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MISSION STATEMENT: *The Canton Professional Educators' Association initiates and supports positive changes in the public school system, promotes the educational profession, and actively serves as an advocate for its members.*

CPEA ELECTIONS



Members who are interested in being a candidate to run for either a CPEA Officer position or CPEA Executive Leadership Team position for the 2012-2014 school years should declare their intentions by Friday, March 9, 2012. Elections will be held in April.

Two (2) two-year term officer positions are open: **President** (Pam Jackson is retiring and will not be seeking re-election)

Treasurer

There are nine (11) Executive Leadership Team positions open:

Pre-School – 6 th Grade	6 positions (4 two-year; 2 one-year)
Middle School	2 positions
High School	2 positions
Multi-Level Resource	1 position

Requirements for Executive Leadership Team include two scheduled meetings per month (1st and 2nd Mondays of each school month), attend an overnight retreat in August; attend an all-day retreat in January; plus 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're interested in. The deadline for declaring is **Friday, March 9, 2012.**

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

We should emphasize not Negro History, but the Negro in history. What we need is not a history of selected races or nations, but the history of the world void of national bias, race hate, and religious prejudice.

**Carter Woodson (1875-1950)
on founding Negro History Week, 1926**

Black History Month, which occurs each February, is in full swing. This month-long celebration is dedicated to remembering the history, accomplishments and triumphs of black American culture.

Black History Month was initiated in 1926 by historian Dr. Carter Woodson, the second black person to receive a degree from Harvard, in hopes of highlighting the role black people played in American and world history and to help instill a sense of pride in all black people. Woodson chose February as the month of celebration to honor Abraham Lincoln, and leading abolitionist Frederick Douglass.



Applications are available in the CPEA Office or on the web at www.cpea.us for:

CPEA Memorial Scholarship - a \$500 scholarship for dependents of CPEA members

Tuition Reimbursement - for courses taken between September 1, 2011 and August 31, 2012. Maximum reimbursement is \$300 per

DISCIPLINE

CPEA and the district administration continue to discuss district discipline concerns and issues on the Labor Management Committee. Pam Jackson reminds all members that a concerted effort is being made to decrease discipline problems in Canton City Schools, but if a CPEA member is involved in a situation with a student where he/she is pushed, shoved, kicked or in any way injured by the student, **it is critical** to file a police report and report the incident to Ken Kendall, the Supervisor of Safety & Security for the District. Please contact Pam Jackson as well. If a member is told by a principal or other administrator to NOT call the police, Pam should be notified. Filing a report for a seemingly minor incident begins the documentation and paper trail which can be valuable evidence if future occurrences arise.

TECHNOLOGY TIP:

CPEA reminds members NOT TO USE school district technology for personal and/or private use. All equipment owned by the school district is subject to public records request. If you are in doubt, **DO NOT** use the district's equipment.



Scholarships Available

Check out the ECOEA website www.ecoea.ohea.us for criteria and online applications for these scholarship opportunities:

ECOEA \$500 Quinn Member Scholarship

Application Deadline is March 1, 2012

ECOEA \$1500 Quinn Student Scholarship

Application Deadline is March 1, 2012

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. This is also available to graduates who need additional requirements for a master's degree.

Visit www.collegeclubofcanton.org for an application and more details. Application deadline is March 1, 2012.



The budget proposed by Governor Kasich and his allies in the legislature is focused on all the wrong priorities.

Visit WWW.SAVEOURSCHOOLS.ORG and sign the petition to tell your legislators not to support taking limited resources from our neighborhood schools and giving them to charter schools with limited accountability! SAVEOURSCHOOLS.ORG is the effort by OEA and all supporters of public education in Ohio to preserve school programs, resources and choices for our students, from PreK through public universities and colleges.