

September 24, 2009
MEA Newsletter

Have you checked out our website?

Go to www.meridiana.org

Teachers and ESP members: Have you changed schools or your name?

- If you have changed your name or have moved schools from last year, please let us know ASAP so we can update our records. You can email twaltner@idahoea.org or mermea@idahoea.org

Steps and Lanes:

- All eligible employees will receive steps in the September paycheck.
- Remember that **ONLY OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS** will be accepted this year for lane movement. Official transcripts are due **October 1, 2009**. Please open your transcripts to make sure everything is correct and then take them to personnel. They will accept opened transcripts.
- All eligible employees will receive lanes in the October paycheck.
- The 1% will be in one lump sum in the November paycheck.
- The district did qualify for the emergency levy based on growth in student enrollment and the .5% will also be in one lump in the November paycheck. Happy early Christmas shopping!

B Team Meeting:

- Our next B Team meeting will be held in the new location on October 12th at 4:30 p.m. at Meridian High School (1900 W Pine) in the south cafeteria.
- Please encourage ESP staff at your site to join us!

Membership:

- It's time for membership!
- I will be traveling to each school to meet and visit all the new teachers in the district. If you have specific people you think I should fit into my schedule first, please let me know.
- Sue will again be doing membership in buildings. If you would like membership help, please let us know.

Membership Rosters:

- Over half of the rosters have been turned in. Way to go!!
- If you still have your roster, please get it to us ASAP.

New District Wide Collaboration:

- The MEA was not made aware of this new plan until we heard about it from the year-round schools right before the article ran in the paper a couple of weeks ago.
- We, the MEA, were NOT involved in the planning of the collaboration plan. I apologize for this as I wish we had been.
- I understand that some people are frustrated with the new plan. Thanks for sharing your concerns.
- Please send me your questions and concerns as Sue and I will be meeting with Dr. Clark next week and will address them at that time.

Dress Code:

- According to Dr. Clark there has been no dress code edict.

Vests:

- Have you seen the nice gray vests we purchased last spring? Due to popular demand they will be again available for order until October 5, 2009.
- We will have sample sizes available at the B team meeting on September 14th.
- The vests are \$25.00 each sizes S-1X & \$26.75 each sizes 2XL-3XL

- If you are unable to attend the B team meeting you may stop by our office or send an email to place your order.

Classes for Credit:

- MEA is offering a Membership Keepers class available for 1 credit (\$60) Wednesday Sept. 30th 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. and Thursday October 1st 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. We must have at least 15 people in order to offer this class. Please contact twaltner@idahoea.org as soon as possible if you are interested.
- IEA online and/or correspondence courses available for credit. Registration deadline is Friday September 25th! CHECK THE IEA/NNU COURSES AT: www.idahoeducationacademy.com

Upcoming Important Dates:

- Sept. 30- Meeting with Dr. Clark and Dr. Gestrin
- Oct. 12th- Building Team meeting 4:30 @ Meridian High School cafeteria-Certified and ESP staff welcome!
- Oct. 13th- Meeting with Dr. Clark and Dr. Gestrin
- Oct. 13th- School Board meeting 7:00 p.m. @ Mountain View High School
- Oct. 5th- Executive Board meeting 4:15 @ MEA office

Hope you are having a great week!