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Lori's Welcome



Welcome back. Opening day, I spoke about how good it was to see each of you and how grateful I was to have a school and job to come to, and the true scope and impact of Hurricane Katrina still had not yet fully come to light. I've tried to imagine what this all means for a child of school age in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. No immunization or medical records—who would know if a student was a hemophiliac or taking Stratera. No report cards—where do I place this child? No supplies; no buildings. Teachers displaced who knows where and with no records to show whether they are highly qualified or not. Board of Education members living in California. No one to administrate and organize, and no one to determine whether or not I was using sentence fragments or writing creatively.

Yet even as I wonder, I hear stories of teachers at the Astrodome setting up make-shift lessons. The National Guard spent Sunday cleaning up a Gulfport elementary school so that it could open today. Schools all over Texas have opened their doors to take in thousands of students. Colleges have admitted students from Tulane and LSU. The human spirit and our desire to learn and teach are truly amazing!

NEA has already organized a massive effort to provide assistance specifically to affected children, schools, and NEA Members. Go to NEA's website to see all the ways you, as a member, are already helping and how you can provide further support (www.nea.org). You can make donations directly on line with your credit card, you can lobby your congress and

assembly people to take specific decisive legislative action, and more.

As for us, I know you will continue to be the best teachers you can be. I know you will employ those UbD strategies and serve well on the various committees. You will continue to differentiate and strive to develop motivating curriculums. Yet I also hope you keep everything in perspective. There is so much to life, and we are so fortunate.

Carpe diem.

Lori Sensenbach

My apologies to our Negotiating Committee. I failed to turn over my list on opening day. Its members are: Kathy Emison, Brad LaBarge, Dan Harris, Frank Gough, Jason Carter, Jeanne Robillard, Jay Gauthier, and Nancy Domm.

Pat Yates!

The secret we have been told is that if the garage door is up—come on in! That's how you know if Pat is home and up to having visitors. And she is up—her spirit is strong, she is missing the hustle and bustle of activity here at Wayne and wants to keep in the buzz!

So how is she really doing? She has had her 4th

radiation treatment. Last old news was that she was still fighting that staph (or is that staff?- pun intended) infection and as always with this kind of thing she has good days, better days, and not so good days.

If Pat had her way she'd be back at her posts in full swing by Thanksgiving. If we had our way—she

would have never had to leave us in the first place to fight this fight!!!! I'm betting on seeing her back after Christmas.

In the mean time: Keep sending the cards, stop and visit, say your prayers, and keep the faith!

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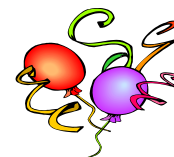
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CELEBRATE !

Dianna Schwarz, daughter of Eileen Schwarz (HS?) and Wayne graduate (1995) graduated with her Ph.D. From U Mass Med School!

Wedding bells rang for :

Pam Buddendeck (FE) ,now Pam Davison, just married this month—September 1st! Beth Miranda is now Beth Smith— married this summer!

Andy Strusick (HS) , Jackie Shears, and Tracy Davis - now Van Burren (OP) all tied the knot this summer too!

Stork Visits:

Kim Baker (HS) is now the proud parent of baby Dylan (adopted this summer). Sue Ellen TerraNova (OE) had a beautiful baby boy - Giovanni!

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

3rd Thursdays are **BACK!!!!**

September 22nd—Did you get your donut? Topics were many! Do you know your Wiengarten Rights?



Issues acted upon/discussed:

- ◆ Appointed and elected new building reps and delegate to fill vacant seats to finish the term until May elections.
- ◆ Lori and Jeff conducted a training session at new teachers' orientation.
- ◆ Personal day issues clarified and resolved.

Issues currently being explored:

- ◆ APPR committee to meet in the fall re: summative evaluation forms.
- ◆ Timeliness of responses to inquiries at district office.

Rule of thumb #24: *Let your thumb only handle that piece of paper once—make the decision and file it! (so say the organizing gurus!)*

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Retirement Party for Ed Currier, Nancy Driscoll and Deb Wood is this Friday, September 30. Send RSVP and gift donations to Erin O'Brien (MS).

Happy Hour Returns!

At the Ontario Golf Club. We saw who was having a good time last Friday!

Upcoming dates are being planned for November, January, March, and the last one in late May /



How Does Your Money Grow?

WCSD offers payroll deductions for **403 B plans** which you can decide to set up contributions for at any time through Mark Callahan's Office. The only requirement is that you use one of the service providers on the district/union approved list.

To help you understand this option and answer other questions that you may have regarding your personal finances we are continuing to have the Legend Group and AXA representatives available to you throughout the year in each building. **You are invited to visit with them on your lunch break in the faculty lounge.** They have been instructed not to interrupt the instructional day, which means they can not meet with you in your classroom or at other times in the school day.

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If you wish to make an appointment to further discuss your personal finances with them you are invited to do so.

Here are their upcoming schedules:

Mike Kramer of the Legend Group (Cookie Man)

O.E.	Friday, Sept. 23rd
Middle School	Monday, Sept. 26th
Freewill	Tuesday, Sept. 27th
O.P.	Friday, Sept. 30th
High School	Monday, Oct. 3rd

Dan DiPaola and David Pulcini of AXA (Men in Black)

(They are typically in the district on Wednesdays)

Middle School	September 14th
High School	September 21st
O.E.	September 28th

O.P.	October 12th
Freewill	October 5th

Tom Gentil and Doug Casey both from the HS are our New York State Teacher's Retirement System Delegates. They will be keeping us updated on planning seminars and any other changes or information that you may need to know.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming **Pre-Retirement Planning Seminars in the Rochester area:** November 18 and December 9th, both Fridays. At the Radisson Hotel, 175 Jefferson Road, Henrietta. Time: 8:00am - 3:00pm. You may call the NYSTRS directly at : **800 - 356 - 3128 x 6180**. Also, please visit the website at www.nystrs.org to get details you can use for pre-planning your retirement!



WTA & NEA -NY Working For You!

NEA Summer Leadership Institute was well attended by WTA folks this year! Kathy Emison, Nancie Domm, Lori Sensebach, and Maureen Doyle spent the week immersed in union solidarity! Workshops attended included: bargaining salary schedules, bargaining health insurance proposals, school law updates, and issues with teacher certification. All of these workshops were highly informative and will definitely be helpful in our upcoming negotiations of which you will get regular updates. There was also a discussion about the NEA merger with NYSUT and moving forward together as a single state union in New York. Very exciting times lay ahead.