President’s Message

Welcome back to the 2013-2014 school year. Hard to believe the summer went by so fast. Since the temperature today is only going to get to mid-50s, it looks like Fall arrived even earlier than its September 22nd official start date.

The annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk is a bit later this year and will be on Sunday, October 20th. Once again this will be an all staff, family, friends, and community event. Our team name is Wayne Central, and you can join or donate to our team by going to: http://main.acsevents.org/goto/WayneCentral
You can also buy a long sleeve T-shirt with proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. Order forms are located in each building and you don’t need to walk at the event to buy a shirt.

Once again the WTA will also be spearheading a “Thank You for Sharing” campaign thanking our county Supervisors for their continued support of public education through the sharing of Wayne County Sales tax. Wayne Central School District currently receives approximately $880,000 a year of funding from Wayne County sales tax. Letters and postcards will be available for you to compete starting at our first Third Thursday (10 minute meeting) of the year on September 19th.

Thank you for showing your support on our Regional Day of (Action) Solidarity. If you are like me and especially the ELA & Math teachers you are certainly feeling the strains brought on by SED. This day of action is just one step of many of raising the public’s awareness.

Sincerely
Jason Carter
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Issues Currently Being Discussed/Explored
*Schedules
*Construction
*APPR/SLO
*PD Time

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

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- Acronym of the Month -
GRAIR

GRAIR is additional literacy time within the school day where teachers can work with students in developmentally appropriate groupings to meet their individual needs. This is an opportunity for the favorite traditional read aloud, literacy based centers, and immersion in text, where teachers can facilitate student choice from existing leveled libraries based on interest, availability, and readability. The purpose of this time is to build independent, interested, and capable readers.

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1 Year of Service:
Christina Cosway

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The benefits of an online bank

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So why consider using one of these types of banks? Online banks are often able to offer superior rates and incentives since they don’t have physical locations -- thereby passing these savings along to their customers.

Many people decide to utilize online banks in conjunction with their current traditional bank to secure higher rates for supplemental accounts, such as term-based certificates of deposits (CDs), savings accounts or IRAs.

The Member Benefits Corporation endorses the GE Capital Retail Bank Deposit Program, which is an online banking service that allows NYSUT members and their families to take advantage of some of today’s most competitive interest rates.

Learn how the GE Capital Retail Bank Deposit Program can help you save by calling toll-free 866-226-5638 or visiting gecrbaatwork.com (enter “NYSUT” in the company or association name box).

Financial expertise customized for your situation

The program offers:

• Up to six hours of objective toll-free telephone consultations with a certified financial planner or registered investment advisor.

• In-person consultations at least once per calendar year at your NYSUT Regional Office or Stacey Braun’s New York City office

• Access to Stacey Braun’s password-protected website and a 24-hour email helpdesk for basic financial questions.

• NYSUT members can purchase the Financial Counseling Program for an annual fee of $260; a 403(b) Limited Plan is available for an annual fee of $185.

For more information, call 800-626-8101 or visit memberbenefits.nysut.org.