



March 13, 2009
MEA Newsletter

What has the association been doing for you?

Have you checked out our new website?

Go to www.meridianeia.org

Budget Cuts:

- I have received many emails and phone calls with concerns related to furloughing days. Furloughing means to cut the number of contract days we currently have negotiated in our contract.
- Due to the fact that our contract is negotiated, this discussion will need to take place amongst the negotiating teams.
- I encourage you to send your thoughts, concerns, etc to the MEA negotiators.
- You can email them at the following addresses or from our website.
 - colvard.sue@meridianschools.org
 - saunders.sheila@meridianschools.org
 - collins.adam@meridianschools.org
 - hiroto.chris@meridianschools.org
 - jones.kimberly@meridianschools.org
 - goicoechea.carrie@meridianschools.org

Executive Board:

- Do you want to become more involved in our local association?
- If you are interested or have questions about running for a position on the Executive Board, please let us know.
- We currently have open positions for next year. Please fill out the attached form and return it to our office no later than April 1, 2009.

Representative Assembly (RA):

- RA is the NEA's decision making body. Join with 12,000 other educators across the country in San Diego, CA July 1-6th.
- So far I have only received 1 application and we have the funding to send 3 members—send in your applications.

IEA Committees:

- We are currently looking for a volunteer to serve on the Human and Civil Rights Committee (HCR) as well as someone to serve on the Membership committee representing Meridian.
- Primary responsibilities are to attend meetings as scheduled (only a couple of times a year) and share information (via email or phone) with Shannon and/or the Executive Board.
- If you are interested please let me know.

Need a break?

- I'm missing spending time in the schools with both staff and kids so I'd love to come to your classroom and read to your kids. Invite me and give yourself a much needed break!

Upcoming Important Dates:

- March 17 – ESP staff meeting 5:30 p.m. @ Idaho Pizza in Meridian
- March 17- School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. @ Mountain View High School
- March 23-27 – Spring Break
- April 1 – Executive Board and RA applications due to the office by 5:00 p.m.
- April 6 - mini DA (delegate assembly) @ 4:15 @ Mountain View High School
- April 13 - B Team meeting 4:30 @ Idaho Pizza in Meridian - Candidate Speeches for RA and Executive Board positions
- April 14 - School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. @ Mountain View High School
- April 16 - ESP staff meeting 5:30 p.m. @ Idaho Pizza in Meridian
- April 24-25 – Delegate Assembly
- April 28 – School Board Work Session 5:30 p.m. @ DSC

Thanks for all you do and have a wonderful weekend!

