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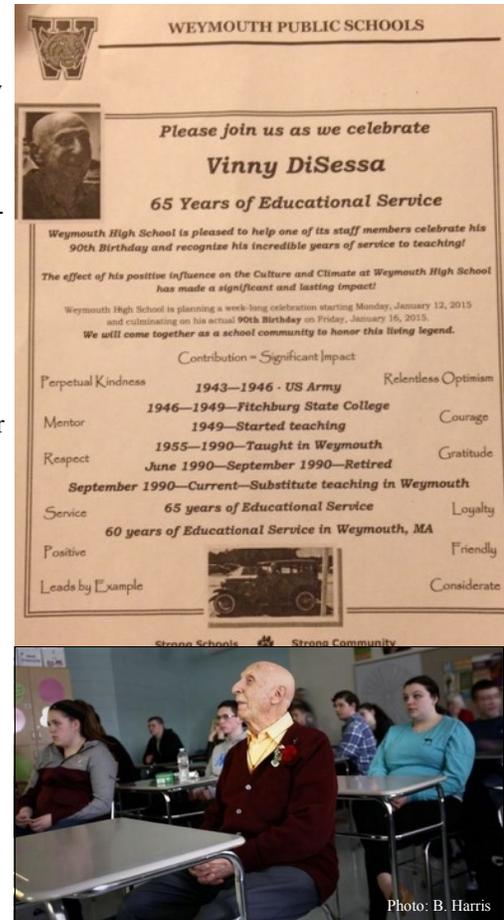
Mike Miller

WEA Honors Mr. DiSessa's 60 years of Service

The WEA was invited to join in the celebration honoring Vinny DiSessa for his 60 years of service to the students of Weymouth. The celebration also honored him on his 90th birthday. His children, grandchildren, self-described lady friend, school committee members, town officials, Dr. Salim, and Susan Kuska were in attendance. Most notably, a representative from the pentagon was on hand to award him with a personal letter thanking him for his years of service to our country.

As I asked teachers to describe Vinny, the words passion, commitment, dedication, respect and inspiration resonated. The WEA presented Vinny DiSessa with a citation honoring him for all of his contributions. It read, "The Weymouth Educators' Association awards this certificate of recognition to Vincent J. DiSessa to celebrate his 90th birthday and for his 60 years of dedicated service to the students of the Weymouth Public Schools and his commitment to making our schools a better place to learn." I closed the presentation with the following quote. When I asked a fellow colleague to describe Vinny, she said, "When I walked in the classroom, and saw Mr. DiSessa, I knew I was going to have a great day."

The WEA would like to thank Vinny DiSessa for helping thousands of students have a great day. As an aside, the words "knuckle sandwich" and "over the moon" also surfaced as I asked teachers to describe Vinny. Thank you for your service, Mr. DiSessa!



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.
- **Still have plenty of spots available. Email Ydana Chella if interested.**
- Meetings are held at the Abigail Adams Library at 3:45, and take place the third Tuesday of every month (unless vacation interferes).
- Meetings have resumed and the general membership is invited to attend. The first 10 minutes of each meeting are reserved for general membership concerns.
- Please contact a rep at your school if you are interested in more information!

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

Have something to add?!?
In an effort to publish the good things our members are doing we encourage you to email articles to: weafocalpoint@gmail.com

Teacher Education and Professional Standards

Are you planning to change salary lanes?

- Complete an application.
- Send the original to Liana Lucchesi at Nash
- 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.



Deadlines

April 1

June 3

Applications are available in each building and on the district website under Human Resources.

Keep up to date at: www.weymoutheducators.weebly.com



What's On Your Mind



Q: Why did the union vote for an extra, full day Professional Development session?

A: When the new contract was ratified by membership, it was proposed that we add a professional development day to our schedule. More than half the membership was present at the ratification meeting, and the new contract that added a professional development day was ratified by the membership. So this question does not just apply to one person, but the union as a group.

If decisions like these are concerning members of our organization, then you are encouraged to become an active voice in our association. The WEA is not any one member, and our collective group is what makes us a union. All voices have a chance to be heard! We are still looking for people who will share that voice in representative council and at general membership meetings.

Craft Fair a Success... THANK YOU!

I wanted to start the year off with an expression of gratitude. Thank you to everyone who was involved with the WEA's Scholarship fundraising event at the Weymouth Craft Fair. Your gift card and lottery ticket donations helped create two amazing "Raffle Wreaths." The gift card wreath was valued at over \$350.00!

Your contributions were much more than simply gift cards and lottery tickets. WEA members donated their most precious resource; time. This was the time it took purchasing the gift cards/lottery tickets, time spent delivering these to Murphy school, time spent collecting money from fellow staff members, time spent making signs/posters, and time spent at the booth encouraging visitors to purchase a raffle ticket. Further, I want to thank all the members who purchased their own raffle ticket and the many members who stopped by just to say hi. Finally, in order to make this event a success, members donated additional items such as reindeer crossing signs, table cloths, raffle tickets, curing ribbon, oatmeal, glitter, sandwich bags, reindeer poems, and Christmas wreaths. These simple, yet critical items were equally appreciated.

The success of this fundraising event was two fold. First, we already DOUBLED our donation for each scholarship! Yes, doubled it. The second is that these events give the WEA the opportunity to become a recognizable face in the community. We can connect with students, families, administrators, school committee members, politicians, and of course, each other.

It is my sincere hope that the WEA will continue to participate in events such as these. Based on your kindness and generosity, it seems likely.

Warm regards, Ydana Chella
WEA President



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 representa-

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