



LEA Express

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A weekly compilation of Association news, minutes, upcoming events and tips for LEA Members.

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Save the Dates

February 9 - 22, Working Conditions Survey. The annual working conditions survey will be sent via e-mail to all members to complete. This is your opportunity, anonymously, to let the LEA and LPS know how efforts to deliver a quality education in your building are going. Please take the few minutes to participate.

Another Session of "I Can Do It": March 5 and 12 – 4:15 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

A classroom management class is being offered by LEA and can be counted as District Flex Time or for professional growth. The LEA wants to help you manage your classroom effectively and efficiently. Click <http://www.solutionwhere.com/staffdevlps/cw/showcoursesbymonth.asp> to read the description of the seven hour class and to register on line with Lincoln Public Schools. The instructors are specially trained LPS/LEA teachers. Help yourself for the rest of the year and your career.

"All You Need To Know" Financial Seminars. Choose session(s) that you would like to attend. To hold a spot, call 489-7500 or e-mail: elaine.koch@nsea.org

Monday, February 16th

Time: 4:00 – 7:30

- 4:00 – 4:30 Introductions – Financial Quiz/Your Financial Profile
- 4:30 – 5:30 “Do You Have the Right Stuff?” (Wills, trusts, life insurance, taxes)
- 5:30 – 6:30 “Will I Ever Be Able to Retire or Will I Just Die At My Desk?”

(Understanding the Basics of Investing – Market Volatility)
Mary Oestmann

6:30 – 7:30 “The Credit Challenge...How To Spend Less & Save More”!
(Debt –Credit –Mortgage & Budgeting Financial Management)
Eleanor “Snookie” Krumbiegel

*Refreshments provided – No formal breaks between sessions.

Saturday, February 28th

9:00 – 12:30

9:00 – 9:30 Introductions – Financial Quiz/Your Financial Profile

9:30 – 10:30 “Do You Have the Right Stuff?” (wills, trusts, life insurance, taxes)
Jeanelle Kleveland, Kleveland Law Offices

10:30 – 11:30 “23 Financial Mistakes You Don’t Want to Make!”
Eleanor “Snookie” Krumbiegel

11:30 – 12: “Will I Ever Be Able to Retire or Will I Just Die At My Desk?”
(Understanding the Basics of Investing – Market Volatility)
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March 2-6: Reserve Cat in the Hat to visit your classroom by contacting Arlene Rea, arlene.rea@nsea.org; or 489-7500

March 6, 2009, Harvest of Books at Barnes & Noble, 5150 O Street. A percentage of all purchases made on that day are designated to the Harvest of Books. Please stop by the store to make a purchase to help the cause. The Harvest will provide books for all first and second graders in the Lincoln community next fall.

March 12, 2009 at 4:15 p.m., Retirement Seminar with Roger Rea at the LEA Office. Contact Elaine to make a reservation, 489-7500 or elaine.koch@nsea.org

April 24, 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., LEA Foundation Fundraiser, Cornhusker Marriott Hotel. Silent auction and raffle items needed. Please contact the LEA Office to make your donation. The Lincoln Education Association Foundation is classified for tax purposes as 501(c)3. Donations are tax deductible.

May 28, 2009, 6:00 p.m., LEA Retirement Dinner to honor retiring LEA members will be held at Misty’s in Havelock.

LEA Board Minutes

The LEA Board Minutes are available to read at the following link:

<http://www.lincolneducationassociation.org/MinutesLEABoard.html>

The LEA Board of Directors is made up of twelve LEA members elected by their peers. The Executive Committee of the Board consists of the President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer. In addition to the Executive Committee, there are three elementary representatives, one middle level representative, two high school representatives and three at-large representatives. The Board meets at the LEA Office twice a month during the school year and once per month during the summer. Members are always encouraged to come and observe.

FR Council Minutes

Click on the following link to read the FR Council Minutes.

<http://www.lincolneducationassociation.org/MinutesFRCouncil.html>

FR (Faculty Representative) Council is the legislative and policy-forming body of the Association with the purpose of carrying out the Association goals. Its 187 members are representatives from the fifty-three building sites across the district. This body of representatives meets the third Thursday of the month at Lefler Middle School to foster and promote membership, adopt the budget, set the annual dues, approve resolutions and policy statements, approve the slate of candidates for election and to review, adopt Association goals and Standing Committee changes and review issues and concerns of members. All members are invited to come and observe.

The Kids Wish Network is Helping Two LEA Members' Child! Will You Help, Too?



Kids Wish Network is granting the wish of a very special 4-year-old girl from Lincoln whose parents work for the Lincoln Public Schools and are LEA members. Lily has a life threatening illness. Lily's only wish is to go to Disneyworld! We have taken care of all the arrangements and are hoping that you will be willing to help sponsor part

of her wish. Your donation will help to make this wish come true. We hope you can help.

Lily is a sweet little girl who was diagnosed with Klippel-Trenaunay Syndrome. KTS is a congenital condition in which her blood vessels fail to form properly. The veins actually form masses that sometimes grow right thru the bones. This causes Lily to have bleeds, edema, cellulitis and much pain. She has already endured 4 de-bulking surgeries to remove excess tissue from her lower body.

Your sponsorship is tax deductible. **100% of your contribution will be used to pay for the actual wish expenses. No administrative costs will be taken from your donation.** Donations can be sent to Kids Wish Network, 4060 Louis Avenue, Holiday, FL 34691. Please send to the attention of Jill Atchison for Lily. You can see Lily on our website at www.kidswishnetwork.org.

2009 Korean Studies Workshop

The Korean Studies Workshop for American Educators, sponsored by the Korea Foundation, provides U.S. social studies educators with fully-funded study tours of Korea. The workshop is designed to enhance mutual understanding between the people of Korea and the United States by inviting certain U.S. educators to visit Korea and then share their experiences with fellow Americans upon their return. In the summer of 2009, up to 60 secondary school social studies educators from the United States will be selected to travel to Korea for the 12-day workshop. The workshop will include lectures, tours to cultural and industrial sites, and a meeting with Korean educators and students.

We very much hope that your region can have a strong representation in next year's program and bring back the knowledge gained to the students and community.

The deadline for the 2009 Korean Studies Workshop is February 25, 2009. Those interested should visit our website at www.iie.org/ksw to access the online application. Promotional brochures are available by request. For materials or if you have any questions, please contact 1-800-270-4317 or ksw@iie.org. Thank you for your support and assistance in alerting your colleagues to the Korean Studies Workshop opportunity.

Sincerely,

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NEA Member Benefits Enters Into Relationship with New Classroom Supply Company

As of January 15, 2009, NEA Member Benefits will no longer offer school supplies through the online discounter, *Classroom Direct*. Recent economic conditions have caused School Specialty Corporation, Classroom Direct's parent company, to consolidate operations and discontinue its current discount for NEA members.

NEA Member Benefits has already established a new relationship with **SmileMakers**, an online supplies discounter and a division of Staples. **SmileMakers offers NEA members a five percent (5%) discount and free shipping on all orders, regardless of size.** Members may also sign up for "Teachers' Club," which awards one point (worth 10 cents) for each dollar spent. First-time orders qualify for 25 extra points. Points may be applied toward future purchases. Access **SmileMakers** online at <http://www.smilemakers-support.com/landing/neaPage.html>.

NEA Member Benefits will communicate directly with State Affiliate communications directors and editors to request that they remove old information about Classroom Direct from their Web sites and electronic and printed materials. New information about **SmileMakers** will be provided over the coming weeks.

If you have any questions about **SmileMakers**, you can contact the NEA Member Benefits Member Service Center toll free at 1-800-637-4636, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (or Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.), ET.