For auld lang syne

This is going to be short. First of all, I don't really have time to write; but more importantly, you don't have time to read.

This is such a wonderful-awful time of the school year. Assessments, parties, class plays, report cards, scheduling, class lists, award assemblies, supplies. I think we all are feeling a little bit out of control.

So take a breath and reflect. Where were your students in September? Where are they now? Who has been your miracle student this year? What was the joyful or even hilarious moment that will be etched in your memory? When did that A-Ha moment occur? Why did you become a teacher, and aren't you glad that you did?

Tell yourself that you will survive the next few days. Have a wonderful summer! Rest, reflect, and come back refreshed in the fall.

I thank all of you for being a part of my experience as WTA president this year. Some moments were wonderful. Some were awful. I have learned much about the job, but also about myself. I'm glad I took the responsibility on, but I am also looking forward to being a school counselor again. I wish Jason all the best.

Sincerely,
Lori Sensenbach

WTA Local News!

- Heather Glossner and Nicki Welch for OE,
- Dawn Chelini and Cindy Coomber for OP,
- Tiffany Cotsonas and Alex Balta at FE.

Negotiators elected:
- Greg Geesler (HS),
- Jay Gauthier (MS),
- Jeanne Robillard (OE),
- Betsy Hennessy (OP),
- Amy Sullivan (FE).

All together we have elected a powerhouse team for the next term. We can be proud of the leadership that we encourage here at Wayne.

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Committee Updates
Stipends Committee
Met 1 time. Starting with coaching salaries – Mark Blankenberg will share data about current coaching levels. Direct questions / concerns to Brad LaBarge, Jackie Senecal or MJ Hoffman.

Supplemental Benefits Committee
Has not met (Gregg Atseff out sick). Scheduling dates with provider to discuss 105 reimbursement plan. Direct questions / concerns to Jason Carter, Nancy Domm or Kim Northrup.

Professional Conduct Committee
Has not met. WTA members are Ronnie Steele, Maureen Nagel, and Betsy Hennessey.

Baby News:
Kristin Bauerschmidt had a baby boy, Daniel Robert, on Friday, May 5th. Jeremiah Brandt’s baby girl has arrived! Penny Barry had a baby boy!!!

Welcome Aboard: to Kim Cox as our New Assistant Superintendent of Instruction– we know that you have the vision and drive to keep moving us forward and make connections.

Congratulations to:
OE staff on earning state recognition as a “high performance school!”
Eileen Schwarz regarding her daughter, Dianne, earning her Ph. D. in Molecular biology on June 4th!

Went Golfing!
No more Donuts! :(
No More 3rd Thursdays—
we’re done for this year! :)

Issues currently being explored:
♦ Monitoring transfer concerns and
  process.
♦ Monitoring posting of job open-
  nings.
♦ Monitoring MS scheduling.
♦ Health care buy-out option
♦ Training for updated APPR.

Issues acted upon/resolved:
• Contract signed June 14th.
• APPR approved and is being
  printed.

Dates to Remember:
• July 25 and August 22 are the
  summer NYSTRS statewide pre-
  retirement planning seminars!
  8:30am -3:00pm @ the Radisson
  Hotel. Call 800-356-3128 ext 6180
to register.
• NYSUT Summer Leadership

Rule of thumb #32: Go ahead and
play—it’s your summer vacation too!

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Bon Voyage’ and Bien Venue to:
JUDY FLETCHER: 34 YRS.(HS)
ROB GRAHAM: 36 YRS. (HS)
SANDY KARPP: 30 YRS. (OE)
SANDY NAIL: 18 YRS. (OP)
ROSE PIERCE: 46 YRS. (FE)
EILEEN SCHWARZ: 23 YRS. (MS)
DONNA STALKER: 34 YRS. (DO)
CAROLYN STRAUB: 20 YRS. (HS)
GINNY THORNE: 32 YRS. (OE)
FRAN TREIBLE: 38 YRS. (FE)
DEB VALINZO: 28 YRS. (HS)
MARIAN WULFERT: 39 YRS. (MS)
CAROL NEILD: 9 YRS. (MS)

That’s 13 of our WCSD family mem-
bers retiring with over 375 years of
combined service and experience!
So many years, a wealth of experi-
ence, honed talent, and the bonds of
friendship make it hard to say good-
bye. Some of us are probably a bit
envious or even beginning to count
how many years till we reach that pin-
nacle. They have lead the way here
at Wayne and now lead the way into
that bright adventurous future we
know as “retirement”.

Some have echoed sentiments about
slowing down and catching that relax-
ing break. Sandy Karpp said, “After
38 years of teaching elementary, I’m
still not ready to decide but now I can
slow down and pursue all those fun
activities that I forgot about!”. While
Eileen Schwarz stated, “After 30
years of teaching Social Studies, now
I can finally relax and think of myself
for once! I think they both earned their
break!

Donna Stalker on the other hand is
not ready to kick back just yet as she
tells us, “After 34 years of teaching
children and adults, now I can finally
give as much to my family and church
as I have to my school family. I plan
to stay very active at Wayne Central
at all levels (they can’t get rid of me
yet!!) I will have the chance to stay
home and play with my grandson,
Cameron, as much as I like. (Hey, if it
is snowy and cold, I won’t have to
clean off the car and come to work!) I
plan to take him to see Mickey Mouse
next January! Additionally I plan to
scrapbook, knit, and read as well as
complete the very long “honey do” list
that Ed has for me. I have so many
plans for keeping busy that I just
might not get that “honey do list” com-
pleted for many years. Where will I
be next September 5? Right here at
Wayne – you never know where you’ll
find me!” She sounds busy already!

Personally, I know that Rose Pierce
and Fran Treible are the last of the
original Freewill crew! For Rose, after
46 years of teaching elementary, she
has set her eye on some kittens and
has already joined the Rochester Mu-
seum and Science Center and a book
group! Fran Treible, after 38 years at
the primary level, wants to get back
to gardening, all her creative sewing
and crafts projects, and spending time
with her beautiful baby granddaugh-
ter!

In any case, teacher retirees are
some of the most rambunctious, ad-
venturous folks around! That joy of
learning seems to get a whole new
energy upon retirement. Hopefully
we’ll get a chance to keep in touch
and hear about their adventures as
we send them off with our best wishes
and warmest regards!