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# NWEA NEWSLETTER

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**“What is a teacher? I’ll tell you: it isn’t someone who teaches something, but someone who inspires the student to give of her best in order to discover what she already knows”**

– Paulo Coelho

## What your union is working on:

- Keep an eye out for your work from home stipend in your paycheck at the end of October!
- Creating equitable engagement opportunities for all members.
- Assuring all staff have confidence in having a safe place to work.
- Focusing on health, safety, and equity for all members.
- Promoting clear and transparent communication between administration and licensed staff.
- Advocating for equitable and appropriate compensation!

**We know it is more important than ever to work as a collective team to ensure all staff have a voice during these turbulent times.**

## Do you think you might be absent?

As you are aware, there is a substitute shortage, so the earliest that you can let your supervisor know that you need to be out the better. We recognize things can happen last minute, but whenever possible, please notify your administrator if you think you may be absent.

## Your Union Needs You!

- Are you wanting to get more involved? We have an opening for a Washington County Vice-President. If you are interested please reach out to a union board member. Or email us at:

**[contactus@nweducators.org](mailto:contactus@nweducators.org)**

## Upcoming Events:

- **Professional Learning Opportunities** through the Oregon Education Association. Please visit the OEA website at <https://grow.oregoned.org/> for upcoming learning opportunities throughout the year. There is also a library of past presentations available to view. Upcoming virtual events include:

- Oct 27 (online) Self Care: Regulation and Resiliency Strategies
  - Nov 18 (online) Licensure Workshop
  - Nov 18 (online) New Educator Toolbelt Series: Trauma Informed Practices
- **Virtual Learning Opportunities** Your board is so excited to be able to offer some great throughout the year from NWEA.

**Next up November 17th, 4:30pm : Navigating the Student Loan Forgiveness Quagmire**

Your union is working on several fronts to help with the student loan debt crisis in this country. We want to help you on a personal level to better understand the Federal Loan Forgiveness programs and to move you forward toward forgiveness. Please join us to learn the facts about the current Federal Loan Forgiveness programs and to gain access to the NEA Member Benefits Loan Forgiveness Navigation tool available at [www.neamb.com/start](http://www.neamb.com/start) Members with current federal loans welcome. Student members may also be interested.

<https://neamb.zoom.us/j/83180886187?pwd=QXRKdHdUQ2UvS1BBYjdIREEwVEI0Zz09>

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**Coming Soon:**

- December 7, 2021: Make the Most of your Membership Benefits (Holiday edition!) -
- January 18, 2022: Financial Wellness and Family preparedness
- March 1, 2022: Financial Essentials
- April 12, 2022: Life Stage Investing

## Student Loan Forgiveness:

- U.S. Department of Education Announces Transformational Changes to the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program, Will Put Over 550,000 Public Service Workers Closer to Loan Forgiveness
- **For more information:**
- <https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/us-department-education-announces-transformational-changes-public-service-loan-forgiveness-program-will-put-over-550000-public-service-workers-closer-loan-forgiveness>

## OEA Barb Drennan Promising Practices Grant Program

Have a plan that could enhance your classroom skills or boost student achievement? An idea for a site-based professional development activity that could build partnerships? OEA's Center for Great Public Schools awards Promising Practice Grants to provide student learning and professional development for OEA members across Oregon. Apply [here!](#)

## What has the union done for you?

We'd love to hear your stories! Follow the link to submit and you'll be entered to win one of our 4 gift cards! Can't wait to hear from you! [Union Survey](#)

## Board Member Spotlight

Meet Tiffany Hall!



Tiffany is an ECSE Specialist who teaches Early Intervention in Clatsop County. This is her first year serving on the board. She can be found on a trail or paddling a river on her time off. Before the pandemic she spent her time visiting family around the country. She volunteers on the Lewis & Clark, Olney-Wallooskee Citizen Advisory Committee covering the Community Plan once a month. She enjoys spending time with her pup Chelsea, friends and family. You can also find her batch baking on the weekends.

**Suggestions or questions?** Email us at: [contactus@nweducators.org](mailto:contactus@nweducators.org)

**WE APPRECIATE YOU and the incredible work you each do every day!**