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Congratulations

- ♦ Janet Barry won the MTA ESP raffle for a trip to the ESP conference in Washington, D.C.
- ♦ Robin Murray and Bev Saccocia have been elected as representatives to the NEA Representative Assembly in Chicago at the end of June.

The MTA Annual Meeting is May 13 and 14 at the Hynes Auditorium in Boston. Anyone interested in being a representative, please contact Robin Murray by April 29. Reps are allowed to take the day off as a professional MTA day.

The MTA recommends Robert Brousseau for his ninth term on the Pension Reserves Investment management Board (PRIM). Send in your election form if you have not already.

When submitting a retirement letter, do not use the word resignation or resign. Let your building rep know if your retirement letter gets sent back to you for any reason.

And the award goes to.....

The Plymouth County Education Association (PCEA) recently held their awards dinner. Congratulations to the following Bridgewater-Raynham employees:

Rookie Awards

Courtney Vespa

Kristen Gildea

Kelly Rego

John Gallagher

Karin Henderson

Jacqueline Hennessy

Honor Awards

Beverly Saccocia

Lisa Ohman

Janet Dye

Grace Burstein

BREA General Meeting

Monday, May 16

4:00 pm

Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School Auditorium

Check your teachers' rooms or see your building rep for information regarding BCEA award applications and MTA paraprofessional retirement workshop.

Sunshine news



- ◆ Marla Harrington-Sohegan (RMS) continues to recover from surgery.
- ◆ Jon Levesque (BRRHS) is a father to newborn baby girl, Audrey Elizabeth.
- ◆ The grandmother of Lisa DeSantis (WIS) passed away.
- ◆ The father of Tom Mairs (BMS) passed away.
- ◆ The mother of Mary Worsham (WIS) passed away.

Sunshine news can be sent to bridgeraynea@comcast.net

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Warning for Weingarten Rights

Hopefully all of us are aware of our Weingarten Rights, which are as follows;

- **You have the absolute right to have representations at any meeting that could possibly lead to reprimand, change in working conditions, demotion, or loss of a job.**
- **This really means that any time an administrator requests that you come to speak with him/her, you always bring a union representative.**
- **Should your administrator insist that you meet before or after your regularly scheduled work day, you and the BREA Rep must be paid for work over the work day. Please contact either me (cell: 508-317-1294) or Natalie Winsor (cell: 508-230-6771), so that we can be with you and bring the proper paperwork to be signed by the administrator at the meeting so that we can all be paid (\$40 an hour).**
- **Never give in to meeting with your administrator without representation as it is always better for you to have a third party there as a witness especially if it results in some kind of action against you.**

I know that we are all getting grumpy working without a contract. We will be sending an update about Negotiations as well as a survey in order to decide what actions we will be taking.

Keep up doing what you do best...teaching!

Anita

Upcoming School Committee meetings

Full committee meeting Wednesday, April 27 at 7:00 in the BRRHS lecture hall.

The Bridgewater Middle School held a student/faculty basketball game on March 18. Proceeds from admission and the concession stand went to the Mitchell's Monsters Fund. Over \$1500 was collected!