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## A Message from the President

Welcome back to the start of the 2010-2011 school year. It's hard to believe we are already a few weeks into it, it seems like it was just few days ago that another bright eyed group of students were walking in our classrooms the first day back. By now you have established your classroom procedures and settled into the daily routine. The WTA has approved its goals, budget, and committee members for the year, but our work is far from done and we need your help. As you know this year is a contract year and our negotiators will be busy at the table this fall. Your input is needed and crucial in order to make sure that the new contract language matches the need of our members. While we may not agree on every issue and concept it is important for our negotiators to have a solid understanding on where we stand collectively. It is strongly encouraged that you attend our district wide meeting on Wednesday, October 13th, you should also be interacting with your building and at-large negotiators in each of your respective buildings.

This year also marks a significant need for additional funding to both our Weisenreder and Scholarship funds. All of the money collected for both of these funds comes entirely from donations and the hard work of our volunteers. Last year we gave out over \$2,500 to families in need in our community through our Weisenreder fund. We also gave out 2 scholarships to seniors as well as US Savings Bonds to our outstanding student citizens from each building. It is of the utmost importance that we don't let these funds run out of money. Please donate and volunteer for our fundraisers throughout the school year.

Sincerely

Jason Carter

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**Update on VOTE COPE deductions.** There was an error in the first paycheck and only about 1/2 of people had the VOTE COPE deduction taken from their paycheck. To fix the error payroll is going to double next paychecks deduction for those they missed, and then it will return to normal the rest of the year.

### What are your top 3?

Remember it is a negotiation year, so you should be thinking what are the top 3 items you would like to see in the new contract. (Some examples are below.)

*Binding Arbitration*

*Calander Year*

*Class Size*

*Medical Benefits*

### WTA Officers

Jason Carter (FE), President  
Barb Thiele (OP), Internal VP  
Kim Schultz (MS), External VP  
Lisa Twitchell (HS), Treasurer  
Martha Hanley (FE), Secretary



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

## Dates to Remember:

**October 3th, Sunday—**  
Making Strides

Walk—go team WTA!

**October 4th, Monday—**

Rep council mtg at OE



## webmail

[www.wayneta.org/](http://www.wayneta.org/)

It is up and working on our districts computers again!

Your user ID is the same as your WCSD user name with @wayneta.org, your password is your NYSUT member ID #. This webmail should be used if you have any union issues you would like discuss. It has been put in place so that you can e-mail union issues to your reps.

## Issues currently being discussed /explored:

\*Education Jobs Funds

\*Seniority List

\*Fans - reminder and what happened to them

\*Teachers Schedules

\*Team Leader/Department



**Remember if you don't like how things are going, you can't complain unless you step up to the plate and start making those changes yourself!**



## Apologies and Corrections

We would first like to apologize to anyone we failed to recognize on Opening Day. We went by the Seniority List, and gave recognitions to people who had exactly 5 and 10 years. The next category was 15-19, then 20 plus years, with a pen given to those at 25 years. If we missed you please let us know, so that we can make those corrections.

## Wedding Bells

Kim LaFave was married in August to Scott Crumb.

Nolan Flores was married in July.

Melissa Abbott got married and became Melissa Edwards.

Ashley Aman was married in August to Neil Fralick.



## Baby Booties

Josh Schlageter (OE ) and his wife had a baby girl

Joel Kessler (HS) and his wife Kelly had a baby boy, Merrick Joel on Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Jessica Kleindienst (HS) and Steve welcomed their third child Levi David, on August 31<sup>st</sup>. April and Charlie Roods (HS) welcomed their second child, Charli Cecelia on Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Kristin Liberti-Bauerschmidt and family welcomed their second child, Michael Ryan on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Jennifer Agnitti (MS) and her husband welcomed new son, Devan Thomas Agnitti, on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## And

Beth Peters (FE) has 2 exchange students for the year.



## Diplomas



Josh Harris (MS) recently received his Master's Degree.



## Welcome to our New Hires

JOLENE BOWSER	ESLO
ERIN BROWN	SP ED
CECILIA CHRISTOPHER	SCIEN
MICHAEL COX	TECH
MICHELLE GOODWIN	READ
RUSSELL HARTWELL	TECH
KEELY HUTTON	ELA
DANIEL LISENO	SOC ST
AIMEE LONGMAN	HEALTH
ANDREA MARCHITELL	SP ED
DIANE WILLIAMS	Phys Ed



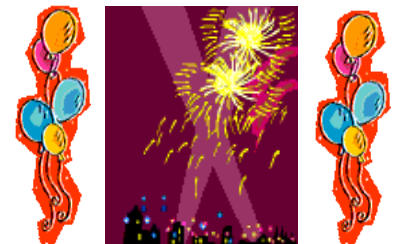
## Congratulations to our members that received tenure!

Bradford Daly	School Psychologist
Derek DeMass	Technology
Carrie Eldred	Elementary Education
Ann Marie Evans	Elementary Education
Nolan Flores	Science
Joshua Harris	Foreign Language
Betsey Irvine	Special Education
Miles Lewis	Math
Steven Powers	Technology
Jessica Quick	Physical Education
Wendy Riley	Art Education
Lisa Simpson	Physical Education
Stuart Shoots	Elementary Education
Valerie Tobin	Science
Ryan VanAllen	Social Studies
Cassandra Witkowski	Elementary Education
Holly Wright	Special Education

## Committee Members still needed

We still need members for our Social Committee and our Teacher Appreciation Committee. So if you are the social sort, and would like to be part of setting up social gatherings for you and your fellow WTA Members join the social committee, we could all use a night out once in a while!

**Maybe you like to make or design things. Wouldn't it be great to be part of the committee that recognizes all the hard work you and your coworkers do???? If so there is a place for you on the Teacher Appreciation Committee!**



## A Little Info from NYSUT

**OneNation:** March for our future Oct. 2 in Washington

**The cause:** On Oct. 2, thousands of Americans will converge in Washington, D.C. to participate in OneNation, a march to support public education and access to health care, jobs and a strong economy. NYSUT is arranging for a group bus, please contact your building rep ASAP if you are interested.



## Changes in APPR

For those of us in public education, the start of the school year always signals change, and that has never been more true than this year. As part of the process of the state winning the most recent round of Federal Race to the Top grant, the state has made changes to its teacher evaluation process. Our APPR committee will begin this year to make plans to implement the changes for the next school year.

**Please stay in touch with your building's representative to APPR committee !**

We need local leaders and members to continue to pressure members of the state Legislature to "do your part" and return to Albany to allocate the federal Education Jobs fund. New York's \$607 million of that fund can only be used to restore jobs in education, but it sits idle until the Legislature acts. We have state aid numbers that estimate the distribution of the funds. NYSUT has a legislative action letter posted at the Contact Your Local Officials page of [www.nysut.org](http://www.nysut.org).

**Keep the heat on members of the Legislature to "do their part" on the Jobs Fund!**



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