

Happenings

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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.

Leave of Absences

If you are planning on taking a leave of absence, please contact PJTA to make sure you have the necessary information.

Questions Answered from the Benefit Trust Fund

Some of our members had questions pertaining to the benefit fund. The trustees answered some of those questions and received additional requests of information from the Constitutional Committee. The trustees are looking at putting the trust fund document on our website.

Constitutional Committee

The committee wants to review the Benefit Trust Fund document and audits before finalizing the constitution.

Calendar Revisions

PJTA, PJAP, CSEA and the district administration met to review dates on where to put the remaining 4 emergency days (snow days) that we have left in the calendar. The team decided on the following give back days: March 22, April 12, May 23 & 28. The district will bring this recommendation to the board of education for approval.

We also discussed next year's calendar. Some of the highlights that we discussed were the following:

half day on Halloween

two weeks for winter recess (Christmas break)

having 3 superintendent conference days (Opening Day, Election Day, On another day)

having one superintendent conference day as 2 half days (Monday and Tuesday) during Thanksgiving week

The district is in the process of drafting next year's calendar. As soon as it is drafted, I will E-mail you a copy.

Keep in mind, the first paycheck in September will be a half of a check,



just like this year, and you will receive the other half over winter recess. Once I receive the pay dates, I will E-mail you a copy.

PJTA 2019 Retirees

To date, the board of education has accepted resignations for the purpose of retirement this year from the following PJTA members:

Susan Couture

Gaetanina Dekan

Nancy Dunn

Maryann Knapp

Kyle Leroy

Kathy Little

Catherine Michalenicz

James Santos

Denise Jackson (as of 1/31/2020)

PJTA congratulates each and every one of them!

PJTA End-of-the-Year Party!

The PJTA annual End-of-the-Year Dinner will be held on June 14 at the Erie Trackside. PJTA has decided that there will be <u>no</u> speeches given on behalf of the newly upcoming retirees. PJTA wants everyone to dance, drink, eat and have a good time!

In Solidarity,





Social/Corresponding Secretary Report

Sympathy

Joe Johnson and Tracy West-Barnes on the loss of his sister, Marie Sumerwood.

Anthony Caporale on the loss of his brother-in-law, Christopher Konecni.

Jordan Drew on the loss of his grandfather, Dave Simmons.

Carol Simmons on the loss of her husband Dave, retired PJTA teacher.

Nicole Vasti on the loss of her grandfather, Stanley Engelbert.

Family of Judy Brown, former PJTA member.

Get Well

LeeAnne Hubbard

Cards Received

Thank you from Anne Parker for the donation made to the Dominican Sisters of Hope in memory of her mother, Nadine Healy.

Thank you from the Dominican Sisters of Hope for the donation made in memory of H. Nadine Healy.

Thank you from the First Presbyterian Church for the donation made in memory of David Bird.

Thank you from Ilene Valentin and family.

Thank you from Shriners Hospitals for Children, for the donation made in memory of George Valentin.