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In case you missed it . . .

Today, 500 + members of society's most noble profession stand before the school board, administration, and the community, a profession that humanitarily bestows life's greatest gift from one generation to another. The precious gift of knowledge in many forms. The knowledge to become healthy social beings, capable of compassion, empathy, and selflessness. The knowledge to transform technical content into practical problem solving. The knowledge to become productive members of humanity.



Today, as President of the Canton Professional Educators' Association, I am proud to present to the school board the most valuable asset to, not only this district, but to this diverse community. This evening, we are here to remember that this asset has made a life-long commitment to the students of Canton City. Students we have come to understand, love unconditionally, and call our own. This dedication translates to 1000s of hours. In fact, studies indicate that after 10,000 hours of practice one becomes an expert, a pundit in his/her particular field, and with that being the case, within the ranks of the Canton Professional Educators' Association, hundreds and hundreds of teachers stand before you as a conglomerate of experts.

This evening we are here to remember that throughout the ever-changing faces of the school board, the

superintendents, administrators and principals, despite the plethora of federal, state, local and building mandates, this asset remains a display of consummate perseverance. This asset continues to remain focused, with sleeves rolled up and boots on the ground, teaching and nurturing tomorrow's citizens.




Today we remember that despite societal ills, despite hostile stakeholders and acrimonious legislation, our calling propels us to stand before the ominous faces of these barriers, courageously acting as bulletproof shields, protecting our innocent children from the consequences of ill-informed policy makers.

In addition, a teacher upon retirement will have spent 40,000 hours educating tomorrow's leaders, an astounding investment in time and research. And conventional wisdom would tell one that we are your experts. And finally, we are your teachers, your counselors, your therapists, your psychologists, and your nurses. We are the Canton Professional Educators' Association. Proudly, we serve as your greatest asset.

SOLIDARITY

I thought I might write a long narrative on the power of Solidarity, but the pictures say it all, and anyone who was at the Board Meeting felt the pure energy of a mass of people coming together to form a unified position all dressed in black as one proud unit.

This is for you, Mindy Sorry 

If you don't know Mindy Engler, she is the world's best Media Tech Specialist! This is a fact (I checked). Anyway, I wanted to apologize to Mindy for omitting her job description during my Public Speaks Address. I mentioned the make-up of CPEA membership and forgot to include our one and only librarian.

Anyway, I am sorry, and you are awesome at what you do Mindy!



ELT ELECTIONS

Members who are interested in being a candidate to run for a CPEA Officer position or Executive Leadership Team position for the 2016-2018 school years should declare their intentions by **Monday, February 29, 2016**. Elections will be held in April.

2 – Two-Year Officer positions are open:

- President
- Treasurer

There are nine (9) Executive Leadership Team positions open:

- PreK-2nd Grade 2 positions
- 3rd – 5th Grade 2 positions
- Middle School 2 positions
- High School 2 positions
- Multi-Level Resource 1 position

Requirements for Executive Leadership Team include:

- ✓ Attend two scheduled meetings per month (1st & 2nd Mondays of each school month)
- ✓ Attend an overnight retreat in August
- ✓ Attend an all-day retreat in January
- ✓ Co-chairmanship of a committee which will meet periodically

If you are interested in one of these positions, contact the CPEA Office (330-455-2158) and give your name and the position you are interested in.



Just a reminder to be sure to use your \$200 material and supply fund voucher at Everything Education by June 30, 2016.

The Everything Education Store is located at 3828 Cleveland Ave., N.W. in Canton.

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- Feb. 16th Building Leadership Rep Meeting
- March 7th Building Leadership Rep Meeting
- March 28th ELT Meeting / Educator of the Year, Layperson, and Community Partnership Award nominations due.
- April 4th Building Leadership Rep Meeting / Educator of the Year Presentations
- May 2nd Executive Leadership Team Meeting
- May 6th Memorial Scholarship Applications Due
- May 9th Building Leadership Rep Meeting / Memorial Scholarships Drawing
- May 10th Spring Banquet at Skyland Pines



RUTH WOLTER TUITION GRANT

The College Club of Canton is offering a tuition grant for the mature woman who needs one year or less to complete her college degree, or to graduates with baccalaureate degrees who need a maximum of one year of additional requirements for a specific type of employment or for a master's degree.

Call the CPEA Office @ 330-455-2158 for a copy of this grant application, or it is available on the College Club website at www.collegeclubofcanton.org. Application deadline is March 1, 2016.



Welcome to Our World . . .

Mr. Jackson has 27 students. He has received 9 new students from charter schools. 3 students left for charter schools and 2 were expelled. 8 students have IEPs and 3 students have 504 plans. However, 2 IEPs were modified and 1 504 plan expired. 19 students don't have supplies and 6 students didn't take their medicine today for the Ohio Achievement Assessment. How does this determine if Mr. Jackson is a "skilled" teacher? Write an equation and solve.

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