



Your Union, Your Voice *Your Newsletter*

Hesperia Teachers Association

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"Children must be taught how to think, not what to think." –Margaret Mead

President's Message

With the New Year the state's budgeting process begins. The first proposal is the governors then the legislators, department of finance (DOF) and the legislative analyst office (LAO) will issue their thoughts on the budget. In May there will be a revised budget which may or may not be finalized by June 30, the end of the fiscal year. In the meantime districts are planning and finalizing budgets based on these proposals.

This year the governor has release his budget to include \$4.5 billion dollar increase in the local control funding formula. For the 2014-15 school year that is a 10.9 percent increase. The governor also proposes to introduce legislation to create continuous appropriations for that funding.

The future may hold that the funding of our schools may finally reach a level of stability that is guaranteed. With all of the other changes and hurdles that we have been place before us, this would be one less item to distract us from our goal of providing the best educational opportunities for our students.

Dates to Remember

January 20 – MLK Day – No School

January 21 – School Board Meeting

January 31 – HTA Social
Beef O'Brady's
3:00 - 6:00 pm

Feb. 3 – School Board Meeting

Your Rep. Council

Canyon Ridge

Tanalee Jackson

Carmel

Barbara Beechum

Cedar

Krista Rodriguez
Renee Singer

Cottonwood

Robert Balder

Cypress

Russell Reinhardt

DO

Katrina Jackson

Eucalyptus

Phoebe Gutierrez

Hesperia High School

Ellen Stephen
Devon Bostock
Jeremy Topete
Stephanie Seitz

Hesperia Junior High

Cheryl Franks
Debbie Herndon

Hollyvale

Kathy Brawthen

Joshua Circle

Andrew Hammons

Juniper

Cynthia Greenlee

Kingston

Todd O'Neal

Krystal

Vernette Hansen

Members Benefits

The following scholarships are available through CTA. If you would like to find out more information please visit www.cta.org/scholarships, or contact Jamie VanHill at birdievanhill@aol.com.

Dependent Scholarship

- Applicant must be the dependent child of an active, retired or deceased CTA member and be claimed as dependent status on the current year's IRS form.
- Applicant's high school grade point average should reflect a high unweighted average.

Applications must be submitted online or postmarked by Friday, February 7, 2014.

Del A. Weber Scholarship

- Applicant must be the dependent child of an active, retired or deceased CTA member and be claimed as dependent status on the current year's IRS form.
- Applicant's high school grade point average should reflect at least a 2.0 average.

Applications must be submitted online or postmarked by Friday, February 7, 2014.

Members Scholarship

- Applicant must be a current "active" member of CTA.
- College coursework should demonstrate high academic achievement.

Applications must be submitted online or postmarked by Friday, February 7, 2014.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Applicants must be:

- An Active Member of CTA, or a dependent child of an active, retired, or deceased CTA member, or an active member of Student CTA (the student must reside in California).
- Pursuing a teaching-related career in public education
- Be a member of a defined ethnic minority group

Applications must be submitted online or postmarked by Friday, February 21, 2014.

Your Rep. Council
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Lime

Penny Hale
Christine Robinson

Maple

Virginia Marquez

Mesa Grande

Kelly Denny

Mesquite Trails

Louise Oliekan

Mission Crest

Susana Castillo
Teri Jo Muzquiz

Mojave

Susan Gaus

Oak Hills

Steve Trudeau
Sean Shea
Jim Kutch
Ron Clabo
Mike Stayton

Rancho

Irma Campos
James Carter

Shadow Ridge

Kelly Ford

Sultana

Ron Bonner
Mike Egan
Shane Haldeman
Brett Simmons

Topaz

Gina Graham

Did You Know?

One of our own has been recognized as a finalist in the "Educator of the Year" contest hosted by the California League of Middle Schools.

Betsy Patridge, who teaches eighth-grade language arts at Hesperia Junior High, was nominated by her principal, Lisa Kelly.

According to the Victor Valley Daily Press, "Kelly said Patridge has been "the rock" of the school for a long time and served as the teachers union chief negotiator for many years. Patridge has taught in Hesperia for 25 years."

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/articles/teachers-44195-local-middle.html>

In addition, HTA member **Tony Forcinel**, who teaches eighth-grade English and language arts at Rancho Middle School, was honored by the Hesperia VFW for his work in education. According to the Hesperia Star, the candidates chosen "have shown consistent excellence and dedication in the performance of their duties over a period of years with continuous growth in the responsibilities and skills within their progression."

Committee Report: Negotiations Update

As you all know, in September our remaining furlough days were restored which returned us to a 184 day work year, along with the restoration of the remaining three-fourths of the year step increase and a .5% increase in the salary scale.

In addition, payment for class-splitting and period subbing has now been reinstated (effective January 6) with the per diem rates being adjusted to reflect the revised salary schedule. This agreement was board approved on November 4, 2013. With the restoration comes the return of our over contract hours to 30 hours per year in accordance with Article 13, B-i, p. 33.

Our survey indicated that class splitting was an important issue for a large number of our members, and therefore was a priority for our Negotiations Team.

Marketplace

A place for members to share other services and talents with each other...

As a free service to members, any HTA member who conducts a home business or offers services may be included on this page. We hope that members will find this as a useful resource. This information is provided as a courtesy to members, and all information is the sole responsibility of the member providing the service/goods. HTA assumes no responsibility or liability for any misrepresentations or issues as a result of using this information. If you would like to have your business include, contact hta.secr@hesperia.org

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Ruffle Scarves



Hand made ruffle scarves in a variety of colors and designs. Great for anytime of year, some fancy, some more casual, perfect for that little extra something, and they make great gifts. Cost: \$20 ea. or 2/\$30.

Contact Tina Viayra at tviayra@gmail.com.

HTA Mission Statement

The Hesperia Teachers Association exists to protect and promote the well-being of its members; to improve the conditions of teaching and learning; to protect and advance the cause of quality public education; and to ensure that the human dignity and civil rights of all children and youth are protected.

