

Happenings

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This month has been very busy for PJTA and its members as we all settled into the new school year.

Benefit Fund

Each member should have a PJTA Benefit Fund information booklet. Please take the time to educate yourself regarding reimbursement for dental procedures. This will save you delays in processing your claims, as well as teach you the steps to take to avoid denial claims.

Please be sure to update the district payroll office and PJTA Benefit Fund administrator should you divorce. Ex-spouses are not entitled to your benefits, and nondisclosure of a divorce could be considered an intent to defraud the plan.

Dependents entering college must have a dependent student certification form completed each semester. These are available in the schools' offices or the PJTA website. Dependents are not covered until the age of 26 like the health insurance. Dependents over the age of 19 must be full time students in an accredited college and under age 25.

The new two-year vision cycle began on July 1, 2017. The maximum vision care benefit per member for covered charges for the two-year vision care plan cycle (July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2019) is \$1,300.00. No benefit payment will be made in excess of the actual charges.

*****PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU VISIT THE PJTA WEBSITE UNDER BENEFIT FUND INFORMATION FOR MORE INFORMATION*****

Building/Faculty Cabinet Representatives

PJTA thanks our members who have volunteered to serve on the building faculty cabinets, the Building Education Planning Teams (BEPT), and those who serve as building representatives. Please check the building representative list so you are aware of your building representatives. I urge all of our members to request a building representative to be present at any meeting in which they are being reprimanded, accused, or questioned about an incident. The building representative will be able to advise you in a situation that may be emotional or sensitive. Attached are the building representatives this year.

Health Insurance Open Enrollment

The business office sent out a memo stating that, during the month of November, any member can enroll or change coverage options. If you

want to make any changes, you must complete an enrollment form or change form. These forms are located in the main office in your building.

If you have any questions you can contact the district business office.

Parent-Teacher Association/Parent-Teacher-Student Association

All members should be a part of this organization. The PTA does great things for everyone, including PJTA. I encourage all of you to join in your building.

New Teacher Social

On October 3, the building representatives and executive board welcomed the newest members to PJTA. We had a nice time and Angus 83 provided plenty of good appetizers. I want to personally thank Claire Dillon for planning such a pleasant gathering, and to all who shared their wisdom with our newest members.

Salary Adjustment Form

If you completed an approved graduate course or 45 hours of approved in-service course work, you must submit a salary adjustment claim form, the prior approval form, and an official college transcript to central office by the end of October.

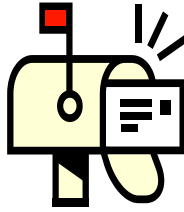
Facility Committee

The district will be forming a facility committee for the purpose in improving building usage, looking at safety and security in all buildings and addressing the needs for the middle school. If you are interested in becoming a member of this committee, contact your building administration.

Contractual Teacher Day & Student School Day

PJTA is beginning to meet with the district on the concerns that were addressed on this issue. I hope you are enjoying the autumn season!

Regis



Correspondence

Sympathy

Dawn Buzzelli, on the loss of her father.

Kyle Ross, on the loss of his grandfather, Glenn Ross.

Harmony Brady, on the loss of her grandmother, Ada Rausch.

Cards Received

Thank you from Grace Monahan.

Thank you from Drew United Methodist Church for the donation in memory of Jim Cullinan.

Congratulations

David and Samantha Gibaldi, on the birth of their son, Gideon John.

Nicole and Billy Dennison, on the birth of their son, Brayden Christian.

Rhea Luhrs and Laurence Doton, on the birth of their daughter, Rylinn Springer Doto.
