



# Happenings

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## Message from the President

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It is hard to believe that the holiday season is behind us and we are into a New Year. I hope everyone is keeping warm through these freezing cold temperatures!

### Retirements

PJTA would like to congratulate, give a warm, and thankful send off to Karen Schneider for all of her years of service to the district and PJTA. She will be retiring on January 29.

PJTA would like to also congratulate, give a warm and thankful send off to the Director of Pupil Personnel, Ruth Zuclich. She, as well, will be retiring on January 29. PJTA would like to welcome her replacement, Meagan Sullivan.

PJTA would like to thank both Karen Schneider and Ruth Zuclich for their years of service to the district!

### Snow Days

As to date, we have 8 snow days built into the calendar. We have not used any of the 8 snow days to date. The district has informed PJTA that February 11 will be voted on, at the February 2 board of education meeting, to be used as a snow day.

### PJTA Dues

PJTA dues that were paid in 2015 were \$768.84.

### Holiday Toy Drive

I want to thank you all for your generosity in contributing to the Holiday Toy Drive.

## **President's Message**

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### **District's Math Initiative**

PJTA has learned, from the representative assembly meeting and from many of our members that the district's math initiative at the elementary and middle schools has not been going well. PJTA recognizes that this is a board and district goal, and we want to work with the board and district in accomplishing its goal. However, the majority of our members from the elementary and middle schools feel that this initiative was poorly planned out by the district.

PJTA will be meeting with the district to express the concerns of our members.

### **Negotiations**

The negotiation's team has drafted a proposal to give to the district. PJTA and the district will formally begin negotiations next month.

The APPR negotiation's team has been meeting with Cindy Benedict on drafting a new APPR plan. NYSED has sent out the new regulations on APPR this month. The state has changed the format and percentages on the APPR for next year. The APPR team will begin to meet with Mike Siegel, our Labor Relations' Specialist, to draft a new APPR plan.

### **Salary Adjustment Form**

Once you have completed an approved graduate course or 45 hours of an approved in-service course(s), you must submit a salary adjustment claim form and an official college transcript to the business office by the end of February. There are two official months for submission. One is at the end of October and the other is at the end of February of each year.

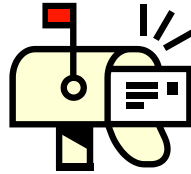
### **Food Drive**

Our post-holiday food drive is coming to a close. Please be generous! Jenny McElroy will be collecting everything on February 10.

Happy New Year!

*Regis Foster*

## **Correspondence**



## **Sympathy**

Meika Mark—loss of her father-in-law  
Michele Conklin—loss of her husband's grandmother  
Megan Wieboldt—loss of her husband's grandmother  
Lynda Valentine—loss of her husband's grandfather

## **Get Well**

Doreen Semerano  
Kara Raap

