



FOCAL POINT

Weymouth Teachers Association News

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Meeting Dates:

JLM

April 24

Exec. Board

April 3

Rep. Council

April 10

School Committee

April 12

WTA Officers

Interim President

Joe Wilkins

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Secretary

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Prof. Rights & Responsibility

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Executive Board

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Middle

Pamela Marlowe

HS

John Pappas

SPED

Kate Myrick

Special Interest-Unit D

Maureen Mohr

Career and Tech Ed

Rob Libenson

Focal Point Editor

Mike Miller

ELECTION INFORMATION

The following positions are up for election this coming May:
President, Vice-President, and Treasurer.

If you would like to nominate someone (or yourself) for a position submit the name of the nominee, **in writing**, to the committee no later than **APRIL 10**. The person nominated will be contacted to ensure that they want their name on the ballot. Members of the nominating committee are:

High School - Julie Bowen
Chapman MS - Tom Healy
Adams MS - Meghan Carr
Academy Ave. - Christine Hart
Hamilton - Katie DiTolla

Murphy - Danielle Holmes
Wessagusset - Mary L. Kelly
Seach - Debbie Karlberg
Nash - Caitlin O'Dwyer
Johnson - Maggie Murphy

Voting will take place on **May 8**, and the person named above will be managing the election ballots for your building. If you are interested in nominating someone and there is no one listed for your school, please contact Joe Wilkins through the WTA email below.

Schools missing a representative will need a person in place by the time of the election. Again, if interested, please email Joe Wilkins at the WTA email address.

MTA Annual Meeting

The MTA Annual meeting will be held on May 11-12 at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston. We are entitled to send 16 delegates. Send an email to weymouthteachers@yahoo.com if you are interested in attending.

BUILDING REPRESENTATIVES

- One Unit A rep. for every 10 teachers in the building is the allotment in order for you to have full representation.
- Unit D should have one representative per building.
- You will receive a stipend for each meeting you attend.
- It's an opportunity to meet others from within the district.
- Keep up-to-date on topics which affect your career, your job, and your livelihood.
- All meetings are open and you are encouraged to bring your colleagues.
- **Still have plenty of spots available.**
- Meetings are held at the Abigail Adams MS Library at 3:45, and take place the third Tuesday of every month (unless vacation interferes).

If members have questions or concerns, please contact your building representative, the WTA office: 781-337-9700- or email: weymouthteachers@yahoo.com

Fundraising

ZUMBA!!

Join us for a ZUMBATHON on April 24 at 2:45 or April 26 at 3:45 in the Chapman Middle School gym. The class will be led by one of our own teachers - so wear comfortable clothing and get ready to ZUMBA! Cost is a donation of \$10 and proceeds benefit the WTA scholarship fund for Weymouth students.

Each participant will be entered in a raffle for 5 free Zumba classes at Red-Hot fitness in Weymouth!

Red Sox Raffle

Be sure to get your tickets from your building representative for a chance to win a Red Sox package. Package includes a pair of tickets, \$50 cash, and an autographed baseball. See your building representative for tickets.

Both drawings will be held on May 15 at the Friends of Education gathering. You do not need to be present to win.

Good Luck!!

Dedication Ceremony

In honor of esteemed teacher, colleague, and friend Barbara Manganiello there will be a dedication of a small garden and bench to mark the one year since her passing.

The ceremony will be held at the Abigail Adams Middle School on Sunday, May 20, 2012 at 2:00 pm.

COMMUNICATION

Not receiving email updates from the union? Send your **personal email address** to weymouthteachers@yahoo.com

HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY??

Members are welcome to contribute to the *Focal Point* Newsletter. You can give your articles or information to one of your building representatives, or send it by email.



Meeting Notice!

The April Representative Council meeting will serve as the annual WTA meeting. This year we will be voting on twelve amendments to the WTA bylaws that were proposed earlier in the year by Michael Murphy. It will be held at Adams Middle School on **April 10, at 3:45.**

A link was sent by email to view the changes to the bylaws. Email Joe Wilkins if you would like to have the link resent.



What's On Your Mind



Q: My principal told me to do something that I know goes against the contract. What should I do?

A: Insubordination can lead to, or result in, termination. Unless the action is illegal or puts you or someone else in danger, do it. Contact your building representative immediately so that the grievance process can begin and you can receive recompense.

Teacher Education and Professional Standards

Are you planning to change salary lanes?

- Complete an application.
- Send the original to Leah Shapiro Ciliberto at Wessagusset.
- Meet the deadlines for submission.
- Do NOT send transcripts or grade reports.
- Applications that arrive after the deadline will not be reviewed until the next TEPS meeting.

2012 Deadlines

- June 6

Applications are available in each building and on the district and WTA websites.



Weingarten rights guarantee an employee the right to union representation during an interview by the employer. If the interview could in any way lead to the employee being disciplined or terminated, or affect his or her working conditions, he or she should respectfully request that a union representative or officer be present at the meeting. If representation is requested and denied, the employee may choose not to answer any questions.

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Email WTA to be added to our groupsite!!



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