

March/April 2017

STAy Informed

<http://www.saugusteachers.org>

Congratulations & Celebrations:



Please join us in congratulating our

CHAMPIONS
FOR QUALITY EDUCATION

**Teacher Tribute Honorees
2017**

*Camryn Arnold
Catherine Maness
Nancy Tomei
Sandra Belanger
Megan Bean
Gail Knipp
Cynthia Ritter
Jennifer Way
Mary Ann Walker
Christy Goss
Prit Chhabra
Danielle Nordskog
Tina Macabitas
Dawn Fujino
Mary Ostrander*

*Bridgeport
Cedarcreek
Emblem Academy
Foster
Helmers
Highlands
Mountainview
North Park
Plum Canyon
Rio Vista
Rosedell
Santa Clarita
Skyblue Mesa
Tesoro del Valle
Westcreek Academy*

Teacher Tribute:

Tuesday, April 11th 4:45 @ COC Performing Arts Center
Be sure to purchase your tickets and join in the celebration.

WHO Award Honoree:

Congratulations to Keni Dawkins for your time and dedication to supporting STA and your fellow colleagues!

Highlands:

- *Juli Schoenberger's daughter, Hailey, was married on March 10th.
- *Juli Schoenberger's daughter, Lindsey, is expecting her first child in June!

Skyblue Mesa:

***50th Anniversary Celebration** March 30th 5:30-8:00
Please come join Skyblue Mesa for a celebration! There will be food trucks and the campus will be open to walk around and see some old places and familiar faces. We hope you can drop by, check it out, and join the celebration.



Upcoming Events

March 21

SUSD Board Meetings
7:30 @ District Office

March 29

Site rep Meeting
3:45 @ CTA Office

March 30

Skyblue 50th Anniversary
5:30-8:00 @ Skyblue Mesa

April 11

Teacher Tribute

April 18

SUSD Board Meeting

CTA and NEA Member

Benefits: Click on the links below to get information about your CTA and NEA member benefits that are available to you through your membership in the association.

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www.neamb.com

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Bargaining Update:



**Saugus Teachers
Association**
26111 Bouquet Canyon Road, Suite H-5
Santa Clarita, California 91350

STA met with the District last Wednesday, March 8. We spent the majority of the time reviewing the opening proposals. At this time, both sides agree that the budget is a concern and agree that we need to be financially conservative. We are hopeful that the May revise of the state's proposed budget could present a more optimistic outlook, but for the time being, any proposal that would cost money is not being considered.

STA presented the members' concerns for the increased behavior issues within the classroom, lack of curriculum and behavioral support, and the need for more planning time. Because we cannot ask for any items that would result in an increase in spending, we focused on asking for time.

STA requested to increase the teacher directed CIP time on Wednesdays. The contract currently states that the time will be split evenly, but this current year teachers were given 20 Wednesdays and admin were given 16. STA proposed the ratio change to 25 teacher directed Wednesdays and 10 admin directed (there are only 35 working Wednesdays in the 2017-18 school year). At this time, the District is not willing to entertain increasing our time.

We are asking all teachers to please join the STA executive board and negotiating team at the next school board meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, March 21 at 7:30, so that the Board hears and sees the concerns of our teachers. If you are unable to come out Tuesday night, we encourage you to contact the Board Members and let them hear your concerns.

The negotiating team goes back to the table March 29.

Insurance Committee:

The insurance committee looked at several bids for the short term disability plan. We currently have the best plan out there. Nobody could come close to what we have.

Community Meeting @ 6:00 pm is scheduled for:

May 8 @ Rosedell~ FO, SC, NP, RO, TE site reps to attend.

Thank you to CK, SK, RV, PL for attending the community meeting at Cedar creek on March 13.

Keenan Safe School Modules:

Be sure to complete any safety modules that may be due.

Link to safe schools: <https://saugus-ca.safeschools.com/login>



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