five years of their careers. The monthly sessions provide the opportunity to meet others who are in similar situations, to discuss issues that are of concern to you, to learn from the pros, and to have a great dinner.



All of this is available at no cost, while allowing you to earn clock hours for a \$5 fee as long as you attend at least 2 sessions. Please contact Charlotte Cole at ccole@washingtonea.org if you would like to register.



Take the lead.

Restoring Washington's Commitment
to Great Public Schools

The *Take the lead* Cadre Training took place on Thursday, December 4, at the Hollywood Schoolhouse in Woodinville. Members from our nine locals were in attendance.

The featured speakers included Teresa Moore, former WEA communications director and currently representing Network for Excellence in Washington Schools (NEWS), WEA president Mary Lindquist with information about the Basic Education Task Force (Grimm Commission), and Doris Lyon from WEA Research and the Living Wage project. They, along with our own excellent *Take the lead* steering committee leaders, prepared the cadre members to articulate the *Take the lead* message with our community allies. Those attending worked on public speaking skills with a supportive network of fellow educators, and left informed and ready to share and inspire others to make our great public schools even better. ~ Lora Hein

Sign Up for a Pre-Retirement Seminar

If you are thinking of retirement within the next five years, this seminar is for you! A few spots are still available for the February 6-7 seminar being held in our Council office. The April 24-25

seminar is also available. If you have any questions or would like to register, e-mail Charlotte Cole at ccole@washingtonea.org. The seminars fill quickly so please respond soon!



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Clarence Gunn - Issaquah EA, Snoqualmie EA, Snoqualmie Valley ASA
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Kathleen Heiman - Bellevue EA, Riverview EA
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New Personal Information?

Please take a moment to notify the WEA-Sammamish UniServ office of any change to your personal information, including name, home or cell number, and home or e-mail address. We need to keep our membership system as up-to-date as possible, and your home e-mail address is vital in the process.

Please send your changes to Charlotte Cole at ccole@washingtonea.org.



It is very important that we have your current information in the event of any action where it may be necessary to reach you outside of school. We treat all information with complete confidentiality. Please remember that your school office should also be notified of these changes.

WEA Offers...

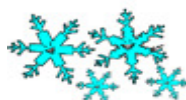
A warm coat...mittens...a pair of boots...basic school supplies...everyday things that all of your students should have, especially with winter weather on its way.

If you have a student whose parents cannot afford any of these items, the WEA Children's Fund can help!

The Children's Fund reimburses WEA members who buy items to meet the modest, immediate needs of their students. There's no red tape. A quick call or filling out the online form is all that is needed to help your students meet their basic needs.

Find out more by going to the WEA website at www.washingtonea.org. Scroll under Reshaping Education and click on WEA Children's Fund Charity in WEA Programs & Groups.

Also, if you are someone who is looking for a worthy cause to make a tax-deductible, year-end contribution, please keep this charity in mind.



*Join us on January 13
New Educator Caucus
and
Jim Meadows*

*We will meet in the
cafeteria at Sammamish
High School in Bellevue.*

*For more information
e-mail
ccole@washingtonea.org*


Trivia Teaser...

Where does the Evergreen Point (520) Bridge rank among floating bridges of the world?

1. shortest
2. 3rd
3. 5th
4. 10th
5. longest

E-mail ccole@washingtonea.org with your answer. All correct entries will be placed in the drawing for a \$10 Starbucks gift card.

WEA-Sammamish Events

Take the lead Training Workshop	12/4
Coffee & Conversation with our legislators	12/15 12/16
	12/22- 1/2*
Office Closed	12/23- 1/1
Presidents Meeting	1/5
New Educator Caucus	1/13

*Bellevue break starts on 12/24

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