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### News and Views shared at first Site Rep meeting of the Year

TVEA's first meeting of the year for site reps brought in a record number of new representatives. Exec Board is grateful for and excited about the many veteran reps who have returned and the new folks who have stepped up to leadership.

VP Jeff Kingsberg shared information about our TVEA team for Race for the Cure. More details are inside the newsletter! You can sign up online or your Site Rep has registration forms as well!

VP Edgar Diaz shared information about a new MOU signed last week to define the way smaller class sizes are implemented this year in our district—part of an 8-year process with the goal of getting to 24:1 ratios. That MOU is posted on our website and will be distributed to site reps shortly. It is not an all-encompassing MOU as some have been in the past. It only addresses class size TK-3. Further negotiations meetings are being planned right now with the district.

#### Other news and info shared:

- Adult Ed is back--to the level of funding the government is providing. Susan Ingle, our lone Adult Ed instructor, is working at 60%.
- Many teachers are struggling with inadequate resource budgets and fear running out of copies through the year.
- Teachers agree that Common Core lesson-planning is taking a lot of time.
- High School reps are concerned with large classes, stresses coming from high enrollment at GOHS and access to 6/5th assignments.
- TVEA asks you to participate in a professional development survey we'll be sending out this month. The data provided will help us plan free professional development for members and our first local Good Teaching Conference.
- TVEA shared information about the very complex LCFF that makes bargaining and financial monitoring complicated. School districts and the state do not have the software available to track how funding is being received and spent. Our bargaining team will work with CTA to identify any funding that TVEA can negotiate about.

TVEA's Exec Board and Leadership Council look forward to working to support teachers through the year ahead!

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## LCFF and Slightly Higher Enrollment Means Many Laid-off Teachers are Back at Work

TVUSD’s “rehire list” has been greatly reduced this fall because of provisions from the Local Control Funding Formula. In July, we were looking at 72 people on the list--some of whom had been laid off more than 3 years ago. Today the list includes 39 people--29 elementary and 10 secondary teachers. Of that 39, 8 have verified that they are currently working in other districts and 6 are working temporary jobs in our district. Ten more have declined positions, but were offered jobs in TVUSD. So the number of unemployed teachers seems to be closer to the mid- or low- twenties.

Why did LCFF mean more hiring? It stipulates that class sizes TK-Grade 3 show averages of student to teacher ratios decreasing towards a 24:1 ratio in 8 years (about 12% this year). So more teachers were needed to make slightly smaller class sizes.

About 15 new members have joined TVEA this year—mostly speech and language pathologists and special ed teachers. These newly hired individuals hold certificates that no one laid-off from a position in the district currently holds.

Amidst this good news is some bad news, too: 19 teachers on the “rehire list” will lose their rights to TVUSD employment on Sept. 30 because their 39 months (guaranteed to permanent teachers by California Ed Code) are up. Although these teachers can apply (and are encouraged to apply) for positions that are posted to the public, they do not automatically get called back into service when there is an opening.

### **TVEA Joins Race for the Cure!**

Jeff Kingsberg, TVEA Vice President, is organizing a team to participate in this exciting community event! Posters and registration forms were distributed Wednesday at the Leadership Council meeting, so see your site rep for more information.

We hope to have everyone registered by **Sept. 20th**, so don’t delay in signing up now. Visit [www.tveducators.org](http://www.tveducators.org) for a quick link to register online!

The Race for the Cure takes place on Sunday, Oct. 20, in Temecula. There are opportunities to run or walk a 5k course (competitively or not). A family fun walk is also part of the event, along with a chance to enjoy the many Race for the Cure booths and activities at the mall.

Our goal is to recruit 150 participants from our education community, and to raise at least \$1500 in contributions.



### **Are you on Your School Site Council or Interested in Being a Part of It?**

CTA is offering a training session for members of school site councils (open to parents, teachers, administration, or other staff) on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm at our TVEA office. Come find out how school site councils should be run and what important decisions they are responsible for. Contact Lisa to RSVP your attendance: [lhtvea@verizon.net](mailto:lhtvea@verizon.net). The training is free, and refreshments will be provided. There is a small office off our meeting room for school-age children to do homework during the meeting.

### **Do you have BYOD Tips to Share?**

Let us know what you’re doing in your classroom with personal devices!

[Socrative.com](http://Socrative.com) offers some educational exercises (quizzes, polls, questions, and games) for teachers to use with students and receive feedback on immediately. Have you tried it, or do you have a different app or website to tell other teachers about? Email us at [lhtvea@verizon.net](mailto:lhtvea@verizon.net).



## How Kids Get Smart

Mary Jimenez (PES) recommended a great book that addresses the needs of our best and brightest students! Here's a condensed version of an article about it from *The Economist*, April 17<sup>th</sup> issue.

***The Smartest Kids in the World: And How They Got That Way***, By Amanda Ripley (Simon and Schuster)

Ms. Ripley follows three American teenagers who spend a year as foreign-exchange students in Finland, Poland and South Korea, countries that have scored highly on the PISA (Program for International Student Assessment) test that focuses on problem-solving. Their wide-eyed observations make for compelling reading. In each country, the Americans are startled by how hard their new peers work and how seriously they take their studies. Math classes tend to be more sophisticated, with lessons that show the often fascinating ways that geometry, trigonometry and calculus work together in the real world. Students forego calculators, having learned how to manipulate numbers in their heads. Classrooms tend to be understated, free of the high-tech gadgetry of their schools back home. And teachers in every subject exhibit the authority of professionals held in high regard.

This is a lesson Ms. Ripley sees throughout her tour of "the smart-kid countries." Children succeed in classrooms where they are expected to succeed. Schools work best when they operate with clarity of mission: as places to help students master complex academic material (not as sites dedicated to excellence in sport, she hastens to add). When teachers demand rigorous work, students often rise to the occasion, whereas tracking students at different cognitive levels tends to "diminish learning and boost inequality." Low expectations are often duly rewarded.

America's classrooms do not fare well in this book. Against these examples of academic achievement, the country's expensive mistakes look all the more foolish. For example, unlike the schools in Finland, which channel more resources to the neediest kids, America funds its schools through property taxes, ensuring the most disadvantaged students are warehoused together in the worst schools.

Ms. Ripley packs a startling amount of insight in this slim book. She notes that Finland, Poland and South Korea all experienced moments of crisis—economic and existential—before they buckled down and changed their stories. America, she observes, may soon reach a similar moment. She cites the World Economic Forum's most recent ranking of global competitiveness, which placed America seventh, marking its third consecutive year of decline. Meanwhile Finland, that small, remote Nordic country with few resources, has been steadily moving up this ladder, and now sits comfortably in third place.

### **TVEA and TVUSD Work Together on Healthy Kids Program Again**

The teacher association and district have signed on to continue the Teachers for Healthy Kids Program, organized by CTA. The program enables parents in our district to apply for no-cost or low-cost health insurance for students at all grade levels. This year, Teachers for Healthy Kids is being offered on-line. When parents indicate they would like to be contacted, they receive a phone call interview to see if the family qualifies. Teachers know that healthy kids learn better, and kids with access to free or affordable health care are more likely to get exams and any necessary treatments. If you hear



about a student who needs health insurance, encourage the parents to visit the district website to find out about Teachers for Healthy Kids.

### **TVEA's First Social Hour September 19th at Rodrigo's Restaurant!**

Plan on attending the first social hour of the year at Rodrigo's on Winchester Road, close to Chaparral High School, on Thursday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. Committee chairs will be there to share what they do!!

### **Did you know?**

Jeff Charbonneau, National Teacher of the Year, honored by President Obama at the White House, is also the co-president of his local teacher association!

## Common Core News You Can Use

- The draft version of Accessibility and Accommodations Guidelines for Smarter Balanced assessments is out for public review and comment. If you teach language learners or students with disabilities, we encourage you to review it and offer feedback to the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium. You can view the draft and provide feedback at: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/smarterbalanced.asp>
- One hundred fifty California educators are working now as members of the State Network of Educators to build a digital library for other educators. Some of the library may be released this spring, but the whole library should be available for the next school year, 2014-2015.
- There's a Help Desk now for taking Smarter Balanced practice tests! It's open 4 am to 7pm Monday to Friday at 1-855-833-1969. You can also email [smarterbalancedhelpdesk@ets.org](mailto:smarterbalancedhelpdesk@ets.org).
- The Secondary Literacy Partnership: 2013–14 Webinar Series and Secondary Literacy Summit "Transitioning to the Common Core State Standards: Spotlight on Instruction, Assessment, and Equity," a free 6-session Webinar Series for teachers of Grades 6 - 12, starts on Thursday, September 12, 2013, at 3:30 pm The first webinar, "An Overview for 6th–12th Grade ELA and Content Area Teachers," will be presented by Sacramento County Office of Education staff. This webinar will highlight topics such as informational text, drawing evidence from sources, and using complex text. To register, please visit <http://www.schoolsmovingup.net/cs/smu/view/e/5317?allSMU0821>.
- Express Your opinion on the draft Mathematics Framework for California Public Schools! It's now available for your review and comment. Your comments will be forwarded to the State Board of Education, which is scheduled to take action on the draft on November 6 or 7, 2013. You can find the Mathematics Curriculum Framework at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/ma/cf/mathpublicreview.asp>. You have until Oct. 30 to submit comments.

## October Regional Leadership Conference Is Coming Up!

Are you interested in expanding your information about CTA and NEA? Do you want to help strengthen TVEA by building skills to enable our teachers be the best instructors they can be?

CTA's San Geronio Service Center Council Fall Leadership Conference takes place October 11 - 13 in Palm Desert. Courses include:

- Common Core
- Problems and Promises: Best Practices for Teaching in the Digital Age
- Site Rep Training
- Teachers and the Law
- Legislative Update: What's Going on at the Capitol?
- Member Benefits
- Retirement
- Stress Management
- Local Association Skills
- Safe Schools
- Social Justice



TVEA encourages you to attend! Up to 12 members will be sponsored by the association (including mileage expenses, accommodations, and meals). To apply to attend, please contact Lisa at [lhtvea@verizon.net](mailto:lhtvea@verizon.net).

### **Contest Challenges Students to Save Energy**

HOME ENERGY CHALLENGE. The Department of Energy and the National Science Teachers Association have teamed up to create a fun way for students in grades 3-8 to learn about energy conservation. Registration for this contest closes November 15th, 2013, and teams of students will win over \$60,000 competing in the Home Energy Challenge and Energy Poster Competition. For more information, go to [www.homeenergychallenge.org](http://www.homeenergychallenge.org).

### **NEA Foundation Offers Matching Bonus to "Donors Choose" Donations!**

The NEA Foundation is matching donations to projects of NEA/CTA members, up to \$250 per request. To find out more, go to [www.neafoundation.org](http://www.neafoundation.org).

## Correction and Clarification

In a newsletter article last year, we stated that part-time job-shares could get credit for service for a full-year, instead of whatever their portion of a full-time position was, by working at least 75% of the days that year. Salary-wise, this information only applies to job-share teachers who are probationary, and have not yet received permanent status.

Job-shares or those considering job-sharing should note:

- STRS “years of service” are based on your % of full-time service. (Remember you’re contributing 50% of what full-time teachers contribute if you’re working 50%)
- California Ed Code addresses years of service, but does not address negotiated salary schedules.
- Our contract salary schedule does not indicate movement based on working 75% of the year in a part-time position, although some associations do have agreements that indicate that movement.
- Your seniority date never changes. Seniority-wise, two people could start on the same day, one in a part-time position, and one in a full-time position, and their seniority date would always be the same.

## Teacher Feature - Hinkson Inspires Young Musicians for 34 Years

Brad Hinkson, band teacher at TMS, has been teaching music for 34 years. “Music and theater have always been part of my life. I’ve loved musical theater since junior high,” he says. “Becoming a band teacher was what I wanted to do,” he smiles. “I had no clue what it was all about.”

### **What don’t people know about your job?**

They don’t know about the time involved, and the organizational skills that are needed. We have overnight trips to musical festivals, and there are huge responsibilities taking kids places. I have to fundraise (through a booster club), organize concerts, and choose new music each year for the bands.

### **What are your classes like?**

I teach 4 different bands, really. I have a symphonic concert band, 2 beginning bands, and a woodwind band. There can be up to 60 in a class.

### **What’s the most fulfilling part of your job?**

I like to see how kids progress. By the end of the year, they play so well. And often, I get kids for 3 years, longer than regular teachers get to have students, so I know them well. Some students I’ve taught have gone on to Hollywood jobs, or have gotten college scholarships because of their skills. I’ve had the chance to even teach kids of former students! Amy Thomas (TVHS band teacher) is also a former student. I’ve also helped to put together a local band and orchestra festival that went on for 20 years.

### **Why do schools need to offer band?**

It is something that gives a great sense of belonging, camaraderie, and a bit of a safe haven. A great deal of students remain in band and will have the same set of friends for 7 years of school. This builds lifelong friendships. Hence me, still having friends for more than 40 years! It’s also been proven in many studies that music is good for the brain. Parents are sometimes focused on making a student’s transcript look good by participation in band, but really, middle school band can lead students to be lifelong musicians—carrying on in high school and beyond.

### **Have you changed as a teacher because of what you’ve learned about students while teaching band?**

I’m not the same teacher as when I started. I learn more from them every year. I like this middle school age.

### **What community projects have you been involved in?**

I’ve conducted the pit orchestra for the Temecula Valley Players. We’ve done *Anything Goes*, *The King and I*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, and *The Music Man*. And other things come up. I conducted the Valley Winds Community Concert Band for 9 years. I’ve also run the All-Valley Honor Band for kids in grades 8 – 12, with guest conductors-- pulling the best student musicians from all over the valley. And I’ve been part of a woodwind quintet before, too, playing clarinet.

### **How do you have time in your busy schedule for all these commitments?**

Well, I had to give up the Valley Winds 8 years ago because there was too much going on. The community shows are intense, but just for about a month at a time.

### **How do you relax?**

I play racquetball regularly, and I like to cook. I enjoy camping.

### **Do you have a favorite instrument?**

I can perform on clarinet, saxophone, and flute. But I can play all instruments.

### **What are some of the changes you’ve seen over time in your job?**

Lack of funding has affected bands everywhere. But the kids haven’t really changed. I give very few referrals. Music students are a different breed. They want to be here. The better a group gets, the more kids want to be in it.

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## Can you think of some projects over the years that have stood out for you?

Commissioning. I commission composers to write a piece for us, and then come out and meet the kids. It helps students understand that composing still goes on today. The composer usually is with us for 3 days-- and then the process culminates in a Friday concert, where the composer conducts his piece.

I value festivals with adjudicators and "clinics" with colleagues who come to hear the band. We get different insights to help us be better musicians.

### **Tell me about the Hinkson Music Foundation.**

I have a former student from when I taught at VRMS who learned a fondness for music. He became a "jazzier," but not a professional musician. He was getting married, and he and his bride asked for gifts to "causes." He decided his cause was to raise money to use to inspire young musicians through a foundation. So far, we've given 2 awards. The first year it was a trumpet to a middle school musician, and the second year we sent the student to a summer jazz camp at Stanford.

**To find out more about the Hinkson Music Foundation, go to [www.hinksonmusicfoundation.org](http://www.hinksonmusicfoundation.org). You can make donations on-line to help a local aspiring middle school musician.**

## PTA is Our Partner in Advocating for Students and Public Education

TVEA maintains close contact with Temecula Valley Council PTA, which provides leadership to all the school-based PTA or PTSA groups in our district. (President Chris Lindberg is also the president of the Sparkman Alternative Ed Center PTSA, which encompasses all the alternative schools in our district, and she serves as the Teacher Rep member of the Executive Board of the Council. Many sites also have at least one teacher rep who serves on the unit's Executive Board.) The TVC PTA represents nearly 10,000 PTA members, and is currently comprised of twenty-six PTA/PTSA school-site units, so it represents a large and important part of our community.

Many TVEA members are also PTA members, and this "overlap" is important in building relationships on education issues that matter. You may have noticed TVEA's involvement in PTA-sponsored rallies and letter-writing campaigns in the past, and their participation in our campaigns, as well. TVEA's president and TVC's president have jointly visited legislators to discuss school funding and other public education issues.

Although educators and parents may not agree on every bit of legislation that goes through our state legislature, we do share a commitment to ensuring an excellent education for all district students. We band together to work towards adequate funding for our schools and fight the loss of beneficial programs in our schools.

TVC PTA will be offering parent modules this year to educate parents on the Common Core, helping parents learn how to best support their children at school. A recent Gallup poll reveals that about 2/3 of Americans have never heard of the Common Core, and many have misperceptions about how these state standards evolved and what they are intended to do for our schools.

TVEA encourages you to join your local PTA group and build relationships with parents to ensure they receive accurate information about public education and instruction.

## **TVEA Rep Reports from the 2013 National Educators Representative Assembly**

By Marcia Varner, Representative to the NEA RA

The largest democratic body in the country met this summer in Atlanta, Georgia from June 30 to July 6. I had the privilege of attending again this summer as a rep from TVEA. There were over 8,000 educators from all over the country, including DOD (Department of Defense) educators from Germany, as well as Japan. We began each morning meeting with our State Caucus, beginning at 7:30am. At 9:00 a.m. we made our way over to the convention center to discuss New Business Items, Standing Rule Amendments, and amendments to Resolutions. Our day ended around 6:00 pm. every evening. There were many controversial topics discussed, such as, the \$3.00 dues increase, which did pass--and changing the classroom teacher percentage requirement for NEA committees, which was defeated. Delegates had an opportunity to hear from both ESP (Educational Support Professional) and the NEA Teacher of the Year. They both gave a charge to educators to continue to stand up for our students. Next year the NEA-RA will be held in Denver, Colorado, at which time elections will be held to elect a new president, vice-president and secretary treasure. There will also be an election for an executive committee member. One of our very own California NEA Directors, George Sheridan, is running for this position. Being a delegate is an experience I will never forget. Consider running as a State delegate for 2014!



## Site Leader Training Offered by TVEA and CTA

On Wednesday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> TVEA, with support from our local CTA staff, will offer half day trainings for site leaders. New site leaders are provided with a manual of information, procedures, and advice to assist them in their new roles. All site leaders who attend learn more about the TVEA/CTA/NEA structure and receive training in using the contract to answer questions. Sitting in on disciplinary meetings with administrators and running monthly Ten Minute Meetings for members are also covered.

### Congratulations Site Leaders!

AES	Catarina Love
ARES	Erin Starr
BES	Diana Larrabee, Dalise Jackson
BVMS	Chris Hunter, Annette Cortese, Steve Garrett
CHES	Michelle Stevens
CHS	Dan Madera, Mark Koscielak Thea Titzer, Rafael Loza, Tony Rossi, Susan Myers
DMS	Sean O'Hara, Peter Ricchio
FVES	Andrea Johnson
GMS	Sherri Ferns, Chris Newell
GOHS	Sarah Cisneros, Chris Meglio, Raul Miranda, Mark Harnetiaux
JES	Melia Pommier, Wendy Helberg
LES	Mike Brewer, Alexa Ingram-Dupart
MMS	Linda Grossi
SHNHS	Brian Balaris
NVES	Angie Luz Salcido, Randy Arnayro
PES	N/A
PVES	Melissa Knapp, Laura Drlik
RES	Anita Shea
RHES	Pam Moore
RVHS	Scott Wrisley
TES	Amy Eytchison, Kerri Bodemer
TLES	Susan Wedertz
TMS	Brad Hinkson
TTES	Cheryl Bryant
TVHS	Mary Meredith, Matt Craven Dawn Murray-Sibby, Cara Ramsay, Larry Thompson, Lesley Keyes
VES	Gerri Dole, Susan Laliberte
VHES	Renee Mills, Karie Shorack
VRMS	Jacob Fabozzi, Mark Mitchell

## Is this your year to attend a CTA Conference?

TVEA sponsors attendance to several CTA conferences each year. This year's conferences are listed below. If you're interested in attending a conference, please contact Lisa at [lhtvea@verizon.net](mailto:lhtvea@verizon.net) for application information.

**GLBT Conference**--Nov. 15 – 17 in Palm Springs--This conference addresses issues involving GLBT educators, students and community. It serves as a forum to discuss a variety of subjects affecting the entire membership and California's youth, with a variety of workshops to choose from.

**Issues Conference**—Jan. 17 – 19 in Las Vegas--This conference provides an opportunity for educators throughout the state to learn, share, strategize and unite together to determine the future of public education. As members with diverse interests and multiple perspectives, don't miss this opportunity to re-connect with fellow educators, reenergize your skillset and help strategize solutions to confront the challenges we are facing together.

**Equity and Human Rights**—Feb. 28 – March 2, place to be determined--This conference captures the essence in CTA's Mission Statement: to ensure that the dignity and civil rights of all children and youth are protected and to secure a more equitable and democratic society. Speakers and workshops provide CTA members with a greater understanding of the issues of diversity and equity.

**Good Teaching Conference**—March 14 – 16, place to be determined—This conference is designed to support excellent teaching and learning practices for classroom teachers. It offers a variety of diverse workshops in curriculum content areas for K-12 teachers and time to network and share ideas with colleagues and experts in the field.

### TVEA welcomes new members!

Fortino Garcia (GOHS)—JROTC  
Elizabeth Elliott (MMS)—RSP/SDC  
Katrina Hammel (JES)—Speech and Language Pathologist  
Hitasha Mittra (PES)—Speech and Language Pathologist  
Dayna Lewis--Nurse  
Whitney Aamestad (GOHS)—Science  
Laurie Bohannon (GMS)—Speech and Language Pathologist  
Gina Bursch (ARES)—Special Ed  
Veronica Markesis (TES and NVES)—Psychologist  
Megan Martinez (VRMS)—Math  
April Ojendyk (JES)—Preschool  
Frances Ramos (TTES)—Speech and Language Pathologist  
Cassie Richardson (JES)—Preschool Speech and Language Pathologist  
Cora Trojanowski (GOHS)—Architectural Design  
Chelsea Long (CHS)-- Speech and Language Pathologist

We invite all new TVEA members to an Open House at the TVEA office on Sept. 30th at 4pm! Please RSVP to Lisa - [lhtvea@verizon.net](mailto:lhtvea@verizon.net)

## Did You Know about these NEA Benefits?

**NEA Magazine Service** offers big discounts off the cover price of more than 900 magazines. The discounts are up to 85% off the cover price, and even include gift subscriptions for others. They also offer 7 different payment options, so you choose when to pay for them. Go to <http://www.neamb.com/shopping-discounts/nea-discount-magazine-subscription.htm>.

Ordering flowers for someone? **1800flowers.com** offers discounts to NEA members. More info is available at <http://www.neamb.com/shopping-discounts/nea-discount-1800flowers.htm>.

Looking for discounted lodging? **Red Roof Inn** offers 20% discounts off of regular rates. Free Wifi, parking (unless downtown in major cities), and phone calls are part of the deal. Find out more at <http://www.neamb.com/travel/red-roof-inn-discounts.htm>.

### Help Create a More Peaceful World

September 21<sup>st</sup> is the International Day of Peace in Education, and this year it's being celebrated across the world as "Peace Weekend," and a Day of Ceasefire. It was established in 1981 by the United Nations. Ideas for getting your students involved in "waging peace" are available at <http://www.salsa.net/peace/teach/teachers.html>. Here's the official website for international peace events: <http://internationaldayofpeace.org/>. If you choose to do an activity in your classroom in conjunction with this "Peace Day," please send photos to TVEA to share! Events like festivals, concerts, a global Peace Wave, a global telecast, and moments of silence at noon in every time



### Minority Member Reception

TVEA invites you to attend a Minority Member reception on September 25th at 4pm at our TVEA office. If you have identified yourself to CTA as a minority, we want to invite you to this reception to find out about TVEA activities. Please RSVP to Lisa at [lhtvea@verizon.net](mailto:lhtvea@verizon.net).

### NEA Grants Applications are due

#### October 15!

The NEA Foundation offers grants for innovative idea for projects in 2 areas:

- Improving academic achievement for students
- Learning and leadership (high quality professional development activities)

The Foundation has already given \$8.5 million in grants to educators who had noteworthy projects to improve public education, and there are 3 deadlines for each year to send in an application. Grants are often in the range of \$2000 to \$5000. If you've got a great idea, catch the first wave and get your application in by Oct. 15! For more information, see [neafoundation.org](http://neafoundation.org).

#### TVFEE Applications are due Sept. 27!

The Temecula Valley Foundation for Educational Excellence is awarding grants to TVUSD employees who have a great idea to enhance the education of students in our district. You should have received an email from TVFEE with a grant application and an announcement about this. Grant sizes range from \$50 to \$500. We encourage you to apply!

### CTA Disaster Relief Fund Offers Assistance

CTA has a Disaster Relief Fund that provides financial assistance to CTA members who have experienced serious losses due to disasters--like the fires in California. The Disaster Relief Fund is a separate special fund for the members of CTA. Money comes directly from members' contributions.

The CTA Disaster Relief Fund provides four different grants summarized below:

- Standard: Up to \$1,500 for significant economic hardship related to damage to the member's primary residence, displacement, or disruption in required utilities;
  - Catastrophic: Recipients of the Standard Grant may be eligible for up to another \$1,500 if damages exceed \$50,000;
  - Temporary Displacement: Up to \$500 for members who are displaced from their primary residence as the result of a disaster, but do not meet all the requirements for a Standard Grant; and
  - School Site: Up to \$500 for damage to classrooms.
- If a disaster should strike, it's good to know our state association will be there to help us!

# EVENTS



## Upcoming Events

Sept. 3	School Board Meeting
Sept. 4	Leadership Council Meeting
Sept. 11	Elementary Site Rep Training
Sept. 12	Middle and High Site Rep Training
Sept. 12	Training for School Site Members
Sept. 17	School Board Meeting
Sept. 18	Special Ed Committee Meeting
Sept. 19	Social Hour at Rodrigo's 3:30 – 5:30 pm
Sept. 20	Staff Development Day
Sept. 25	Minority Member Reception
Sept. 27	Apps due for TVFEE Teacher Mini-Grants
Sept. 30	Open House for New Members
Oct. 1	School Board Meeting
Oct. 3	Exec Board Meeting
Oct. 9	Leadership Council Meeting
Oct. 11 – 13	CTA San Geronio Leadership Conference
Oct. 15	School Board Meeting
Oct. 20	Race for the Cure

## Shout Out!

Scott Wrisley spoke to the School Board regarding Adult Ed at the August meeting. Peggy Dixon also spoke, asking the Board and district administrators to plan carefully with alternative ed teachers for Common Core. Bob Rollins is one of only 20 CTA members across the state to be appointed to the State Council Budget Committee.

Congratulations to Lisa Hudson, our amazing Office Manager, who just got engaged!

Congratulations to Melinae Akashian (TVHS), promoted to Assistant Principal at TVHS.

Congratulations to Nicole Dayus (CHS), promoted to Assistant Principal.

Congratulations to Gala Parker on the birth of her baby boy!

## Welcome, Lynn Breen, to Executive Board!

"I have worked as an elementary teacher, literacy specialist and Title 1 teacher for TVUSD since 1993. I am currently teaching kindergarten at TLES. My husband, Kevin, and I have lived in Temecula since 1999. We have a fifth grade daughter at TLES and a eighth grade son at GMS. As a family, we enjoy riding bikes, the beach, and traveling. I have served on the Insurance Advisory Committee for the past nine years and look forward to working as co-chair for IAC on the Executive Board this year."



## Catastrophic Leave

Suzanne de la Fuente (GOHS Math teacher) is on catastrophic medical leave and could use your help. Any TVUSD employees (classified, certificated and administrative) may donate leave hours from personal sick leave banks. You may donate up to 2 days' worth of your own "sick leave," but you must be able to maintain a minimum of 20 days' worth of "sick leave" for yourself. Donation forms (available from site secretaries or at TVEA's website, under "Forms") must be submitted to Payroll.

## TVEA is on Facebook!

Please "like" **TVEA-Temecula Valley Educators Association**, and you'll be kept up to date on events, relevant news to educators, and perspectives on education issues! It's more important than ever to be informed about public education!



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Join our Official Team -  
**"Temecula Valley Educators"**  
 And be a **Runner, Walker** or  
**Sleeper-in-er!**

**TVEA and our Team Captain Jeff Kingsberg invites EVERYONE to RACE for the Cure! We have an Official Team page set up for you to **Join** "Temecula Valley Educators" or **Donate** to our team! We have set our goal to have 150 members and raise \$1,500.00. That's only \$10 per person if every team member asks one person to donate \$10 bucks!**

**October 20, 2013**

**Race Day Schedule**

- 6:30 a.m. Registration Opens
- 6:30 a.m. Expo/Kids Expo
- 7:00 a.m. Survivor Activities/ Ceremonies Begin
- 8:00 a.m. 5K Run/Walk-Teams Competitive Event – Self Timed
- 9:00 a.m. 5K Run/Walk-Teams Fun Run
- 10:15 a.m. 1.5 mile Family Fun Run/ Walk
- 10:30 a.m. Kids Only (10 and under) Run
- 10:45 a.m. Awards Ceremony

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When you donate make sure you mark the check box:

**Yes, you can display the amount of my donation publicly**

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