

WAYNE'S WORLD

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A WTA Newsletter

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President's Message

Its hard to believe that it is already late October and the first marking period will be coming to an end in a few weeks. Time certainly flies. The end of the marking period means that parent teacher conferences are soon to follow. The new contract allows for teachers who meet outside contact hours for parent teacher conferences to receive an equivalent amount of release time up to 1/2 day on a day specified by the district. If you are not familiar or sure about the procedure for parent teacher

conferences this year, please see your department chair/ team leader or building rep.

The WTA will also be conducting a special election this November. Due to some shifts at the beginning of the year and new rules governing our elections as a NYSUT affiliate we need to elect a new External Vice President, delegates for the NYSUT State Representative Assembly, and several Alternates Building Representatives. Each of the people

elected to these positions will complete the remainder of a two-year term, which started July 1, 2006. If you are interested in one of these positions and becoming part of the WTA leadership, please submit your name for nomination by October 30, 2006.

To find out more about any of these positions feel free to contact any of your WTA officers.

Sincerely

Jason Carter



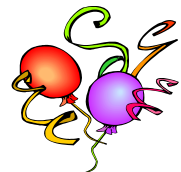
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CELEBRATE !

Baby News:

OP: Lori Dow had baby Jenna Lynn at the end of September!

Congratulations to:

OE and their wedding madness: Heather Glossner married Jim Herendeen, Fran Pucci is now Fran McCarthy and Lois Katz is now Lois Harris as she married thier former PE teacher Dan Harris!

OP: Sara Fry is now Sara Stein as she got married October 7th!

Thanks to:

Nancy Domm for throwing a wonderful TGIF party at the Ontario Golf Club last month—the food, drinks and camaraderie were great!

WTA Local News!

Committee Updates

Stipends: Committee has been given 2 1/2 days to meet and put forth a proposal by January of this school year. You may direct questions / concerns to Brad LaBarge, Jackie Senecal or MJ Hoffman.

Supplemental Benefits Committee: Has coordinated the presentations on the flexible benefit and 105 plans. Committee members are Jason Carter, Nancy Domm or Kim Northrup.
Professional Conduct

Committee: WTA members are Ronnie Steele, Maureen Nagel, and Betsy Hennessey.

Nomination and Elections Committee: Members are Marty Hanley-FE, Greg Kunzer-OP, Jessica Rice-OP, Georgia LoCicero-HS, Lyn Young-MS, Maureen Doyle-MS, Marc Binsack-MS, Julie Diffenderfer-OE. Nominations are due Monday October 30th.

Are you interested in promoting your subject area? Consider joining a **NYSUT Task Force!** These com-

mittees at the state level recommend policy and resolutions at the NSYUT Delegate Assembly. They work to better your profession. Any NYSUT member can request to be on a task force. See Jason for a list of committees and vacancies or call our Rochester Service Center at (585) 454-5550.

Don't
forget to
VOTE!



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

Did you get your donut?

3rd Thursday was October 19th. See your building rep if you have questions regarding

Parent /Teacher conferences or your role in keeping your building secure.



planning time, etc).

Issues currently being explored:

- ◆ Safety and security in each building.
- ◆ Stipends concerns at the MS.
- ◆ Supervisor's duties at games and events.

Rule of thumb #34: Trick or Treat? Give it to the kids it's a treat—eat it all yourself and you fell for the trick! Happy Halloween!

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NYSTRS - find out dates, locations and information for scheduling individual meetings with an NYSTRS representative by going on line at www.nystrs.org

Issues acted upon/resolved:

- ◆ MS: scheduling concerns.
- ◆ Formation of WTA audit committee.
- ◆ Approved increase in number of WTA building representatives at HS.
- ◆ Release time for Dept. Chairs.
- ◆ Extra duty assignments at HS.
- ◆ Special ed teacher issues (lunch/

Dates to Remember:

- Monday, October 30 - Nominations for WTA positions due in each building .
- November 2nd - Celebrating National School Board Recognition.
- November 6th—Mailing of WTA election notification with slate of nominees.
- November 30th -WTA Elections.

Decorate your classroom with a colorful tribute to Latino culture in the U.S.



NYSUT offers a free poster bearing the headline "**Celebrate Hispanic Heritage - The road to success starts in the classroom.**" The poster is printed in English on one side and Spanish on the reverse. NYSUT members can get one free copy of the poster by e-mailing to orders@nysutmail.org. Please reference Project No. 517. You can also call (800) 342-9810, ext. 6260. NYSUT's Web site - www.nysut.org - includes a printable version of the poster and other bilingual resources to help students celebrate Hispanic heritage.

Welcome New Teachers !

You've probably met most of them in your building by now. You've seen them scurrying around, possibly looking lost, maybe trying to figure out that quirk with the copy machine. As they get use to us and our *Wayne's World* ways remember to say hello and check in on them once in awhile. Let them know how glad we are that they are here with us!

New at the high school, we welcome:

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| Jacob Arndt | Counselor |
| Jamie Campbell | LTS S. S. |
| Michael Elliott | Technology |
| Melissa Fogarty | LTS Psych. |
| Sarah Frederick | Art |

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| Janiece Jackman | Spanish |
| Shawn Leffler | Art |
| Jon Lundberg | Science |
| Lisa Marino | Spec. Ed |
| Gyllian McGrath | Spec. Ed |
| Laurel Rae Roeder | Science |
| Stuart Shoots | Inst Tech Trainer |
| Kristina Stiles | Spec. Ed |
| Ryan VanAllen | LTS S. S. |
| Leslie Weber | LTS English |
| Mark Weider | Science |
| Julie West | German |
| Jason LaDue | Social Studies |

New at the middle school, say hello to:

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| Jennifer Cotton | Spec. Ed |
| Margaret Dempsey | Media |

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| Rae Jagoda | LTS Reading |
| Jennifer Laux | Spec. Ed |
| Jeremy Mikels | Tech |
| Deana Long | LTS Counselor |

New at OP, give big smiles to:

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| Katherine Alaimo | LTS Reading |
| Michelle Goodwin | Reading |

New at OE, we welcome:

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| Beth Hackett | Elem.(Gr 5) |
| Cara VanderBrook | Elem.(Gr 5) |

New at Freewill we give a big howdy to:

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| Matthew Collins | Spec. Ed |
| Nicole Denniston | LTS Spec. Ed |
| Megan Mahaney | LTS Reading |
| Erin O'Leary | LTS Reading |

