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BCEA Legislative Night

BCEA (Bristol County Educators Association) will hold their legislative night on Thursday, March 24 starting at 4:00 at Benjamin's in Taunton. The cost is \$30 which is usually paid by our association. Many state legislators from Bristol County appear and speak at this conference. They usually have dinner with local education associations so you can share your concerns with them. The conference ends about 8:00. It helps to show that we are interested in local politics. As we know, there is a great wave to limit the collective bargaining rights of public unions in the nation as seen in Wisconsin and less well known in Ohio (\$20,000 starting salary, \$40,000 with 10 years experience, no professional status, and merit pay).

Wellness Corp

The Wellness Corporation is an employee assistance program (EAP). It offers a wide range of services from confidential counseling services to resources to help you learn to eat healthy and lose weight. Visit www.wellnessworklife.com for resources or call 800-828-6025 24 hours/day and 7 days/week.

Member Discounts

The following savings are offered to NEA and MTA members often at a savings more than the AAA discount.

Use I.D. Number 7013647 with Alamo car rental and save up to 25% off.

Go to www.choicehotels.com/MTA for up to 15% discount on Choice Hotels (examples are Comfort Inn, Comfort Suites, and Sleep Inn)

Retirement Parties

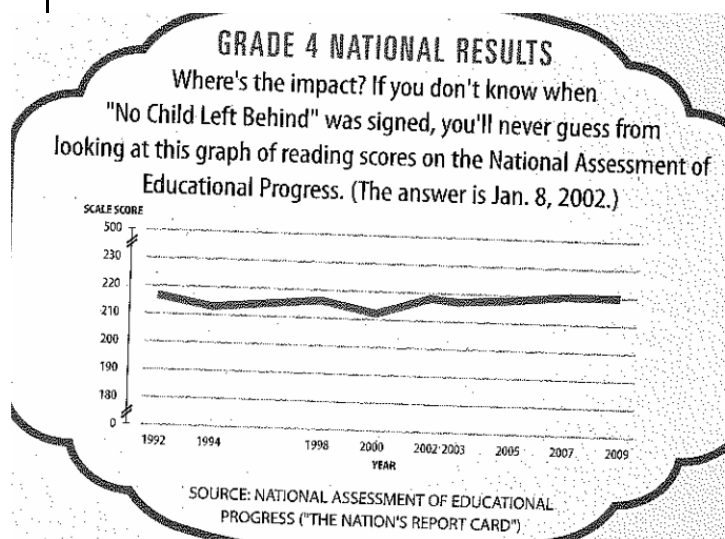
Paul Peterson

5:00 March 24 Harry's La Casa Mia \$35, contact Jean Ouellette at Raynham Middle if you'd like to attend.

Scotia Crest and Donna Riendeau

5:00 April 7 Benjamin's \$50, contact Kathleen Chappell or Doreen Moan at Merrill and LaLiberte if you'd like to attend.

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act, lovingly referred to as No Child Left Behind, is scheduled to be reauthorized this year. As the graph below, points out, what progress has been achieved since its inception? Members may want to think about stories or anecdotes related to how NCLB has positively and negatively impacted teaching and learning. When the time comes for the U.S. Congress to act, send your stories to your representatives to give them a first person account of its impact.



Sunshine news



- ◆ Liz Gaff (WIS) gave birth to a baby girl, Grace Elizabeth.
- ◆ Deb Collins (LaLiberte) had a baby girl, Reese.
- ◆ The father of Linda Merritt (retired) passed away.

Sunshine news can be sent to bridgeraynea@comcast.net

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Mitchell Monsters Fund is available for students in need. New fundraiser ideas are being solicited to replace the annual Disco/Dinner ball. Any ideas may be sent to Sarah Castro (s1sargent@hotmail.com) at Williams Intermediate.

Gianna's House ~ Walk for Recovery April 16, 2011 Cape Cod Canal

This year I am walking to honor my son, TJ Voller. This is an annual family fun walk and I plan on walking the entire 13 miles. The fractured ankle is recovering nicely and my favorite physical therapist is guiding me.

Proceeds will help fund housing for "Recovering Addicts and Alcoholics". TJ was one of the very first to live in Gianna's House and I can not think of a better way to keep his journey alive. I would love to have sponsors. Better yet, I would love to have anyone join me. You can make out checks to Gianna's House (tax-deductions) and I will deliver them the day of the walk.

Love and blessings,

Kathi Voller PO Box 105, Raynham, MA 02767

Latest on the BREA website <http://bridgewater-raynham.massteacher.org>

- ◆ Clips from the Daily Show with Jon Stewart showing the hypocrisy of asking for teacher givebacks and restricting bargaining rights to save taxpayer money but not for CEOs of corporations that the government took over in the financial bailout.
- ◆ Information regarding the governor's budget proposal which includes changes to the teachers' retirement system.

Upcoming School Committee meetings

Budget subcommittee: Monday, March 21 at 6:00 in the conference room in Central office.

Full committee meeting Wednesday, March 23 at 7:00 in the Raynham Middle library.