



NWEA NEWSLETTER

<https://www.nweducators.org/>

What your union is working on:

- 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.

Events:

-Meet your NWEA board members for the 21-22 school year on August 31 during the all staff inservice. The board will be holding a meeting from 3:15 - 4:00 PM. They will be available to answer questions, listen to members' hopes and concerns for the upcoming school year.

-Second language stipend is available for the following languages; Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese. Members determined to be proficient in any of these three languages are eligible to receive a \$1,000 stipend in addition to their regular annual salary. Members need to submit a request to HR by October 1st to take a language proficiency test.

-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 Re- imagining Relationships: Returning and Engaging in our Schools. August 25, 4:00 - 5:00 PM.

-Your board is so excited to be able to offer some great virtual learning opportunities throughout the year from NWEA. Each will take place via zoom at 4:30. We will send out additional information, registration instructions, and descriptions as we approach the dates for these events.

-November 17th: Navigating Student Debt

-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

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!

We want to introduce each of our board members so you can get to know us better! We will spotlight a board member each month. This month we want to re-introduce you to our co-president.! Meet Sarah Andrews and Rikkie Schley!

Meet Sarah Andrews



Sarah Andrews has worked at the ESD for 13 years as a special education teacher. She started her career in the early childhood special education program at the Beaverton Early Childhood Center then joined the early intervention team at Hillsboro Early Childhood Center. In a normal year she would be spending TONS of hours at the baseball field, but this year she and her son are getting more time to Kayak, explore lakes, and do puzzles! She just received her certification as an Autism Specialist and is now working towards her initial administrators license! This is Sarah's fourth year serving as your union president! Thank you for all your work, Sarah!

Meet Rikkie Schley



This is Rikkie's first year serving as the co-president but fifth year serving on the union board. Rikkie started at NWRESA 10 years ago as an SLP in early intervention at the Beaverton Early Childhood Center and now works as an instructional coach. Rikkie says she initially got involved with the union through bargaining because she, "wanted to have a say in our contract, wages, and benefits!" Rikkie says she doesn't have too much extra time for hobbies but loves spending time with her husband and three boys and is taking classes to receive her initial administrators license. Rikkie loves advocating for staff and thinking about issues from multiple perspectives.

Want to get involved? Reach out to a union board member to find out how. Suggestions or questions?
Email us at:

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THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!