

DYRSAA-Newsletter

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Happy Spring!!

Some of you may have seen Pat Plucinski and me poking around your school recently. We have been talking about doing a "world tour" of our district for the past year or so and finally got to it! Our goal was to see all of the different kinds of assistants and secretaries we have in our association, and see the kinds of conditions we're working with and in. We had a great day and appreciate everyone who took the time to talk to us and show us around their school!

I know that everyone is concerned about the impending budget cuts. I have spoken to Mrs. Woodbury a little about it, but nothing has been finalized. Certainly, resignations and retirements are going to factor into the number of current employees that will have to be let go.

I would like everyone to know that I have emailed the school committee on behalf of the association. Many members are concerned with the proposed 2016-2017 school calendar, and the extended April vacation. The extended days off from school mean extended days without pay, and I have let the school committee know that this really does affect the majority of our association.

Congratulations go to Cathy Stoecker! She applied, for the second year in a row, for a Farm to School grant, and (for the second year in a row) received it!! The DYRSAA has been awarded \$250.00, the maximum for returning locals. She's got a great garden going at Wixon!

Our general membership meeting will be coming up in May, please stay tuned for details. At this meeting we will hold our elections.

Hoping for a happy and healthy April!!

Judy Provencher

Building Rep. News

ME Small: We had 3 early ed assistants at MES attend the ESP Conference; Shirley Didsbury, Jennifer Sheehy and MaryBeth Sudbey.

Mattcheese: Mattacheese is sad to share the news of Dianne O'Connell's son Peter's death. He died of a drug overdose as a result of battling an addiction for many years. Burial was Saturday April 2nd.

Wixon: Cathy Stoecker was awarded a gardening grant. She has \$250 to spend on badly needed items for the Wixon gardening courtyard.



Check out Article IX

If you can't find it ask where it is!



Next meeting

April 13

REP COUNCIL

5:30-6:30

EBOARD

6:30-7:30

Riverway Rest.

Guest:

Field Rep.

Jeff Morassi



Next month's newsletter will have some important dates for general membership meetings, end of year social and other important news.

This newsletter reaches you after this meeting so I can report that it was a pleasure to meet Jeff. He lives on the cape so that makes it easy to contact him. Being a past teacher and resident on the cape it is reassuring to know that he will understand more fully our concerns when they arise.