

Summer



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Hard Work Ahead

Forces are currently aligning themselves for the battle to defeat the “Luna Laws”. There are months of hard work ahead for all of us who care about the education of Idaho’s children. There will be many opportunities for you to help and your help is desperately needed. There will be phone banks, door hangers, fund raisers and gatherings where you can

make a difference. Currently the IEA is handing out green “Friends and Family” cards. Each IEA member is being asked to contact those who are closest to them and talk to them about the “Luna Laws” and then asking them to vote “NO” on Propositions 1, 2, and 3. It will take 370,000 “NO” votes to defeat these laws.

After you have talked to

your friends and families, fill in the names of those who will vote NO and return the cards to the IEA either through your BEA building representative or by sending it via school mail to the BEA.

Each and every vote will count in this battle between those who believe in public education and those who would destroy public education.

Unity Works

If as ESP’s we want a bigger voice in our future with the Association and with the School District we need to increase our membership presence. Currently we are making

a difference. Teachers and Administrators know who we are, who we represent and what we can accomplish.

In order to maintain our positive

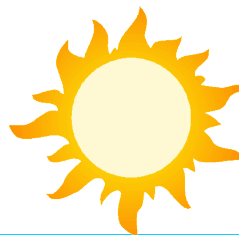
presence we need to retain and increase our membership.

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SP's At Work



SP Quilt Raffle

Just a reminder that the ESP Steering committee is sponsoring a Quilt Raffle with all the proceeds going to Reel Recovery, a non-profit organization that sponsor fly-fishing retreats for men with cancer. The quilt was made by ESP Steering Committee member Kathy Pierce.

On January 13 and 14 we took the quilt to the Western Idaho Fly-Fishing Expo which was held at the Idaho Expo in Garden City. Reel Recovery had an informational booth there, where we hoped the quilt would help attract people to the booth. It worked beyond our expectations. We displayed it over a table and it drew the folks in like cops to donuts. The quilt was displayed on Friday

and Saturday. During that time span we sold just over \$400 dollars worth of raffle tickets. We now have over \$600 dollars sold.

We now have people who are not even affiliated with the ESP Steering committee selling raffle tickets because they want to help Reel Recovery and they believe in the cause. There is a woman whose husband is a cancer survivor and was a participant at a retreat; she is selling them in Challis, Idaho. And another who works at the Boise Co-Op, whose parent is an ESP member. She is selling them to

her fellow employees. We have several ESP members selling them in their buildings and we hope to get more out to your building in the coming weeks.



Time is growing short for the sale of quilt raffle tickets to benefit "REEL Recovery".

The drawing will be held the weekend before Fathers Day, on June 9th. If you would like raffle tickets to

sell or if you would like the quilt to visit an event at your school you should contact Chris Moore. Chris.Moore@boiseschools.org or call Hillside Junior High at 854-5120.



Now is the Time

How would you like a vacation in SEATTLE, with someone else picking up the bill? Would you rather have a new iPad? You have a chance to win one of these great prizes when you fill out your BEA membership update form by May 14. All new and continuing mem-

bers need to fill out the membership form and state whether you are new or continuing. In addition to these great prizes there will be drawings for numerous gift cards from such places as Barnes & Nobel, Starbucks, Moxie Java, and several restaurants. The drawing

will take place during Rep Council on May 21, 2012.

Big plans are being made for ESP's in the coming year. Don't miss out!



Why Not?

Are you looking for a way to get involved with other ESP's? Would you like the chance to make a difference in the working conditions of your fellow ESP's? Would you like to meet ESP's who are committed (and probably should be

committed) to making a difference every day?

If you can answer yes to any of these questions, you need to become part of the BEA/ESP Steering committee. This is a group of

dedicated ESP's who are working hard for you and would like you to join them.

If you are interested, contact any member of the Steering Committee or call the BEA

Boise Schools Levy Thank You

The BEA/ESP Steering committee would like to thank all of the Educational Support Professionals for their tireless efforts on behalf of the supplemental levy. With your hard work you helped pass the levy with an unbelievable 71 +% of the vote. Congratulations, pat yourselves on the back. Well done!

Fighting for You

During this past legislative session, a bill was proposed to the State Senate Legislative Education Committee that would have significantly changed our legal grievance rights. Senate bill 1297 sought to take away our right to any redress under state law if we failed to file a grievance within 6 working days of an incident.

Members of the BEA/ESP Steering committee joined with IEA/ESP members from Meridian,

Northern and Southern Idaho to testify before the committee. IEA attorney, Paul Stark, testified and questioned the legality of the proposed bill. ESP members testified as to the adverse effect such a bill would have on the working lives of the average ESP.

Following the testimony the Education Committee members voted to send the bill to the State Attorney General for a legal opinion. The bill did not come back from

the Attorney General's office prior to the end of the Legislature.

The bill was proposed by the Idaho School Board Association and the Idaho Association of Administrators. These groups stated that they felt it unfair that classified employees had better grievance rights than did the certified employees did. The IEA will be working with these two groups prior to the next legislative session to address their concerns.

Upcoming Events



2012

May

May 28 - Memorial Day

June

Anyone is welcome to join us at our BEA ESP Steering Committee Meetings.

BEA Education Support Professionals Steering Committee

-BEA President, Andrew Rath
 -BEA Executive Director, Kathy Yamamoto
 -Rachelle Bernard, DSC
 -Debra Brown, Horizon

-Mary Gordon, Whitney
 -Gena Harris, Hawthorne
 -Bev Harrigfeld, Horizon
 -Bruce Hellinga, Grace Jordan
 -Suzan Kats, Jefferson

-Kathyn Pierce, Hillside
 -Jeanine Rishel, South
 -Suzanne Tracey, Grace Jordan
 -Toni Barry, Grace Jordan
 -Chris Moore, Hillside

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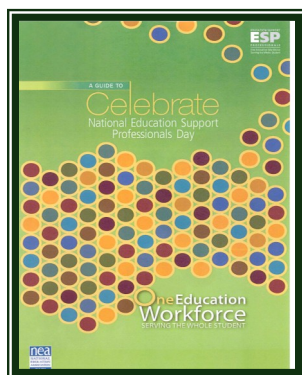
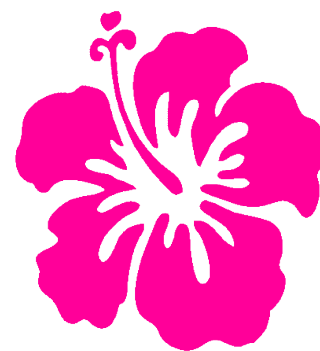
The Boise Education Association consists of about 1,700 members including classroom teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, custodians, counselors, secretaries and other school district employees.

We are committed to providing a high quality education for all students within the Boise School District. We work collaboratively with the community to ensure all children are prepared for a productive adult life.

-Kathyn Pierce, Editor
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We're BEA/IEA/NEA ESPs and Proud of It!

Getting Your Money's Worth – Being a Member of the IEA.