

# IN THE KNOW



Auburn Education Association

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## Pres Says....

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# Using Proximity to Keep Students Focused

By Tricia Roach, Retired Educator in Arizona

After watching multiple student teachers in their formal observations over the past two weeks, not only am I thrilled at the new group of teachers choosing teaching as their profession, I noticed something quite significant that impacted their classroom management.

Integrating technology comes naturally to these teacher candidates. But when we conferenced after their lesson, many commented that students were noisy and off-task and none of the teachers' usual strategies were working. Why? In using their laptop and document cameras, the student teachers had tied themselves to the front of the room where the technology was situated. They were unable to use one of the most effective strategies for helping students stay focused during classroom instruction - physical proximity!

Walking around the room while teaching allows the teacher to quietly move toward students who are off task. Without missing a beat, the teacher's physical presence reminds the student that he or she is supposed to be participating in the lesson.

How can a teacher still use that laptop and document camera at the front of the room? *Add it to the list of student jobs for which kids are responsible.* Just as students are assigned to wipe down the board or be class messenger, they can be taught how to manipulate the pages under a document camera or click to advance to the next slide or bookmarked web page. Meanwhile, the teacher is connecting with students and using physical proximity to silently address any whose attention has wandered.

A teacher affects eternity; he  
can never tell where his  
influence stops.

ESLKids  
GAMES

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## The Special Education Support Center

The [Special Education Support Center](#) was developed by a diverse group representing disabilities organizations, higher education, teachers, ESA personnel, administrators, para-educators, families, governmental agencies and community organizations, including WEA.

The Special Education Support Center provides training, resources and support to all school employees, parents, and representatives from the community agencies.

Training topics cover many elements of providing services to students with disabilities. For more information, or to request a training, contact :

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“The more you **read**  
the more **things** you know.  
The more that you **learn**  
the more **places** you’ll go.”  
-Dr. Seuss

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## Sooner or later....

### *Retirement in your future?*

*With June right around the corner and several of our teachers retiring we at the AEA just want to take a moment to say THANK YOU for the selfless hours you have given to educate the leaders of tomorrow. May you enjoy your retirement and find a new passion and purpose.*

*Some of you might decide to sub, don't forget to apply for your sub certificate through OSPI. Think about joining WEA retired if you haven't already.*

*Here is a link to their page: [WEA Retired](#)*

## For Sale

**This is a reminder that AEA is happy to post items for sale or rent in the newsletter.**

**Your information is due the last Tuesday of the month prior to the last working Friday of the month.**

**Please email: [office@auburnea.org](mailto:office@auburnea.org)**

**Our For Sale column really has not taken off this year. We'll try again in the fall.**

## ELECTIONS 2017-2019

**First and foremost, a public apology to Melissa Messmer who is running for MAC Chair and whose bio was not included in the original Voters Guide that was sent out. A new Voters Guide 2.0 is being sent out with the Newsletter . It was my error in excluding it. Please disregard the first one.**

### **Here are the nominees:**

**Vice President:** Paul Cooper, Aaron Cowan

**Treasurer:** Steve Goliff

**Intermediate Rep:** Leah McIntyre

**High School Rep:** Scott Husar, Molly Picatti-Baker

**MAC Chair:** Melissa Messmer, Carolyn Olson and Chris Wilson

**SPED Rep:** Elaine Hogg

**Special Election for 2017-2018 ESA Rep position:** Christine Frueh, Deb Landis and Kandice Llera

**VOTE MAY 1ST—MAY 5TH**

# May 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 May Day	2	3	4	5	6 Equity Seminar ARHS
7	8 Exec Board School Board	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 LMT	17	18	19	20
21	22 Rep Council School Board	23	24	25	26 (Newsletter)	27
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31			

## May 2017

May 6th      Equity Seminar @ ARHS

May 8th      Executive Board (AEA) School Board @ ARHS

May 16th     LMT

May 22nd    Rep Council/General Membership meeting @ ART Auburn Riverside High School  
School Board @ WAHS

May 29th    Memorial Day

### Looking ahead to June:

June 5th     Executive Board (AEA)

June 9th     TGIF @ Roundtable Pizza

June 19th    Rep Council @ Rainier Middle School

Last day of school: June 22nd and June 23rd—Yeah Summer Break!!!!