President’s Message

All across the nation unions are under attack and never before have we faced such a large opposition to remove our collective bargaining rights. This was evident in Wisconsin where their governor signed an anti-union bill that restricted government workers’ collective bargaining rights. Even in Massachusetts, the Legislature voted to deprive public employee unions of their right to bargain for certain health benefits. The right to collectively bargain was removed from public employees in Indiana and Ohio. In New Hampshire, it took a veto by the governor to block imposing a right-to-work law for the first time in the Northeast.

However, unions are fighting back and joining together to stand up for collective bargaining rights. The We Are One Campaign has helped spread the word that unions need to stand together now more than ever. Their message is simple: “We are one. We stand in solidarity with teachers, firefighters, nurses, construction workers and all who are under attack by governors and state legislatures. All of us need to work together to create a strong middle class, and a country we can be proud of.”

Union leaders in Ohio put a repeal initiative on the November ballot, called Issue 2. A no vote would undo the law restricting their rights that was signed earlier in the year. In New York, NYSUT, has successfully fought back against laws that would have diminished our bargaining and working rights.

To help promote unity and celebrate unions the WTA & CSEA building representatives will be distributing wristbands with the phrase “WTA & CSEA Together We Are One” for a $1 donation per wristband. Proceeds from the wrist-bands will go to the WTA scholarship fund. Every year the WTA gives out several $500 scholarships to Wayne Central High School seniors.

We Are One,
Jason Carter

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Thanks to all of those who braved the weather and walked in the Making Strides against Breast Cancer Walk!

**Baby Booties**

Beth Peters – has been a parent twice already this year. In 1st grade she welcomed an exchange student from Germany – Josephine (who has now found a permanent host family) and now has a student from Mongolia, Shildeg, who is finishing up her program this December.

Erica Wagner, a first grade teacher at OP, and her husband Jeff were blessed with a daughter on October 4th. They named her Ava Belle. Congratulations to the Wagner Family!

**Trivia**

**From the “Trout Pond”**

Teachers in grades 4-8 who teach certain subjects will receive student growth scores in June of 2012. However, those scores can not be used in their annual evaluations unless a specific event / process takes place first.

What are the subject areas? What is the process / event?

The first unit member to contact Jeff Trout with the correct answer will receive a $15 Lowes Gift Card.

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Ideal teachers are those who use themselves as bridges over which they invite their students to cross, then having facilitated their crossing, joyfully collapse, encouraging them to create bridges of their own.

by Nikos Kazantzakis

Education costs money, but then so does ignorance.

by Claus Moser:

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Dates to Remember:
Parent Teacher Conference Week
November 4th Friday — 1/2 Day
November 7th, Monday — Rep council mtg at
November 11th — Veteran’s Day — No School
November 17th, Thursday — 10 Minute Meeting
November 30th Wednesday — Mandated Trainings online due
WTA & Wayne CSD negotiation dates:
- October 25th
- November 2nd (sub committee)
- November 14

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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 email union issues to your reps.

Issues currently being discussed /explored:
***Parent Teacher Conference Schedules
**Teachers Schedules
**Negotiations
**Class Sizes

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Congratulations to all the new Wayne parents, and hope you are getting enough sleep!
Congratulations to the following teachers who were honored by our seniors at the Annual Teacher Appreciation Game
Mr. Tinnes – Kyle Marks
Mr. DeMass - Nick Roeger
Mr. Cox – Colton Strickland
Mrs. Courtney – Steve Link
Miss Toscano – Cameron Crisafulli
Mr. Hout – Cory McNamara
Ms. Walzer – Trevor McClaran
Mr. Marean – Joe Amidon
Mr. Eagle – Alex Sonneville
Mr. Thomson – Connor Hollenbeck
Mr. Struzik – Zach Kosachook
Mrs. Hoffman – TJ Verschage
Ms. Walzer – Tyler Graham
Mrs. Doran – Ben Lang

Congratulations to the following teachers for being selected by the senior boys for Soccer Players to be recognized at their Teacher Appreciation night:
Brandon Barron- Mike Elliott
Connor Brown- Alan Eagle
Mark Gentile- Jay Gauthier
Jake Hillegeer- Becky Groff
Ricky Mastrodonato- Ryan VanAllen
Mike Morgan- Jay Gauthier
Ty Petrotta- Dave Tinnes
Jake Provo- Amber Whitney
Weston Riel- Lisa Marino
Tyler Walther- Mike Cox
Eric Willson- Jackie Courtney

You all make such a huge difference in every Wayne Central School District Child’s life, it is nice to see your efforts recognized by those who mean the most...The Students!

News From NYSUT
State takes step to improve test integrity
Starting in 2012-13, New York teachers will not grade their own students’ state standardized tests. Instead, districts will use external, regional or computerized scoring, but it is not clear at this time how the new grading system will be implemented. Approved this week by the Board of Regents, the move may cause changes in the Regents exam schedule. NYSUT Vice President Maria Neira said the state needs to find funding and ensure that testing costs are not pushed down to school districts. There are many operational issues, especially for small and rural school districts. The union is pressing for protections for staff members who report test administration problems.
Starting next school year, New York teachers will no longer grade their own students’ state standardized tests - but it is unclear how the new system will be implemented. The move, approved by the Board of Regents in October, is part of a plan to improve the integrity of the state's assessment system. A work group of State Education Department staff appointed in August found no evidence of widespread cheating in New York.

“The Regents and department have faith that virtually all educators are doing the right thing,” SED Commissioner John King said. “However, where possible, if we can eliminate potential breakdowns in test integrity, we should.”
This action may cause changes in the Regents exam schedule for 2012-13. Several Regents expressed concerns that moving the exams earlier would cut instructional and review time and pose attendance problems.
NYSUT Vice President Maria Neira noted the change in the scoring process could pose logistical problems in small and rural districts, where there might be only one physics or chemistry teacher. The Regents directed SED to work further with the field on local implementation details.
“This will be challenging, however there are examples of how it can be done successfully throughout the state,” King said.

Senate Republicans block bill to hire teachers, cops and firefighters
“The senators who voted ‘no’ late Thursday night on the Teachers and First Responders Back to Work Act have once again squandered the chance to help our kids, communities and the economy by putting teachers back in the classroom, and ensuring that police officers and firefighters protect our neighborhoods,” said AFT President Randi Weingarten. The bill would have provided funds to local governments to put back to work or keep on the job some 400,000 teachers and first responders. NYSUT President Dick Iannuzzi and Weingarten led a contingent of NYSUT leaders in a series of public events with senators and constituents in support of the bill. NYSUT Vice Presidents Maria Neira and Kathleen Donahue; NYSUT board members Stacey Caruso-Sharpe of the Amsterdam TA and Adam Urbanski, president of the Rochester TA; were among those in Washington speaking up in support of the Obama jobs plan.
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