

PAEA BUZZZ SEPTEMBER 2007

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PALO ALTO EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

Welcome back to work! At last count we have 82 new teachers this year. Members of the Exec Board had a chance to meet some of the new folks at the New Teacher Luncheon. Triona Gogarty (Pres.) plans on getting out to the sites soon for lunchtime meetings and hopes to have a chance to speak with more members. If you see her wandering around with a lost look direct her to the lunchroom. Take a look on the back of this newsletter for info on your Association's Executive Board. Our website is <http://www.paeacta.org/>

The annual Chowdown was held at Gunn. Most teachers got their first glimpse of the new Superintendent Dr. Kevin Skelly. We welcome him and look forward to a productive year.

DISABILITY

Consider performing an autumnal inventory of your insurance needs. The cold and flu season is fast approaching. Winter germs are on the way. You'll even start getting paid soon. With respect to disability, be aware of the following voluntary options.

- All unit members can join the Catastrophic Leave Bank (Article XI-J in the Collective Bargaining Agreement). To join, just donate one sick day to the Bank using the open enrollment form that the district will distribute soon. Teachers who have already joined and donated do not need to donate at this time.
- PAEA members have the option of buying CTA Group Disability or Life Insurance. CTA's new endorsed provider is Standard Insurance Company (The Standard). The Standard has worked hard this past year getting ready for the September 1 transition, and now it's here! Members who participated in either program last year can enroll this year without a health screening. If you are not sure if you still need to sign a form, contact The Standard and ask them – they are happy to help! Their number is 800-522-0406 and email address is ctaservice@standard.com.

NEGOTIATIONS

We began with a calendar and agenda session at the district office on Wednesday 08/22. Following a few weeks break, to allow everyone to start the school year focused on the students, the two teams will meet again on Friday, September 14 at the district office. This year's budget will be the main topic on that morning.

What else will we talk about? The areas of highest interest to our members on the spring survey were Article VI Compensation and Benefits, Article VII Hours and Article XIII Working Conditions. The district has opened Article III Association Rights and Article IX Class Size.

BENEFITS

The Joint Benefits Committee met August 23rd to hear the newest information on insurance premiums. Kaiser and Blue Cross HMO have quoted increases of 14.7% and 15.12% respectively.

USEFUL WEBSITES

www.leginfo.ca.gov (follow prompts to look up ed. code) www.cta.org
www.calstrs.com (your retirement plan) www.nea.org

PAEA Executive Board for 07-08

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The First Rep Council Meeting will be held on Thursday **09/13**, 4:00–6:00 PM at PALY’s SSRC adjacent to the library. There should be no Back to School Nights scheduled for 9/13. An agenda will go out to those on the list above. Call or email Triona Gogarty if your name has been accidentally omitted or included.