



Cleveland Teachers Union

News & Notes

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NEWS & NOTES

News & Notes will be a weekly (that's the goal) publication that will be available on the CTU website and through Member Mobilization emails. This will be an update of the work that is being done on behalf of all of our teachers, paraprofessionals, nurses, speech language pathologists, therapists, sign language interpreters, and social workers.

TDES

A lot has been going on over the summer with TDES. Please remember that if you do not agree with the rating and measures from your 2013-14 evaluation, please email TDES@clevelandmetroschools.org and/or SLO@clevelandmetroschools.org. If you do not have a resolution from that, you have the right to file a grievance. If you have concerns or need advice, please feel free to contact Jillian Ahrens, Mary Moore, or Shari Obrenski. In the TDES update coming out this week, look for information on Accomplished Teachers evaluations, Growth and Improvement Plans, the TDES observation calendar, the Feedback Form Settlement Agreement, and upcoming TDES Team trainings. The TDES Team is also finalizing the requirements to be in the Peer Assistance and Review program. For TDES questions or concerns, please email Jillian Ahrens (jahrens@ctu279.org).

AAP

This is the season for AAP revisions. The Fall revisions of the Spring AAP draft is due to be presented to the staff by September 15. All waivers that are asked for by the AAP needs to be clearly spelled out on the waiver page of the AAP document. Remember that any waivers to the Collective Bargaining Agreement must have the approval of the CEO and the CTU President. If your school is considering a waiver it would be prudent to contact the CTU President and CEO for input prior to staff voting. AAP questions and concerns contact Mark Baumgartner.

DIFFERENTIATED COMPENSATION

All members who were on the Cleveland Differentiated Compensation System (CDCS) during the 2013-14 school year can now verify their current Achievement Credit (AC) totals, as well as other awards they are due through CDCS. Please go to your CMSD e-mail for information sent by Roseann Canfora on Wednesday, July 30 at 5:06 p.m. for an explanation and step-by-step instructions. The CDCS information is being temporarily housed in a portal through Battelle for Kids. If you have any difficulty getting into the portal, or you believe that your information in the portal is incorrect, please contact the Battelle help desk number at 866.543.7555 between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. If you have general questions about CDCS, please contact the Joint Governing Panel at mbx.jgp@clevelandmetroschools.org. The review period is from July 29 – August 18.

CONTINUING CONTRACTS

The applications for anyone that is eligible for Continuing Contract was emailed by the District to all teachers on Friday, August 8. If you did not get the information - it is available on the CTU website. Please see the information sheet for qualifications that the CTU has also posted on the website. Applications are due by September 15. Continuing Contract decisions and recommendations to the Board are not done until May. If you have any questions, email Tracy Radich or Jim Wagner (tradich@ctu279.org or jwagner@ctu279.org)

KIDS IN NEED RESOURCE CENTER

Once again thanks to all of the CTU members who came through with donations when the CDHR Committee and paraprofessionals Stuffed the Bus in July. Items and money collected from Stuff the Bus goes to the Kids in Need Resource Center (formally Shoppa). The Director of Kids in Need wants to make sure that all of our teachers know they are open, available, and re-stocked throughout the school year to help you help your students. She also wants to make sure that teachers know how to sign up, etc. Here are the details.

Cleveland Kids In Need Resource Center is a local nonprofit that gives more than \$2 million worth of free school supplies, books, uniforms, crafts, furniture, art supplies, and more to certified classroom teachers in more than 240 eligible schools in Cuyahoga County. To be eligible, a school must have 65% or more of its students enrolled in the federal free or reduced lunch program.

Each week, the Center receives shipments of new merchandise from national and local suppliers.

All certified classroom school teachers (including phys. ed., music, art, media, computer) are eligible to shop once each semester from either 3:00-4:30 or 4:30-6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and the first Saturday of each month (10:00-11:30 or 11:30-1:00) during the school year. At this time, paraprofessionals and administrative staff members are not eligible.

The first semester begins August 19, 2014. Teachers may schedule their shops now.

Teachers may shop once a semester and Kids In Need Advocates may shop twice a semester (if a teacher) or once a semester (if administrative staff).

To schedule your shop:

1. Go to our Website, www.clevelandkidsinneed.org and select the Teacher tab or the Shop section.
2. Click on the Log In button.
3. A screen will appear that asks for your user name, which is your school email address (no personal addresses).
4. The next screen will ask you to confirm the information. You may then press continue.
5. The next screen will show you a list of available shopping dates.
6. When you continue through the process, you will receive a confirmation through email that you should bring with you.

To reschedule a date:

1. Go to our Website and select the Teacher or Shop section.
2. About halfway down the page will be a link to "Cancel your shop."
3. You will be asked to log in (again, it is your school email address)
4. On the next screen just select "Submit."
5. Go through the process to select another date.

If you have any questions, please contact your school's Kids In Need advocate/coordinator. If you do not know

who the coordinator is, call Tammi Davis at 216.361.0840.

CDHR CALENDAR

Stephanie Henderson wants everyone to know that her committee is hard at work and planning another great year of workshops for all. Here are the dates for upcoming CDHR workshops: 9-16 , 10-8 , 11-12 , 12-10. The workshops will be held at the BBB Center. I look forward to another year working with our members. Thank you for your support!!!

TEXT ALERTS

A text service is available for members of the CTU. You can sign up right now to receive mobile text message alerts from AFT-Cleveland Teachers Union. You will receive updates, notices, and reminders. Get your phone out right now and send a text message with the word ctu279 (lowercase, no spaces) in your message box. Send to the phone number 69238. AFT-CTU will never charge you for text messages, your carrier's Message & Data rates may apply.

EMAILS

Are you receiving emails from Member Mobilization or your Building Chair? If not, please contact Wendi Kral to make sure that important emails are sent directly to you. Send her an email at wkral@ctu279.org to be added to the list.