

A NOTE FROM



Week of September 21, 2009

Welcome Newbies!!!

Yes, Virginia, summer is a sweet memory and the 2009-10 school year has begun with a flurry of activity and great expectations. A warm welcome is extended to new staff in Units 1,7, 8, and 10.

As a professional union, our mission is to provide support to empower newbies to become wise in the ways of the SCSD. Some items highlighted in this issue of STA Notes are the Expanding Horizons Grants for field trips, a Defensive Driving Class, and the Flu/Pneumonia Shot Clinic. STA's Leadership Conference will be held in March this year. This conference is a great opportunity to meet people from other buildings and build a network.

A great resource in your building is the Chief Rep. Seek them out when you have questions and concerns. We want everyone to be successful and have a great year. Trust me, in another month you won't remember the last time your toes wriggled in the warm sand or when the summer sun bathed you in its warmth - you'll be searching for your fleece!

--Anne Marie
President

Unit 1

Karen Alberty - Bellevue
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Emily Balian - Nottingham
Lawrence Bohler - EL
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Katherine Coyne - Roberts
Carrie Crandall-Titus - Henninger
Kelly Culligan-Pangman - Tech Central
Karin Culver - Levy
Patrick Curtin - Tech Central
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Therese DeRosa - Blodgett
Katelyn Dougherty - Webster
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Ashley Easton - Danforth
David Guertin - Dr. King
Michael Hanley - Bellevue Middle
Rachel Haselbauer - Roberts & EL
Holly Henderson - Grant

Lindsey Isyk-Akley - Dr. Weeks
Lisa Kalet - Pre K
Michael Kraus - Henninger
Jessica Kukuvka - Franklin
Megan Livingston - Frazer
Shirley Mackins - Elmwood
Nadine Malcolm - McCarthy
Colleen Mayberry - Bellevue Elementary
Luke McDonald - Grant
Joyce Moore-Dawson - Bellevue Middle
Joseph Murphy - Salem Hyde/Huntington
Eileen Nealon - Huntington/Meachem
Nadine Nicotra - Roberts
Melissa Norton - Levy/McCarthy
Stacey Nunn - McCarthy
Amy Oberacker - Fowler
Sarah Oster - Henninger
Todd Palmer - Fowler
Sarah Paquette - Delaware
Eveny Parker - Danforth
Erin Peck - Corcoran
Bryan Porter - Danforth
Christina Quijano - Henninger
Melissa Radley - LeMoyné
Kelly Regan - Corcoran
Anthony Richardson - Fowler
Deborah Rogers - Delaware
Catherine Rowe - Levy

Heather Ruiz - Westside Learning Ctr.
Jessa Salabrici - Roberts
Christina Salvagni - PreK
Jill Satalin - Corcoran
Susan Schoonmaker - Grant
Sarah Scott - Lemoyne
Leigh Sexton - Roberts
Gena Shearer - Delaware
Colleen Shiel - Roberts
Laurie Smith - Roberts
Meghan Snell - Corcoran
Stephanie Sobon - Tech Central
Elizabeth Stacey - Frazer
Jacob Taylor - Fowler
Amanda Thomas - Franklin
Lisa Tirums - Webster/Huntington
Mary Tschernjowski - Roberts
Kimberlee Vargas - Blodgett
Jennifer Vinci - Grant
Mark Vincinqueria - District Wide
Andrea Voutsinas - Levy
Deborah Waite - Corcoran
Cheryl Wallace - Tech Central
Jordan Weismore - Frazer
Christopher Weldert - Fowler
Kelly Wilkinson - Corcoran
Qiana Williams - Henninger
Rebecca Winterson - Franklin

(Names of new Unit 7, 8 & 10 members will be in next issue.)

For Your Information...

Expanding Horizons Grants

Take your students on a field trip with help from Expanding Horizons Grants. The grants are available from STA to help our members fund field trips in central New York.

Funds can be used for cultural events, invite guest speakers to your school or classroom, participate in community experiences, provide summer enrichment and more.

The *new* application and instructions may be downloaded from the STA website:
www.syracuseteachers.org.

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Flu Clinic

Where: STA Office - 731 James Street

When: September 29th

Time: 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Cost: \$30 /flu - \$50/Pneumonia

Call STA at 472-6374 or Centrex 4526



2009 - 2010 Dues Schedule

The following is the STA dues deduction amount for the 2009-10 school year. Please check your pay check carefully and be certain that your dues deduction is correct. Please contact the STA if there is a discrepancy.

Units 1, 7, 8, 10	Annual Dues	Dues/Agency Fee Per Paycheck (20)
Employees earning \$42,052 or more	\$716.40	\$35.82
Employees earning \$30,000 to \$42,051 inclusive	\$620.40	\$31.02
Employees earning \$22,500 to \$29,999 inclusive	\$489.20	\$24.46
Employees earning \$15,000 to \$22,499 inclusive	\$358.20	\$17.91
Employees earning \$7,500 to \$14,999 inclusive	\$179.00	\$ 8.95
Employees earning less than \$7,500	\$113.60	\$ 5.68

Defensive Driving



Where: STA Office - 731 James Street

When: October 17th

Time: 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Cost: \$20 (includes a \$5.00 processing fee)

To reserve your seat send a check payable to STA via the school mail.
 The class is limited to 40 participants. Don't wait! Sign up now!

Mark Your Calendars...

October

- 5 - STA Ex. Bd. mtg. - 3:45 PM
- 14 - Rep Assembly - 3:30 PM
- 14 - Board of Education - 5:30 PM
- 17 - Defensive Drvg - 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM
- 20 - Unit 7 Ex. Bd. - 2:30 PM
- 29 - Unit 7 General Mbrshp. - 2:30 PM

November

- 9 - STA Ex. Bd. mtg. - 3:45 PM
- 10 - Board of Education - 5:30 PM
- 18 - Rep Assembly - 3:30 PM
- 19 - Unit 8 Ex. Bd. - 3:30 PM

CNY SRP COUNCIL FALL FLING

The CNY SRP Fall Fling will be held on **Thursday, October 22** from **4:00 -7:30 pm** at the **NYSUT Syracuse Regional Office**.

Exhibits 4:00 - 5:00
Workshops 5:00 - 6:30

- **H1N1 Flu and What it Means For You**
- **Employee Retirement System .**
- **Teacher Retirement System:**
- **NYSUT Social Services:**
- **Issues in Technology for Education Professionals**

Light Dinner
 (Provided by NYSUT)

Introductions and Comments

If you are interested, contact Suzanne Matteson at 431-4040 or by e-mail at: smatteso@nysutmail.org

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