



Etiwanda

Teacher's Association

...representing the teachers of Etiwanda School District

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Happy New Year~ 2010

The ETA Executive Board hopes this New Year brings
Hopes for a brighter future
Affection and Love
Peace for the Heart
Prosperity that's unlimited
Year-round fun!

Conferences

ETA will sponsor a limited number of ETA Members to attend the following conference

34th Annual Region III Leadership Conference will take place at The Westin South Coast Plaza February 5-7, 2010.

If anyone is interested in attending, please notify Michele Jacks by the end of business day on January 19, 2010.

Complimentary and Discount LA Clipper Tickets

CTA has made available complimentary and discounted tickets for Los Angeles Clippers. Requests are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis and are subject to availability.



You must order tickets no later than one week prior to the game. (see page 6)

Best Wishes during the Holiday Season!

The New Year is here...and as always, The Standard is available to answer any of your questions about coverage. Their dedicated CTA Customer Service Department can be reached at 800.522.0406 from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Pacific Time or write to ctaservice@standard.com with any questions or concerns.

Newly hired CTA member, or new to your district?

If you're a newly hired CTA member, or transferring to a new district, now's the time to get the coverage you need. During your first 120 days of new employment, you have a one-time opportunity to apply for Disability Insurance and/or up to \$200,000 of Life Insurance – without showing proof of good health. This great opportunity is ending very soon - call The Standard's dedicated CTA Customer Service Department at 800-522-0406 for more information.

Wedding or baby due this winter?

Congratulations! Remember that within 31 days of a Family Status Change, you can add or increase Life Insurance coverage up to \$200,000 and/or add Disability coverage, all without providing proof of good health. Family Status Change includes birth/adoption, marriage/domestic partnership and other qualifying events. For more information about this enrollment opportunity, or to file a maternity Disability claim, visit us at www.cta.org and click through to The Standard.

Organizing your desk?

Make sure to call The Standard if you're moving to a new address or needing to make changes to your beneficiary designation. It's important to keep your records up-to-date, and it's easy to do. Simply call The Standard's dedicated CTA Customer Service Department at 800-522-0406.

Craving something sweet?

Enjoy a delicious Chocolate Mint Smoothie recipe courtesy of The Standard.

2 c. milk, divided

1/4 c. instant cocoa mix

1/2 tsp. vanilla extract

1/8 tsp. peppermint extract

1 pt. vanilla ice cream

Heat 1/2 cup of milk until hot. Combine hot milk and cocoa mix in electric blender and process until smooth. Add remaining 1 1/2 cups milk, vanilla and peppermint and blend well. Add ice cream and process until mixture is smooth. Recipe makes 4 smoothies. Enjoy!

Questions?

Call The Standard's dedicated CTA Customer Service Department at 800.522.0406 (TTY), 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Or, email ctaservice@standard.com. And if you haven't taken a look at CTA's Web site, visit MyCTA at www.cta.org.

NEA Click & Save

The newest discount program for NEA members and their families! This exclusive shopping service offers savings on brand name merchandise from hundreds of top retailers, online stores and local merchants.



Exceptional savings just can be yours through NEA Click & Save, an exclusive online shopping service that offers you savings from hundreds of top retailers and online stores. You'll find great offers on everything from apparel and jewelry to travel and electronics.

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1. Sign in or Register at neamb.com
2. Look for the "Start Shopping" button(s); you will be taken to the NEA Click & Save web site to select your user name and password, and begin saving!

How NEA Click & Save Works

It's so easy—just sign up and start shopping! Plus, you can request email reminders from your favorite merchants about upcoming sales and discounts. Why not invite your other family members to join in the fun (and financial benefits)? Enjoy shopping convenience and savings now!

Need Help??
Call 1-800-637-4636

Do you have a copy of the current contract???

A copy of the current contract is available through your school site representative, school site binders and on our website.





SCHOLARSHIPS 2010

IT'S ALMOST SCHOLARSHIP SEASON!

If your student is heading off to college, check these out:

CTA 2010 Scholarship to Dependent Children of CTA Members. CTA will grant twenty-five (25) – \$2000 scholarships to **dependent children of CTA members**. Applications are available through your Chapter President or the CTA Coordinating Council Office. Applications must contain a signature of your Chapter President. Applications are also available online at www.CTA.org. **Application must be postmarked by – February 5, 2010.**

CTA 2010 Scholarship to CTA Members. Five \$2000 scholarships will be awarded to **CTA members** who enroll in upcoming Summer or Fall classes in pursuit of furthering their education. Applications must contain a signature of your Chapter President. Applications are also available online at www.CTA.org. **Application must be postmarked by – February 5, 2010.**

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Scholarship. Applicants must be pursuing a teaching related career in public education and be a member of a defined ethnic minority group. This scholarship is supported by voluntary contributions from the CTA membership and corporate donors. **For more details, visit www.CTA.org. Deadline is March 15th, 2010.**

Cesar E. Chavez Memorial Education Award Program. The Cesar E. Chavez Memorial Education Awards Program will provide recognition for students and their teachers who demonstrate an understanding of the vision and guiding principles by which Cesar E. Chavez lived his life. A CTA member may submit up to five (5) entries. Each entry may be for an individual student or a group of no more than five (5) students. For more details, visit www.CTA.org. Applications and projects **must be postmarked by January 8, 2010.**

L. Gordon Bittle Memorial Scholarship. Up to three (3) \$3,000 scholarships are awarded. High school grad point average should reflect at least a 3.5 unweighted average. College coursework should reflect high academic achievement. Explain any unique circumstances related to medical, physical or emotional difficulties that may have affected your grades. Applications are available online at www.CTA.org. **Application must be postmarked by – February 5, 2010.**

2010 Del A. Weber Scholarship for Dependent Children attending Continuation High School/Alternative Education. One (1) \$5,000 scholarship is awarded. 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. High school grad point average should reflect at least a 2.0 average. Applications are also available online at www.CTA.org. **Application must be postmarked by – February 5, 2010.**



Credentialing Information for Special Educators

- ✦ *The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) issued some information over the summer that has the potential to affect any and all members who teach special education students with autism.*
- ✦ *ETA is working closely with CTA to synthesize the CTC information. Upon synthesis, ETA will issue suggestions to all of our affected members on how to deal with the potential changes to your working conditions that may arise from this CTC information.*
- ✦ *In the meantime, ETA encourages you to review the official CTC information released thus far and to stay informed.*
- ✦ *As of right now, there appear to be two pathways to autism authorization, one being more intensive than the other.*

Visit CTC to obtain an information packet that discusses the more INTENSIVE pathway to autism authorization and the ALTERNATIVE pathway to autism authorization.

Professional Records File for Teachers

As a certificated teacher, there are several documents you should keep in your professional file. It is recommended that these documents are not kept in your classroom!

1. *Your teaching certificate(s)/license(s)*
2. *Transcripts of degrees and credits including attendance*
3. *Letters of hire*
4. *An individual employee contract if signed upon hire.*
5. *Supplemental contracts for extra duty responsibilities.*
6. *The negotiated contract.*
7. *Yearly salary information and payroll notices.*
8. *Records pertinent to your retirement, including STRS statements and bulletins.*
9. *Records of leave accrual and use.*
10. *Evaluation and growth plans.*
11. *Commendations, awards and honors.*
12. *Teaching schedules*
13. *Records of incidents involving discipline or referral of students.*
14. *Records of referrals of students with special needs.*
15. *Copies of correspondence from the principal and the district.*
16. *Proof of membership. (Membership card)*
17. *The CTA/NEA \$1million liability insurance policy brochure*

Do you have a great idea??

*Please send your suggestions, comments or questions regarding the newsletter or website to
Sonya_Scott@etiwanda.org*