Vote in the CEA Spring Election

The CEA Spring Elections are here and campaigning is going on now through March 7. Voting begins Feb. 22 and ends March 7; votes will be tallied March 8. The following members are running:

Candidates for Middle School Governor At-Large

Cassandra D. Daniels
Keith A. Emrick

Candidates for NEA Delegate

(listed in alphabetical order not the order they will appear on the ballot):


Candidates for NEA State At-large Delegate

(listed in alphabetical order not the order they will appear on the ballot):


Candidates for OEA Delegate listed in

(alphabetical order not the order they will appear on the ballot):


College Scholarships Open

Friday, Apr. 7, at 4:30 p.m. is the deadline to apply to CEA for college scholarships. Children of members are eligible to apply. Here are the guidelines:

- The parent or guardian must request the application form and guidelines through the CEA Office.
- Applicants may be graduating high school seniors or students already enrolled in an undergraduate program in a college or university.
- Applicants must have a cumulative point hour of 2.5 or above which must be verified by an official high school or university transcript.
- Applicants must be full-time students while enrolled in college.
- Applicants must include a copy of the Student Aid Report from FASA.
- Applicants must indicate all financial aid (other than student loans) which they expect to receive.

The Christa McAuliffe Memorial Scholarship will be granted each year to a student majoring in education unless no applicants indicate they are majoring in education. This scholarship will be ¼ times the amount of any other scholarships awarded.

The complete application must include the following:

- A statement of the student’s personal philosophy and goals.
- Verification of point hour by official transcript.
- Two references: one from an academic instructor with whom the student has studied during the past year and one from someone other than a relative.

Send completed applications to:

Columbus Education Association
Attn: Spring Scholarship
929 E. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43205

Previous recipients may renew their awards for up to three years, for half, and then (in Year 3 and 4) one-fourth of the first-year amount. Verification of point hour and full time status for second-year recipients must be in the CEA office by 4:30 p.m.
Remember the Presidents
Feb. 20 was Presidents’ Day. This American holiday, celebrated on the third Monday in February, was established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington. The federal government still lists it as “Washington’s Birthday.” It was traditionally celebrated on February 22—Washington’s actual day of birth—but the holiday became popularly known as Presidents’ Day after it was moved as part of 1971’s Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation’s workers.

While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents’ Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents past and present.

The story of Presidents’ Day date begins in 1800. Following President George Washington’s death in 1799, his February 22 birthday became a perennial day of remembrance. At the time, Washington was celebrated as the most important figure in American history. Sen. Steven Wallace Dorsey of Arkansas was the first to propose that it be made a holiday in the nation’s capital, and in 1879 President Rutherford B. Hayes signed it into law. In 1885 it was expanded to the whole country. At the time, Washington’s Birthday was the only holiday to celebrate the life of an individual American. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, signed into law in 1983, would be the second.

Today, we use that day to acknowledge the lives of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, their contributions to the United States, and the lives and contributions of all our 45 Presidents. It’s a great time to talk about some of the most important developments in American history. You can find some ideas at: http://www.nea.org/tools/lessons/presidents-day-activities.html.

LA Attendance

Teachers’ Dream Grant
The Teachers’ Dream Grant is available again this year. Application information was sent to buildings the week of February 13. This grant provides an opportunity for all teachers to apply for individual school-based grants from $500–$5,000 focusing on academic enrichment, increasing student achievement, closing the achievement gap, improving school/community relations and improving classroom learning climate. This is an excellent opportunity for teachers to acquire resources to support innovative projects. The grant is to be submitted online before 4 p.m. on April 12, 2017. For further information, go to: www.ccsdoh.us/grants.aspx or contact Andrea Richardson at (614)365-5733.

3GRG Praxis Teacher Support Session
The Special Education Department, in conjunction with the Office of Teaching and Learning will be providing an information support session to help third-grade teachers prepare for the Praxis 5203 reading test. The support session will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 28 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the Lindquist Room of the Hudson Distribution Center. Space is limited, so make sure you register on CIMS. If you have any questions, please contact Cary Williams at cwilliams2478@columbus.k12.oh.us.

Apply To Teach Summer School
The application for the district summer school program is now available on the CCS website at www.columbus.k12.oh.us/summerschool/. To be eligible to work in this program, you must be a full-time certificated/licensed teacher in the district. Although there is no established deadline for completing the teacher summer school application, the goal is to finalize summer staffing prior to spring break. Selections will begin immediately and continue until all positions are filled. Selected teachers will receive a selection agreement by school mail that must be signed and returned.

Special Notes:

- The CEA book drive ends Friday March 31st. Donate at least new books appropriate for students reading on the pre-primer through third grade reading level. For every three books you will receive and entry for a drawing to win one of four $100 VISA gift cards. Give your books, and entry forms, to your FR or building campaign chairperson. Completed entry forms go to Teri Mullins, CEA office no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, April 7.

- The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) Workplace Campaign will end on Tuesday, February 28. Please remember to support our efforts to benefit the education goals of many of our students. Please complete your pledge card and return it to your UNCF coordinator ASAP. Thank you in advance for your generous donation. If you have any questions, please contact Ezetta Murray at (614) 253-4731.