



# *Your Union, Your Voice Your Newsletter*

Hesperia Teachers Association

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*"Never fear shadows. They simply mean there's a light shining somewhere nearby."  
–Ruth E Renkel*

## President's Message

For the first time in a long while the future of education lies before us. We have an opportunity to be a force in effecting positive change in our schools.

Testing has taken a hiatus, allowing us to design, create and develop curriculum and lessons that meet the developmental needs of our students. The LCFF, Local Control Funding Formula, is beginning to rectify the underfunding of education that has been constricting our resources to teach. Finally the LCAP, Local Control Accountability Plan, is giving us a voice in the budgetary priorities of our district.

The opportunity is before us, we just have to grab it! At your sites, start having conversations with colleagues and administrators about "what next". Get on your site council and leadership team. Talk to your rep about what is happening. Come to board meetings and share your thoughts. Go to the LCAP meeting and give your input. Call or email the HTA leadership to share your ideas.

For years politicians and others with little knowledge and understanding of what we actually do have created policies that dictate our profession. We now have the opportunity to take that control back. What hangs in the balance is the future of our profession. We must grab the future and take control of education in our district.

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**Works4Me.....**

*One resource available to members on the NEA website is "Works4Me" where members can submit tips to share. This tip was sent in by Judy Bonfilio, a retired fifth- and sixth-grade teacher in California.*

Parents should be reminded to read to, and with, their children often. Reading together does not stop with the primary grades. I taught 5th and 6th grades and encouraged reading aloud with children. I say "with," because there are dozens of ways to vary it. You read a paragraph, I read a paragraph. You read a chapter, I read a chapter. You ask a question, I ask a question. You read the narrative, I read the dialogue, and then we switch. Lots of dialogue is possible between parent and child. In fact, parents will generally love doing it and wonder why they don't share the activity more often.

I designed a book report called "The Two Person Book Report." The student is instructed on a cover sheet to choose a parent/adult who is willing to read a book with them, a little bit each evening. The book should be age-appropriate, at the right reading level, and agreed upon by both parties. There is a page for each participant to complete separately, containing such questions as:

- Who was your favorite character, and why?
- If you could give advice to one character, who would it be for and what would it be?
- Did any character remind you of anyone you know or knew?
- How do you know where and when this story took place?
- Etc.

Before handing in these papers, the students always read the parent's responses, which often lead to even more dialogue between the two. The last question is always, "What did you think of this experience?"

Over the years, the answers were overwhelmingly expressions of gratitude for the experience, and "we will do more of it." Parents forget they can still enjoy literature with their children long after they are out of kindergarten!

For more tips visit <http://www.nea.org/tools/BrowseAllTips.html>

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**Dates to Remember**

On Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, HUSD held its first of 3 LCAP (Local Control Accountability Plan) meetings for staff and community to give input on priorities for spending under the new Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF).

HTA believes that it is important that teachers have a voice in this process, and we encourage members to attend one or both of the remaining meetings to be held:

**Monday, February 24 at 6:15pm**

**Sultana High School, 17311 Sultana Street, Hesperia**

**Tuesday, February 25 at 5:30pm**

**Hesperia High School, 9898 Maple Avenue, Hesperia**

**Did You Know?**

Located at the Mojave Campus, **The Regional Occupational Program (ROP)** provides career technical education and support services that augment and expand the capabilities of our school district. The courses provide instruction for entry-level employment, advanced training, and upgrading skills.

One area of ROP in which members may be interested is the Cosmetology program's Salon, After Images. The Salon offers many services including hair color and weaves, manicures (including acrylics), pedicures, facials, haircuts, hairstyling and perms.

The services are available to everyone, the prices are at cost and the money goes back into the program to support the students (payment is by cash only).

For more information or to make an appointment, call **(760) 244-1771 ext 134**

## **Members Benefits**

### 10 Everyday Discounts You're Missing Out On

**This year, resolve to be a smarter shopper by shopping with NEA Click & Save, which has saved your fellow members more than \$7.3 million so far.**

There's a good reason NEA Click & Save is so popular: The online shopping program saves NEA members tons of money! But did you know that you can buy a wide variety of products through the hundreds of retailers that participate in NEA Click & Save? You can find discounts as well as earn reward points, which you can apply toward future purchases. You'll be surprised by what you can buy and how much you'll save.

To get you started, we've compiled a list of 10 top Click & Save discounts you didn't know you could get:

#### **WORKOUT GEAR**

NEA Click & Save retailers that sell fitness gear include Adidas, Athleta, Footlocker.com, NewBalance.com, Road Runner Sports, The Sports Authority, The North Face, Under Armour and Yoga Clothing.

#### **SHOES**

Footwear retailers on the NEA Click & Save site include Converse, DSW.com, Famous Footwear, Piperlime, Rockport Shoes, ShoeBuy.com, ShoeMall.com, Shoes.com and Skechers.

#### **COSMETICS AND TOILETRIES**

If you're a fan of specialty grooming products, NEA Click & Save offers deals from boutique retailers such as Bath & Body Works, Burt's Bees, Clinique, Lancome, Laura Mercier, Nars Cosmetics, Kiehl's, Origins and more.

#### **HOME FURNISHINGS**

Home-furnishing retailers on the NEA Click & Save site include AllPosters.com, Anthropologie, Art.com, Bed Bath & Beyond, CB2, Cost Plus World Market, Crate & Barrel, Macys.com, Mattress.com, Plow & Hearth and West Elm.

## **(Members Benefits Continued)**

### **TOYS**

NEA Click & Save retailers such as Build-A-Bear, Discovery Channel Store, Disney Store, LeapFrog, Lego, Toys R Us, Melissa and Doug and more.

### **SPECIALTY FOODS**

Members can purchase items from various companies including: Omaha Steaks or La Cense Beef, Legal Sea Foods and Chesapeake Bay Crab Cakes, Harry and David, Igourmet.com, Stonewall Kitchen, Coffees of Hawaii and Illy, Teavana and Adagio Teas, Wine.com Wine Tasting and the WSJ Wine Club (delivery exclusions may apply).

### **PET SUPPLIES**

For everyday expenses such as food, accessories and medicine, you can save money when you buy through NEA Click & Save. Retailers include Petco, PetSmart, PetCareRx, Pets Warehouse, Wag.com and Three Dog Bakery.

### **EYEWEAR**

Whether you need glasses, contacts or sunglasses, you'll spy good-looking deals through NEA Click & Save retailers such as 1-800 CONTACTS, EyeBuyDirect.com, GlassesUSA and Sunglass Hut.

### **EVENT TICKETS**

Movie tickets, theme park tickets, musical tickets: You name it, and it's probably at NEA Click & Save. You'll find deals on destinations all across the country through discounters such as Best of New York, BestofVegas.com, Recreation Connection, Orlando Vacation and more. You also can get direct deals to Six Flags, Sea World Parks, Universal Studios Orlando, Disney World and Disneyland.

### **PLANE TICKETS**

NEA Click & Save houses a travel booking engine that offers great deals on plane tickets, hotels, vacation packages, rental cars and cruises.

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## **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](mailto:hta.secr@hesperia.org)*

### **Hammons Enterprises LCC**



We provide priority service at discounted prices for all HTA members and their families. Call or email us today for clear technical solutions and unmatched personalized service!

**Contact Andy Hammons at:**

**Mobile: 760-900-2027**

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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](mailto:tviayra@gmail.com).**

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