

COMMUNIQUE

Newsletter of the Wenatchee Education Association

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WenEA Scholarship Grant is due April 13th.

Don't forget to follow the Wenatchee Education Association on Facebook [HERE](#).



Check out the Wenatchee Education Association webpage [HERE](#).



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Co-Curricular Contract Focus Groups Offered Monday, January 29th

If you have an assignment that is covered under the co-curricular contract (coaches, advisors, etc. not covered by Big Red) you will have an opportunity to meet with the bargaining team to share ideas and concerns for this year's open contract negotiations. Please consult and/or meet with your colleagues in advance, and come prepared with any helpful research or data to support your ideas at the times listed below. The Co-Curricular contract is available under the documents tab on our website: WenatcheeEA.com.

WHS Music Dept.	Room 104	Room 102
4:00 - 4:30	Elementary LIT Members (elected, not appointed)	Elementary Clubs & Activities
4:45 - 5:15	Secondary LIT Members (elected, not appointed)	Middle School Clubs & Activities
5:30 - 6:00	High School Clubs & Activities	Middle Schools Sports
6:15 - 6:45	High School Head Athletic Coaches	High School Assistant Athletic Coaches



What do you say?

• Last month's question: **WenEA Year-end Celebration.** Most respondents want us to change it. See the results here. [Year end survey results from December](#).

- [January Survey, which political party do you identify with the most?](#)

[Washington State Republican Party Platform](#)
[Washington State Democratic Party Platform](#)

BIG RED Know your Contract

Internal Transfer application deadline is Feb. 1st. Internal Transfer forms need to be submitted to your principal prior to February 1st and can be for any position in your building. Forms are located on the district website under Human Resources/Forms/Internal Transfer Form. See page 16.

Early Notice Benefit If you plan to retire or separate from service at the end of the school year, and notify Human Resources in writing before the last regular school board meeting in January, you are eligible for compensation. See page 60.

Welcome New Member Gemma McCullough, Columbia!

Need proof of dental and vision insurance?

[Click me](#) for helpful information. You can also find it under "Salary & Benefits" on the [WenEA website](#).

Upcoming Dates

- **Mid-Year Training for LIT co-facilitators and principals**, January 16, 3:30-5:30, District Office



Transfer Fair, Jan. 18, 3:30-5:00, District Office

- **Mid-Year Self-Reflection and Evaluation Goal Reassessment**, February 12th

Upcoming President's Visits



President Kris Cameron joined members during lunches at Columbia on Friday, January 5th. She'll be coming to your building on the following dates:

Lewis & Clark Jan 11 @ 11:05 – 12:55
Lincoln Jan 12 @ 10:40 – 12:20
Mission View Jan 18 @ 10:35 – 12:45
Newbery Jan 19 @ 10:50 – 12:50
Sunnyslope Jan 23 @ 11:05 – 12:13
Washington Jan 25 @ 10:55 – 12:50
CR ECLC Jan 31 @ 11:30

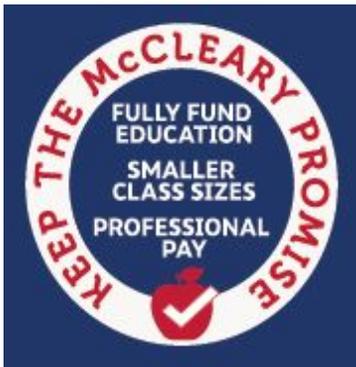
Foothills Feb 1 @ 11:05 - 1:05
Orchard Feb 2 @ 10:43 – 12:33
Pioneer Feb 8 @ 11:20 – 12:40
WHS Feb 9 @ 11:15 – 11:45
Valley Academy Feb 14 @ 11:30 – 12:00
WSHS Feb 16 @ 11:37
District Office Feb 20 @ TBD
(Includes Mine, Transition House)

Message from President Kris Cameron

As you can see, our theme this month is political engagement. Not partisan engagement - but meaningful involvement in the process by which we create the legal and regulatory environment in which we work and serve students. Elections have consequences, and our professional is particularly vulnerable to well-intentioned but misinformed, and often destructive meddling by lawmakers. January marks the beginning of the 2018 legislative session and our annual WEAPAC drive. This optional fund enables us to help elect

pro-public education candidates to make decisions about our salary and benefits, class sizes and caseloads, evaluation, student assessments, and funding that can make or break the vital supports that our kids need. We cannot bargain strong contracts at the local level if we don't have sufficient state resources available. If you are already a member of WEAPAC - thank you! You have helped us have one of the highest local memberships in the state. If you have not yet joined, please get signed up with your building rep. There are a lot of PACs working against us, so it's a bargain at just \$2.25 per month to support the one working for us. If we don't have good legislators to work with, it doesn't matter how compelling we are - it's like one hand clapping. Please

do your part to help send good partners to Olympia! Please stay informed and answer the call to action when asked. This work takes all of us!



Read WEA President Kim Mead's response to Governor Inslee's education budget proposal and the WEA legislative agenda at this [link](#).

Join WEAPAC today! See your Building Rep for details.



Legislative Session Begins

The 2018 Legislative session begins in Olympia today, January 8th. The State Supreme Court has ruled that the state is still about \$1 billion short on its school funding obligations under the McCleary Decision. It's going to take all of us to get the legislature to do right by our students and schools. Please stay connected with our legislators using the resources below. Remind them what you and your students need in order to succeed.

Legislative Hotline:

1-800-562-6000

Delivers your message to all three of our legislators.

WEA Legislative Updates

Text "ourvoice" to 41411

Sends brief legislative updates and action alerts to your phone.

WEA Political Action:

<http://ourvoicewashingtonea.org>

Legislative updates and informative blog.



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[Teacher's Get a Discount at Bob's!!!](#)

Congratulations to our newest NBCTs!

These colleagues will be honored at the School Board meeting on January 23rd. Interested in learning more about National Board certification? Contact Mark Woolsey, woolsey.m@wenatcheeschools.org. As a union member you also qualify for support through WEA at washingtonea.org.



From top left to right: Liz Detamore, Columbia; Abbie Estep, Pioneer; Alicen Gaytley, Mission View; Karissa Harle, Pioneer; Adam MacDonald, WHS; Brandy Martinez, Mission View; Mallory Neher, Orchard; Jennifer Netz, WHS; Katie Patnode, Orchard; Jill Reinfeld, Washington; Rachael Simmons, WHS; Katie Spurrell, Orchard; Scott Tiedeman, WHS. Not pictured: Brandon Harle, WHS.

Rep Assembly Delegate Elections

Don't forget to vote for our WenEA delegates to WEA and NEA Rep Assemblies. See your building rep for a ballot and candidate information, which can also be found at these links:

[2018 WEA RA Ballot Bios](#) [2018 NEA RA Ballot Bios](#)

This [LINK](#) is for anyone interested in being a Washington state delegate to NEA RA, or a member of the WEA board of directors, both representing NC UniServ. Nominations are open Jan. 22 through Feb. 5, 2018. All documents are submitted online only (paper documents will NOT be distributed or accepted). On January 22, 2018 this page will contain a link to the nomination site. Please bookmark this page for easy reference. All nominations must be made by a member of the Washington Education Association in good standing. The nominee must be a member in good standing to be eligible for any position.

Questions about serving on the WEA board? Contact Kris at WenatcheeEA@gmail.com or 669-4724.

Have you visited the Communication Hub lately?

WenEA Scholarship Grant Fund



The WenEA Scholarship Grant program offers financial assistance to the sons and daughters of WenEA members as they pursue post-high school education. The grant fund is supported by donations from our members. The size of awards varies each year. They are based upon the amount of donations received from WenEA members and the number of applicants, and are equal for all eligible applicants. Grants will only be awarded to children of members of the Wenatchee Education Association (WenEA) who are current high school seniors, regardless of the school they attend.

Here are the links for the WenEA Scholarship Grant [Donation Form](#) and [Application Form](#).

