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WTA Newsletter

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President's Message



I recently read a great advice column from Matt Sullivan. It was titled "No time for finger painting". He was offering advice to 5 year olds entering our educational system. Here are some of his pieces of advice:

- ◆ Teacher is a lot like Mommy and Daddy-teacher is in charge, teacher expects you to do what teacher says and teacher will clean up after you puke up your lunch. But, unconditional love? Not after the puking. Don't expect the moon, kid.
- ◆ If it's not snack time, don't eat the stuff you find around the classroom, no matter how appetizing it looks. Play-Doh, glue, chalk, erasers,

- ◆ mittens may all look delicious, but all are surprisingly tart.
- ◆ You will be dropped off at school in the morning and picked up in the afternoon. That 's how the system works. It's understandable if you start to have abandonment issues, but the teachers won't keep you overnight. So speaks the voice of experience.
- ◆ Don't squeeze the juice boxes.
- ◆ The people you make friend with in the first weeks of kindergarten will likely determine how well you do on the SATs, what jobs you get when you get out of business school, who you marry and whether anyone will come to your funeral. This is not play-

time. If you start hanging out with the kids who aren't potty trained and the kids who eat their boogers, you could start your life down a path that leads directly to Jerry Springer.

- ◆ Take full advantage of naptime. Sometime, trust me, they stop offering naptime.
- This is our first year at Wayne Central School District with full day Kindergarten. The statements above are humorous, but somehow have hints of truth. So, to all of our kindergarten teachers, we wish you good luck. The future education of our students starts with you. You have our admirations! Thank you for letting them finger paint and so much more!

Dues and You

WTA dues are made up of many parts. There are the dues (\$137) we pay out per member to NEA at the national level that gets us national advocacy, lobbying for education and educators, training, and great deals in the marketplace. Then we have to pay out (\$349) per member to our state organi-

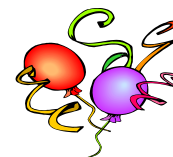
zation, NEA-NY, which again provides similar benefit but even more personal with particulate focus on us in our state. Jeff Trout, our Uniserv Rep, comes to us as a result of our state dues. The State and National Political Action Committee gets a combined total of \$3. Per person. For the WTA

Scholarship fund that we provide each year to our own students we take \$1.00 per member. And finally, we, your local WTA, get \$80. per member. The grand total for a full time WTA member in the 2004/2005 school year is \$570 (\$289 for part time).

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CELEBRATE !

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OE Congratulations to Megan Zipprich regarding the birth of a healthy bouncing baby boy on 9/29! See the HS line for news regarding Julie Gessler. Yeah—OE has enough members to add a second WTA rep—Jan Becker is back!

FW MS

HS Greg and Julie Gessler are the proud parents of baby Isabella Hope born 9/20.

District Wide

What is the largest teachers' union in the United States, and how many members does it have?

The first WTA member who contacts the UniServ Rep (by phone or e-mail) will receive a \$10 gift certificate to -your choice!

The 3 R's: Remarks, Reminders, and Relief!

3rd Thursday! October 21st. What About that Professional Development Team!?! (and don't forget the donuts)



Issues acted upon/discussed:

- ◆ Grievance has been heard and a decision will be forthcoming in 60 days.
- ◆ Leadership Stipends should all be being paid after the October 14th

Board meeting,
Issues currently being explored:

- ◆ Clubs and Club stipends.
- ◆ Professional Development Team determining professional development and team membership.
- ◆ Guidelines for department meetings.

Change of Date: Mike Kramer – Legend Group will be in **Freewill on Thursday Nov 4th** instead of Tuesday.

Jeff Trout (the main man!)

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Rule of thumb #17: *Your conscience is as good as anybody else's, make your wishes known—*
don't forget to VOTE!

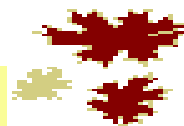


Fall - Winter Learning Opportunities-2004

- ◆ The Games People Play
- ◆ 6 + 1 Traits of Writing
- ◆ Running Reading Records (RRR)
- ◆ Building Vocabulary with Board-maker
- ◆ IEP Direct- New Teacher Training
- ◆ IEP Direct- Generating Reports
- ◆ Accelerated Reader
- ◆ Motivation with Inspiration
- ◆ Differentiation Strategies for All Learners
- ◆ United Streaming
- ◆ The Virtual Classroom
- ◆ Movie Maker
- ◆ First Aid
- ◆ Adult CPR/AED
- ◆ Child/Infant CPR and Pediatric AED
- ◆ Adult CPR/AED Refresher Course II and Test Out
- ◆ Wilson Reading
- ◆ Developing Phonological Awareness Skills with Earobics

These are all courses that you can be taking for FREE and getting INSERVICE CREDIT for right at WCSD. We're so good we even let other districts sign up for our TRC courses! You never know

who you'll meet or collaborate with. What a golden opportunity we have right here in our own back yard. And it couldn't be any easier to sign up. When you got to our district's website and click on the TRC logo on the left hand side you will find a fantastic webpage with a link for the learning opportunities on the left side. Once you are to the course offerings page all you need to do is type in your name, select your building, click on the course and date that you would like, and hit submit! I should know, I just did it! How about you?



National School Board Recognition Week: October 25—29th!

For their continued support of education and the WCSD, please join us at the November 18th school board meeting as we graciously express our thanks to:

John Triou, President

Frank Robusto, Vice President

Jacqueline Brunner
Scott Griswold
Joyce Lyke
Mark Wyse



JoOnna Diller
Rick Johnson
Tim Ratcliffe