



# Happenings

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## Message from the President

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Everyone can't wait to say goodbye to the winter we have all come across these past few months! Spring will be here before you know it, which, in the world of education, focuses our attention on the issues of the budget.

### Snow Days Left

We have 4 snow days left in our calendar to date. The district is looking at adding a snow day on March 17. The district will bring this recommendation to the board for approval. The district is looking at adding Tuesday, April 18 as a potential snow day in extending our spring recess for one more day. Stay tuned!!

### Retirement

If you are considering retiring this year, your letter stating your intent to retire must be submitted to Mr. Bongiovi by March 15 in order to take advantage of the unused sick day salary adjustment. You may write a letter and deliver it or send an E-mail to him. Remember, you can be compensated for up to 225 of your sick days. If you would like to donate your sick time to the PJTA sick bank, you may donate up to 10 of your sick days in a letter submitting it to the district.

If you are retiring in June, make sure you contact Nancy Ladonne in the Business Office. There are forms that need to be filled out, which you can get from her.

### Register with NYSED

Beginning July 1, 2016, all permanently or professionally certified teachers or educational leaders and Level III teaching assistant certificate holders are required to register with the New York State Education Department in the month of their birth. This registration process will be done using the State Education Department's TEACH system. These certificate holders will be required to register every five (5) years thereafter.

You do not have to wait until your birth month. You should do it now! The website is <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/teach/>

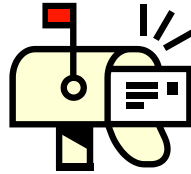
## **President's Message**

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\*\*\*\*\*Make sure you are checking and keeping records of all correspondence between you, the district, and the New York State Teacher Retirement System (NYSTRS) or the New York State Retirement System (NYSRS). Do NOT take anything for granted if you think you see a mistake!!

**In Solidarity,**  
*Regis Foster*

## **Correspondence**



## **Sympathy**

Stu Waxmann (Board's Attorney) - loss of his mother  
Keaton Sheehan—loss of her uncle  
Vicky Harris—loss of her mother, Margaret Slaughter  
Deanna Perez—loss of her mother  
Debbie Cunningham—loss of Kevin (retired PJTA member)  
Lisa Cunningham—loss of her father-in-law, Kevin Cunningham  
Krista Lissner—loss of her mother-in-law  
Kelly Tigue—loss of her grandmother  
Jessica Eli—loss of her uncle, Larry Weyent  
Craig Fisher—loss of his father, Donald

## **Get Well**

Peg Roda

## **Congratulations**

Nancy Rascona & Mario—birth of their son, Lorenzo

## **Cards Received**

Thank you from the American Cancer Society in memory of Marilyn Jackson  
Thank you from Debbie Cunningham & family for donation made to scholarship in Kevin's name  
Thank you from Vicky & Bill Harris