I have one single topic for you to understand this month. Of highest importance is the MARCH for Public Education on May 3rd in Albany. As I stated in the e-mail to all last week, we cannot sit by and complain about the lack of funds and expect change. We all have our excuses, we all value our weekends, and we all have commitments.

This event will be one of the most important and visible events in our advocacy for New York public schools. Tens of thousands will stand together for full funding and fairness. Our state’s first responsibility is to students and schools. Together we will deliver a strong message to the Governor and Legislature. Give one day!

Another option you have is to get together with your team within your building. All buildings have organized structures. Find one member that can ride the bus and encourage the other members to contribute to help buy the ticket! We need to organize and unite.

In a few weeks, when our district unveils the budget for next year, reality will strike for many. I cannot stress our need for solidarity on this issue enough! E-mail me now and say you will be there.

For more information visit this website: www.marchforpubliceducation.org

P.S.
The bus cost is $24.00 per person. Make your check payable to Pat Yates.

Call For Action

Write, call, visit, hop on the bus, organize, rally parents to respond, make your voices heard... If there is one thing that I learned on my trip to Albany, it’s that an individual can make a difference.

Our elected officials want to hear from us! Let them know what is important to you. A simple postcard counts. Here is a short list of our Honorable (used in the address at the beginning of their names) leaders:

George E. Pataki
Governor of New York
The Executive Chamber

Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Mike Nozollio
New York State Senate
Albany, NY 12247

Other key Senate leaders and committee chairs include:
Stephan Saldan—Education
Owen Johnson—Finance
Mary Lou Rath—Children and Families
Joseph Bruno—Majority Leader

david paterson—Minority Leader

Robert Oaks
New York State Assembly
Albany NY 12248

Other Assembly leaders include:
Sheldon Silver—Speaker
Paul Tokasz—Majority Leader
Charles Nesbitt—Minority Leader

You can get a complete list of legislators as well as contact them via e-mail by accessing the following website:
http://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/
The 3 R’s: Remarks, Reminders, and Relief!

3rd Thursdays–
10 Minute Meeting
March 20th - Free Donuts!
10 minutes– Donuts!
Donuts! Donuts!
Topic : APPR: How to prepare for your summative review.

Itemizing your Taxes? WTA deductible dues amount is $532.00.

Turn in your surveys to your social committee rep and get the party on!

Rule of thumb #5
“There is no such thing as a right to privacy with e-mails.”

To make donations to Larry Ruth’s Campaign—send a check to Ed Currier (Middle School) payable to “Larry Ruth”

Problems/issues recently resolved
Good job everyone!
Thank you Roundtable members, principals, building reps, teachers, and all who work in the spirit of collaboration and collegiality.

Currently investigating/collaborating:
- End of year work day.
- On line grading.

... And You Were There!

It all happens right here at Wayne Central School District: musicals, sports, community service, clubs, events, masterminds, science Olympics, to name just a few. How does it all get done? Who keeps it going when the going gets tough? Who works more than they sleep? Who cares about kids? Who knows how to have a good time learning and teaching and helping others find the joy in learning too? Who helps set the foundation of character for the students here at Wayne Central? You do of course!

We know you are out there, working, playing, breathing the inspirational life into this school community and we celebrate YOU! Here are just a few of those WTA member and more who make the difference today and everyday.
Lori Smith, Lee Strominine, Bob Kelsch, Mike Lester, Corrine Pedrone, Doreen Biviano (former WTA Member) Dick Galvin, John Contino, and more, I’m sure, put in countless hours and great coordination effort for the High School production of Bye Bye Birdie.

Dianne DiGravio and Ed Currier have headed up/coached the Science Olympiad Team at the Middle School and will be off again this year to the State Competition level with a team of 21 middle schoolers! I’ve never seen one of these competitions but it sounds interesting—building robots, bridges, and other interesting things, solving crime scenes, identifying fossils, and applying all that they know about science. What a way to create a love of learning! And Three years in a row making it to the state level of competition!

Sports programs are a cornerstone of any school community. They often have demanding schedules with the students practicing or competing over the summer, holidays and weekends. The time commitments can be intense. Here at Wayne during the fall and winter seasons we have an abundance of activity at all levels.
- JV and Varsity Football with a coaching staff of Mark McMillan (HS), Bill Mitchell (Williamson), Mike Grasta, John DonVito (HS), and Dave Marean (OE/HS).
- Soccer has JV and Varsity boys and girls teams as well as modified boys and girls teams with a coaching staff of Tim Mattle (HS) Kevin Shoemaker (MS), Bill Jordan (Maintenance), Bob Taylor (Maintenance), Tom Gentile (HS), Brad LaBarge (MS), Dave Leone, and Cheryl Herzog (BOCES).
- Varsity Cross Country is coached by Todd Brockhuizen (BOCES) and Kim Baker (HS).
- JV and Varsity boys and girls and modified girls Volleyball is coached by Craig Wert (MS), Greg Barnhart, Ken Schaumberg (FE), Jackie Senecal (HS) and MJ Hoffman (FE).

We salute you all!