

SGTA Executive Board

November Newsletter

November 1, 2015

From the President

by: Ric Decarlo, High School

Well, it has been another very active month- At the national level we have seen some refreshing words from the Feds concerning over testing, while at the same time a potentially devastating Supreme court case which could cripple public unions, looms over our head. At the State level, there have been two commissions created to study the common core and another to look at the APPR process- so while we follow the status quo, be prepared for possibly more changes. The SGTA, however, has gotten off to a great start. Our website looks great and is now also listed on the NYSUT site. Our newsletter comes out each month with a host of information- and our new social committee is already thinking about some upcoming events. Remember, if you have an issue, please see a building rep!

News From NYSUT

Did you know that there are many member benefits available through your NYSUT membership? Visit the website to find a complete list! A few member benefits are:

- Defensive Driving
- Discounted Ski Tickets to Killington, Whiteface and Gore
- MLB Tickets
- DisneyWorld Tickets
- Movie Tickets

VERY IMPORTANT!!!!

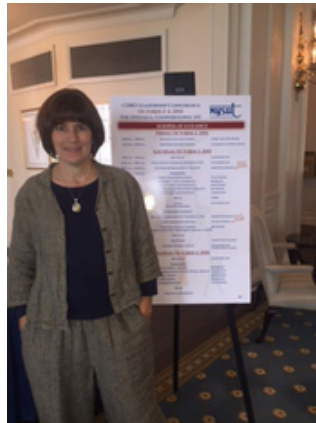
A digital copy of the contract has also been emailed to all members via HOME EMAIL addresses on 9/30/15.

All notifications now come through the SGTA email address to your personal email address. Please sign up if you have not already done so!

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Good News - SGTA Members

- Congratulations to Sarah Cardinali at the MS on her recent engagement!*
- Mark Gatta from Lincoln welcomes two new grandchildren and Regan Gatta has a new niece and nephew!*
- *Congratulations to Christine Nofri at SAC on the renewal of her National Board Certification!*
- *Julianna Potts from Glendaal and her dog, Chatty, went through training this summer and Chatty is now a trained therapy dog! Chatty visits Glendaal on Thursdays to spread cheer!*



LeeAnn Napolitano, building rep at the H.S. at the annual NYSUT Leadership Conference

- ❖ We want to remember our dear friend Joann Dayton, former teacher at Sacandaga. She lost her long battle with cancer on October 23, 2015.

From the VP of Elementary

by: Jeffrey Denney

Now that October is finally over, maybe we'll start to have some regularly scheduled full weeks of school to work with our students! Thank you to all elementary teachers for the great work you do on behalf of SG students, and a special thanks to all who are working hard to implement the new ELA program. Ric and I have met with Karen to discuss planning concerns, and she has asked principals to work with staff to come up with building specific plans. Please keep your building reps and me informed about how cooperative planning time is being accommodated in your specific buildings, particularly if suggested solutions are still not working. In Solidarity,
-Jeff Denney, Lincoln Elementary

Middle School teachers below-Super Heroes!



From the VP for Assistants/Aides/Monitors

We are reviewing a proposal that our NYSUT LRS has generated for the aides and monitors. We are hoping to move toward a membership vote soon.

IN SOLIDARITY
P.M.Collins



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SGTA

Liason meetings between SGTA building reps and building level administrators occur each month. Please see a building rep if you have a building level concern that needs to be addressed!

