

PAEA BUZZZ

DECEMBER 2007

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PALO ALTO EDUCATOR'S ASSOCIATION

Raises - We can expect to see the retroactive salary increase in the January paycheck.

DID YOU KNOW...

I get many emails requesting clarification of language in the contract or just questions about our jobs. I intend to answer most questions in the BUZZZ on a monthly basis. Please continue to email questions to trionag@earthlink.net.

Can teachers administer medication? In a recent legal advisory the California Department of Education (CDE) stated the following persons are authorized to administer insulin pursuant to an IEP or 504: Student, School Nurse or physician, Parent or guardian, Designee of parent or guardian who is not an employee, School employee with adequate training during a disaster. CDE also advised that a school employee may *volunteer* following **adequate training**. California statutes require *unlicensed employees* who *volunteer* must meet these requirements:

1. Be designated by the district.
2. Administration of medication cannot be inconsistent or in conflict with other duties.
3. Employee is legally able to administer medication.
4. District obtains a written statement from student's physician detailing medications and procedures.
5. District obtains written request and consent for administration of medication from parents or guardians.

What does this mean? If a teacher wants to volunteer to administer medication to a student in their class all written permissions must be obtained first. What is adequate training? This has not been defined, but common sense would suggest that if you do not completely understand expected procedures and outcomes then adequate training has not occurred.

Do Special Day Classes get prep time? YES

This year preparation release time was negotiated for Special Day Class teachers at the elementary schools. Each teacher will receive release time from class comparable to her/his grade level colleagues for the purpose of preparing lessons. Scott Bowers will be contacting each principal in December to determine the current practice at each site. Following that a plan will be drawn up to provide teachers with student free time that does not conflict with the students IEPs.

Money...

Are you looking for money to send someone to college? CTA has a number of scholarships available to members and their dependent children. You can view these scholarships on the CTA website cta.org. You will have to log on to the MyCTA part of the web site. This is as easy as a few clicks. Once logged on you can go to the following page:

www.cta.org/mycta/profession/scholarships/
The scholarships range from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

More Money...

Are you interested in financial planning workshops? STRS (State Teachers Retirement System) usually provides yearly workshops on how to best meet your retirement goals. But what about your other financial goals? College for the kids? Buying a house?... If you are interested in a financial planning workshop please answer the questionnaire on the back of the newsletter and return to me.



Dec. Rep Council Meeting will be held on Thursday **12/13**, 4:00–6:00 PM at 765 San Antonio Road. Thank you to Lonnie Spencer for offering his rec. room for our December meeting. An agenda and directions will go out a week before the meeting via email.

MEMBERSHIP - All teachers should have received their CTA member cards by now. If you have not, please contact Cheryl Tsuruda, the Membership Chair, ctsuruda@yahoo.com. New teachers who did not sign up at the new teacher luncheon and want to join CTA/PAEA can contact their site rep for more information or email Cheryl Tsuruda.

Site Reps for 07-08

Addison- Joanne Geraghty	Barron Park Ashley Emling	Briones Mary Goodkind Joane Soraghan	Children's Hospital Cammy Sunde	Duveneck Mangla Oza Doug Burress	El Carmelo Annette Isaacson
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Terman Lynn Repetsky Mark Dungan Martin Vetter Margarita Mendez	Traveling /Music BJ Florsheim	Traveling/PE Karen Dolkas	25 Churchill Open		

I am interested in a springtime Disability or Life Insurance open enrollment.

Name _____ SITE _____

I am interested in a financial planning workshop.

Name _____ SITE _____

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