

DYRSAA-Newsletter

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Hello!

Happy (almost) Spring!!

We have professional development on March 8th for almost all of our assistants! Those assistants not working a full-day on that half-day have been notified by Jaime Curley, so please make sure to check your email. We have worked hard to get PD for us, I hope everyone is able to benefit from these trainings!!

MTA held a workshop on February 25th at DYH on Differentiated Instruction. It was a good opportunity to meet MTA staff, gain new knowledge and learn some new techniques to employ in the classroom. This workshop is also offered at the ESP conference in April, so if you missed it last month, you'll have another chance.

The ESP conference is a lot of fun! I encourage anyone who wants to attend to give it a try! The MTA offers a grant for first-time attendees; the info to apply for that money can be found on the application. Workshops are fun, the food is delicious, the free swag is good, and the raffle prizes are incredible (iPads, Vera Bradley bags, scarves, gift certificates and more!!)

MTA Annual Meeting is also coming up. I am waiting to hear what our official number of delegates we are allotted is, last year we were at 4. If you are interested in attending annual meeting (it's a 2 day event in May, in Boston) as a delegate, please let your building rep know, or email me directly. At Annual Meeting, delegates vote on MTA by-laws and New Business Items. For example, the amount of dues we pay to MTA is discussed and voted on. The outcome of these votes does affect us.

Have a great month of March!

Judy Provencher

Building Rep. News

ME Small: Trisha Desmarais is retiring as of March 24th. She has been working for the DY School District for 20 years. We wish her a happy retirement. MES said goodbye to Stephanie Donovan Feb. 26th. We too wish her well.

Welcome to Pam Lawrence our new Sped assistant.

Mattcheese: Kathy Hunt is healing from a broken foot sustained in January. She expects to return to MMS within a few weeks. Get well soon Kathy.

Mary Freeman's husband is doing very well. Up and about, PT daily, eats well and closer to home each day. Best to the Freeman family.

We'd like to welcome Rachel Perez to our building. Rachel is a new sped assistant with two daughters, one at Mattcheese and one at the High School.

Wixon: Wixon is sadly reporting Julie Borgatti's loss of her father this past Sunday, Feb. 28th. Funeral arrangements have yet to be made but more than likely next week. If you'd like to send Julie a card her address is: 203 Whiffletree Avenue Brewster, MA 02631.

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**Professional  
Development**

**March 8th**

**DYRHS**

**12:15**

**Library**

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Next meeting

March 9

REP COUNCIL

5:30-6:30

EBOARD

6:30-7:30

DYRHS

LIBRARY

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**COMING UP ON  
EVALUATION TIME. LOOK  
AT YOUR CONTRACT BE  
AWARE OF TIMELINES.**

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Our field representative, Jeffrey Morassi, recently attended a Steering Committee and Board meeting of the CCMHG. Unfortunately it seems as though the board approved an increase in health insurance premiums with an average premium increase of 9.8%. It also seem as though they are determined to make a plan design change next fall that would take effect July 2017. We are not sure what these changes are and I'm not even sure they know, but if you want to stay informed I'm attaching a website to make yourselves aware of their scheduled meetings so you can do your best to attend,

[\(http://ccmhg.com/\)](http://ccmhg.com/)