



Commitment Excellence Advocacy

forum

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Dates to Remember

- August 19th- CEA Bowling from 3:30pm to 5:30pm at Brunswick in Gilbert. RSVP with *Cecilia Loera*
- September 13th- AR meeting at Frye Elem. from 4:15pm to 5:15pm (Location change)
- CEA DUES start coming out on Sept 10th for CC or Sept 15th for those opting EFT!!

Message from your CEA

President: Dawn Koberstein

Welcome back colleagues to another exciting school year that lies ahead! Let me start by offering my sincere thanks to all of you for your continued support and advocacy on behalf of Chandler's students! These are truly extraordinary times to be an educator, and your support of your local association has never been more appreciated.

What we're doing

AEA has filed lawsuits on YOUR behalf?

1. Defending State Land Trust Education Funding
2. Defending Prop 301 Increased Education Funding
3. Defending your VOICE
4. Defending your retirement

For more details, visit our website

Why are you a member?

AR's were asked this at our last AR meeting. This is what they said...

- Importance of belonging
- People working on behalf
- Advocacy
- Power in numbers
- Like knowing what is going on
- Culture

So why are YOU a member?

This past year, we fought hard to make our voices heard. We had some successes that we should all be proud of. Unfortunately, not everything went our way and it seems we continue to be under attack and blamed. Debates in Congress continue on a range of economic issues-including the nation's debt ceiling, potential spending caps, and funding for the next fiscal year. We need to be asking, "What is the impact on children?"

Your voice is critical as the debates continue. As *passionate* educators, we have a unique perspective on the importance of investing in education and protecting the most vulnerable in our nation. Take the time to stay informed, talk about membership in your professional association and to share your voice!

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."
~Dr. Seuss

Resources

Check out these websites for valuable resources!

<http://www.chandlereaa.org/>

<http://www.arizonaaea.org/>

<http://www.nea.org/>

If you have other websites that have valuable resources please email them to: *Vanessa LaRue*.

Member Spotlight: Annette Addair- Arizona College Prep 6th Grade

From July 11-13, I attended the AEA Leadership Conference. Passionate educators from throughout Arizona met for an informative and productive conference at the WigWam Resort in Litchfield Park. The conference agenda included a variety of topics, exceptional speakers, and informative break-out sessions all effectively presented with the goal of strengthening our teaching profession and our AEA organization. The presentations stressed the importance of teachers becoming more engaged in AEA while empowering them to become more active in those "hot" topical issues that directly impact them and their profession. The conference was a success in providing for AEA leadership development and the opportunity to network and share ideas and insight among Arizona's AEA leaders.

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