

The CEA Voice

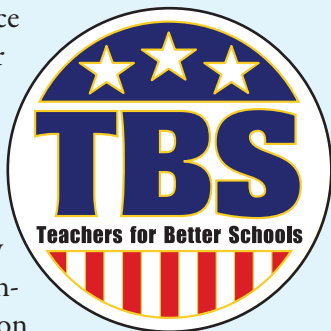
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We Did It

Your Association would like to thank you for helping elect friends of education to office who will serve the interest of our members and our students. Because you supported these candidates, our community will reap the investment of your vote in the years to come. Nearly 90 percent of CEA-endorsed candidates and issues won on Election Day—a testament to the political power of CEA.



CEA offers congratulations to our endorsed winners:

Franklin County Municipal Court Judges:

Mark Hummer, Eileen Paley and Cindi Morehart

Columbus Mayor:

Andrew Ginther

Columbus City Council Members:

Elizabeth Brown, Shannon Hardin, Zach Klein, Jaiza Page and Michael Stinziano

Columbus Board of Education Members:

Eric Brown, W. Shawna Gibbs and Mary Jo Hudson

CEA also supported State Issue #1, the constitutional amendment to create a bipartisan public process for drawing legislative districts. Your Association also supported the following winning local issues: #14—Franklin County Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Tax Levy (Renewal) and #15—Franklin County Zoological Park Tax Levy (Renewal).

Thank you to everyone who phone banked, canvased and shared our endorsed candidates' list with friends and family. But, more importantly, thank you to everyone who participated in the democratic process and voted.

The White House Calls for Less Testing

President Obama has called for a cap on standardized testing. News media reported that the White House released a ten-page plan that “outlined a series of steps to help educators end assessment that is burdensome or not benefiting students or teachers.” The Administration says tests should be “‘worth taking,’ time-limited and provide a ‘clearer picture’ of whether students are learning.” The U.S. Department of Education recommended schools should spend no more than two percent of classroom time taking tests. More specific guidance is expected in January.

As part of the reauthorization of the Elementary and

Secondary Education Act, the National Education Association has pushed for limits on time spent on standardized tests, specifically eliminating high stakes that accompany standardized tests but preserving diagnostic assessments that help students and inform educators. NEA President Lily Eskelsen García remarked: “We need real solutions that close opportunity gaps for students, and that begins with listening to the people who know the names of the children in their schools and classrooms to develop assessments that come from educators and work for students. Only then can we create the kind of schools that promote success for every child, regardless of his or her ZIP code.”

Among questions raised by national testing requirements are whether schools have comparable resources with which to prepare students, and whether a culture of test preparation will affect teacher evaluations and public attitudes about supporting education. A report from the Council of the Great City Schools also suggests there is a lack of alignment with college and career-ready standards, and tests “often do not assess student mastery of any specific content.”

We can only hope the state of Ohio is listening. CEA will keep you informed of any developments.

Salute Our Veterans

On Wednesday, Nov. 11, we say “thank you” to America’s veterans for their patriotism and love for our country. We have been publicly thanking our Armed Forces for nearly a century, starting after World War I when the Treaty of Versailles (signed June 28, 1919) ended “The Great War.” Congress created an official observance in 1926, and in 1938 declared Nov. 11, “Armistice Day,” a national holiday. This is because World War I fighting had actually ceased with an armistice that began on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. In 1954, Congress changed the holiday name to Veterans Day to honor veterans of all wars. Some of these veterans are your colleagues.



Join us in honoring the men and women among our membership who have served in the Armed Forces. Without them, our freedoms as Americans would be in jeopardy.

Army—Russell Bartholomew ★ Dawn Berenzweig ★ Art Brown ★ Mike Buschur ★ Charles Gibson ★ Al Hernandez ★ Kim Roth ★ Alan Snow ★ Laurie Tufts ★ Troy Weis ★ Darryl White ★

Navy—Stephan Baker ★ Bob Hern ★ J. Sanchez ★ Alan Schmiedebusch ★

Air Force—Brenda Crumley ★ Gonnice Goins ★ Deborah Strouse ★

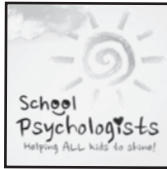
Marines—Rob Schuler ★

Army National Guard—Teari Buari ★ Doug McKee ★

Air Force National Guard—Aaron Reid ★

Thank Your School Psychologist

It's School Psychology Awareness Week (Nov. 9–13), and the theme is **Connect the Dots and THRIVE!** School psychologists help connect students to the academic and social-emotional skills they need to promote personal achievement, growth and resilience, as well as a sense of belonging and well-being. All children and youth can face problems from time to time related to learning, social relationships, making difficult decisions or managing emotions such as feeling depressed, anxious, worried or isolated. School psychologists help students, families, educators and members of the community understand and resolve both long-term, chronic problems and short-term issues that students may face. Here are some of things our psychologists do for our students:



- Conduct psychological and academic assessments
- Promote problem solving, anger management and conflict resolution
- Reinforce positive coping skills and resilience
- Promote positive peer relationships and social problem solving
- Make referrals to, and help coordinate, community services provided in schools
- Plan appropriate Individualized Education Programs for students with disabilities
- Generate and interpret useful student and school outcome data

When you see one of our district's psychologists, say, "Thank you!" Learn more at <http://www.nasponline.org>.

Thank You for Your Pledge

The district's United Way campaign ended on Oct. 31. If you haven't given your completed pledge form to your SrFR, make sure you do so. Remember, by donating to the United Way of Central Ohio, you create positive changes for now and for the future of many Central Ohio families. Your gift helps our families in many ways including:

- Accessing services and assistance to stay warm during the winter
- Receiving job skills training
- Managing finances
- Navigating barriers to health care
- Meeting critical needs in times of crisis

United Way also supports preschool education for Columbus children and many other programs that help our students succeed in life. Your Association would like to thank the following schools/units whose campaign envelopes were received since the publication of last week's *Voice*:

6th Street Annex, Africentric EC ES, Africentric EC SS, Beatty Park ES, Briggs HS, Buckeye MS, CEC, Cedarwood ES, Champion MS, Columbus Scioto 6–12, Devonshire ES, Dominion MS, Eakin ES, East Linden ES, Forest Park ES, Hilltonia MS, Hubbard Mastery School PreK–6, Hudson Comm. Ed. Ctr., Huy ES/A.G. Bell Program, Indian Springs ES, Innis ES, Johnson Park MS, Kingswood Ctr., Linden-McKinley STEM 7–12, Linmoor Ed. Ctr., Livingston K–6, Maize ES, Medina MS, Mifflin HS, Mifflin MS, North Linden ES, Oakland Park ES, Ohio Avenue ES, PAR, Ridgeview MS, Siebert K–6, South HS 7–12, Stewart ES, Trevitt ES, Watkins ES, West HS, Winterset ES, Woodcrest ES, Woodward Park MS and Yorktown MS.

United Way Prize Winners \$500–Leadership Grand Prize (2) \$150 Target Gift Card

Kris Brant, Georgian Heights ES (CEA)
Michael Buziewicz, Cols. City. Prep. for Girls (CEA)

\$60+ Level Payroll Deduction Prize (1) \$100 Target Gift Card

Kim Roth, Oakland Park ES (CEA)

\$250 Level Prizes (4) \$50 Amazon.com Gift Card

Dara VanEngelhoven, Ridgeview MS (CEA)

Tina Wallace, Colerain ES (OAPSE)

Linda Wead (CEA-R)

Germaine Wells, Northtowne (CAA)

\$125 Level Prizes (8) \$30 Target Card

Kathy Boushie, Maize ES (CEA)

Jeff Corbin (CEA-R)

Mary Madachy, Huy/AG Bell ES (CEA)

Tina Roeger, Hilltonia MS (CEA)

Angela Stokes, PAR (CEA)

Linda Teeters, CEC, (CSCSA)

Barb Wolz, Sherwood MS (OAPSE)

\$60 Level Prizes (5) \$10 Gas Card

Virginia Morelli (CEA-R)

Jean Repp, Wedgewood MS (CEA)

Daryl Smith, Linden STEM ES (CEA)

Andrea Tose, Cols. Africentric EC ES (CEA)

Tina L. Wilson-McClure, CEC (CSCSA)

Thank You to our Phone Banking Volunteers

Your Association would like to thank the following members for phone banking to support our endorsed candidates on Oct. 21 and 28:

Karen Andermills (CEA-R), Rosina Bell-Games (E. Linden ES), Rosa Blasco (Trevitt ES), Jill Bucci (Linden McKinley 7–12), Dewey Chaffin (Hilltonia MS), Courtney Coman (Windsor ES), Kriston Crombie-Stotik (Eastmoor Academy HS), Carla Davis (Forest Park ES), Angel Dyer (Salem ES), Maria Fleming (Elem. Art), Phil Hayes (CEA office), Carla Hegyi (Linden McKinley 7–12), CJ Jamison (Leawood ES), Kim Jones (Medina MS), Marisa Keith (Elem. Art), Susan Marcus (Georgian Heights ES), Edna McCambridge (Alpine ES), Andy Meritt (West HS), Bruce Mortland (CDHS), Jenny Plemel (Northland HS), Christine Richards (Alpine ES), Nolicka Robinson (Fairwood ES), Samina Sitabkhan (NPSS Tutors), Vernell Washington (Alpine ES) and Merle Wilder (Moler ES).

During our four dates of phone banking, more than fifty current and former CEA members spent in excess of one hundred and twenty hours calling thousands of CEA and OEA members about our endorsed candidates.

Mentor a Student Teacher

CCS is beginning to place spring semester university students in our district. During fall semester, the district placed a little over 750 students. We are expecting just as many, if not more, during spring semester!

If you want to mentor a student and have not already applied to mentor one this year, please use the online application to apply. The application takes only a couple of minutes to complete. The application may be found at <http://www.columbus.k12.oh.us/studentrequest>. Your username and password are the same as your iLEAD username and password.

If you already applied this year, and/or if you already had a student this year, you do not need to reapply.

Teachers who mentor university students are now eligible for a wide range of CEUs. In addition, mentoring students results in the district receiving fee waivers.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Karmen McCaslin at 365-5039 or email her at kmccasli@columbus.k12.oh.us. Your consideration in mentoring a future teacher is greatly appreciated.

Special Note

- ❑ Tomorrow (Nov. 10) is the last day to vote in CEA's special election for District 5 Governor to fill an unexpired term ending in 2017. Your vote is central to the work we do. Faye Love (Linden STEM Academy PreK–6) is the new District 4 Governor, winning by acclamation.