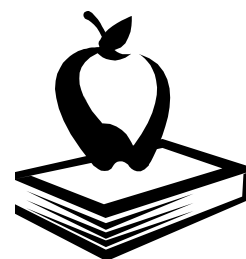


B.R.E.A.D



September 2006

Farewell

As we begin this new school year, we mourn the loss of one of our own, Linda Handricken. She worked for 20 years in the town of Bridgewater including the Williams Elementary and Mitchell Elementary-North House. She passed away on June 21. She leaves her family of loving husband and five children, though school became a truly second family. She spent endless hours at school. Sometimes, she even had to be asked to leave so the school could be closed. Colleagues, friends, and students will remember her for her kindness, gentleness, and love.

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Member News

The following members became grandmothers:

Jen Doyle (Charles)

Maureen Minasian (Emma Grace)

Jan Silva (Sarah)

Tom Mairs is a father to Sean.

Condolences were sent to Suzanne Burns on the passing of her father.

Get well wishes were sent to Jan Murphy.

Retirement/Insurance Update

- ◆ Look to see that the amount you got paid is correct. Multiply your gross income by 52. Check this amount with your contract to make sure it is correct. Please be sure you are correctly placed on the salary schedule.
- ◆ If not already enrolled, you may want to consider the inexpensive life insurance provided by the district. Contact Carol Bower.
- ◆ Have a beneficiary form on file with MTRS (Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System). If you should pass away while an active member, you want to decide how the benefits will be distributed (percentages, lump-sum, monthly), otherwise MTRS decides and most likely not to your survivor's maximum benefit. Make sure any other insurances you may have (district, NEA, etc.) include beneficiaries.
- ◆ In the spring you should have received information about the NEA-DUES TAB life insurance that is free to all members, just make sure you have a beneficiary named. This can be done online at www.neamb.com/insurance/linall.jsp)
- ◆ The district generally provides excellent choices for health insurance. Unless you have better insurance elsewhere, sign up for the district health insurance.
- ◆ If you plan to retire in school year 07-08, 08-09, or 09-10, you should sign up for the alternative longevity, provided you qualify (contract page 47, section E). Letters due to superintendent by November 1.

MTRS Forms: www.mass.gov/mtrs/8forms/82members/f020bda.pdf.

MTRS Common questions: www.mass.gov/mtrs/2members/20active/20survivor.htm)

Congratulations!

We thank our retirees for their many years of service. We wish them well in their new endeavors whatever they may be. Many shared their gratitude and thanks for the retirement gift given them from the association.

Norma Andreucci

Mary Bollin

Gail Buckingham

Charlotte Cloutier

Jamie Daley-Reid

Dr. Richard

Deschenes

Suzelle Fisher

Diane Guilbault

Karen Jackson

Ken Kaplan

Eileen LaFleur

Karen Manning

Barbara Pupek
(semi-retired)

Yvonne Steere

Rick Warren

Members Helping Members

In future newsletters, this area will be reserved as a classified section. Members that have something to sell or are looking to buy. Members that have a side business that they would like to advertise. Send your ads to bridgeraynea@aol.com or to John Souto at Williams Middle.

Dues:

- ✓ Any member who pays dues by a lump-sum needs to refile paperwork each year with Robin Murray (Williams Middle)
- ✓ Any new employee that has not filled out paperwork to join the association needs to get in touch with Robin. This includes educational assistants.

Reminders

Executive board minutes are posted in teachers' rooms every month. Take a minute to read what is happening with your association.

The BREA website is up and running albeit not perfectly. Check it out at bridgewater-raynham.massteacher.org
Thoughts and ideas are welcome.

Member Benefits

BJ's and Costco memberships are now available. Contact Dee Weeks (Williams) or your building rep for applications.
Verizon Wireless representative was in the system the week of September 18. Andrew Geller may also be reached at geller@verizonwireless.com or 508-930-5555.
BREA members receive a 15% discount off most published plans as well as other benefits.
Entertainment books are in! See your building rep to place an order. Great discounts on restaurants (try someplace new!). Travel discounts for hotels and rental cars that you can take advantage of too.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WHEN: October 24 @ 4:00

WHERE: Raynham Middle Auditorium

WHY: To see what is happening with YOUR association