



# LEA *Express*

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

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## LEA Money Savers

Check out this new LEA discount and current Discount Card participants' promotions!



- ❖ Legend Bar and Grill
- ❖ Barnes and Noble Educator Reception
- ❖ Lee Booksellers Children's Author Michael Buckley Event

Click on the following link to view the additional ways your dues can "pay-off" for you...

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

### New LEA Discount – Legend Bar and Grill

8300 Northwood Dr  
(Corner of 84<sup>th</sup> and Holdrege)  
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Contact: Denise Fredrick, Owner  
[www.lincolnlegends.com](http://www.lincolnlegends.com)  
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Legends salutes Lincoln teachers by offering 15% off your order. Join us for great food and fun! Huge big screen TVs – Karaoke – F.A.C. and sports events. Daily drink and food specials. Carry out available.

### Barnes and Noble Educator Reception

2910 Pine Lake Rd  
Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Enter to win...

- \$500 Barnes and Noble Gift Card
- A visit to your school from Rick Riordan (author of the series *Percy Jackson and the Olympians*)

Click here to view the flyer and for more details.

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## Lee Booksellers Upcoming Event

5500 S 56<sup>th</sup> St  
October 2, 2007  
7:30 p.m.

**Children's author Michael Buckley** will talk about his work and autograph books at Lee Booksellers. Buckley is the author of the *Fairy-tale Detective* series for ages 9 to 12. For more information, call the bookstore: 420-1919.

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## LEA Tidbits



- ❖ **LEA Dues Deduction Reminder**
- ❖ **Harvest of Books – October 5<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>**
- ❖ **Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> - Shredding Event sponsored by LEA and 1<sup>st</sup> Nebraska Educators**
- ❖ **“An Evening of LOL... *Laughing Out Loud*” ... a fundraiser event for the Harvest of Books, sponsored by IAAP**
- ❖ **Retirement Seminars with Roger Rea**
- ❖ **“I Can Do It” Flex Time Workshop**
- ❖ **Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund**
- ❖ **Teaching Excellence/Rookie Awards**
- ❖ **American Education Week – 2007**
- ❖ **NEA Foundation Book Grants**
- ❖ **Rule 59**

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### LEA Dues Deduction Reminder

A breakdown of members' LEA dues deductions are being sent to all members. Reminder... Due to the optional member benefits some members elect to have deducted via payroll deduction in addition to their regular LEA/NSEA/NEA Membership dues deduction, not every member's LEA dues deduction may be the same.

If you would like to review your LEA deductions prior to receiving your copy or anytime throughout the year, please contact Teresa at the LEA Office, 489-7500 or e-mail her at [teresa.greve@nsea.org](mailto:teresa.greve@nsea.org).

Some of the optional deductions members may have deducted (all listed under *LEA Dues*) may include... Assurity Life Insurance, 1<sup>st</sup> Nebraska Educators Credit Union, Horace Mann Auto Insurance, LEA-PAC, LEA Advocacy Fund, LEA Foundation, NEA-FCPE, NSEA Children's Fund, Pre-Retired Dues, Racquet Club and YMCA.

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### **LEA Harvest of Books Drive – October 5 – 21, 2007**

During the weeks of **October 5 – 21**, help share your love of reading with a child by donating to the Eleventh Annual Harvest of Books drive.

Since its inception in 1997, the Harvest of Books, Inc. has distributed over 100,000 books to first and second graders in the public, private and parochial schools of Lincoln. This year, the Harvest goal is to distribute 13,000 books to students the week of November 19.

If you and others would like to participate, you can purchase books at **25% off** the retail price at the following participating bookstores:

- ◆ B. Dalton Bookseller, Westfield Shopping Town - Gateway Mall
- ◆ Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 5150 “O” Street or 2910 Pine Lake Road – Suite A1
- ◆ Gloria Deo, Alamo Center Suite – 15, 5601 S 56<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Lee Booksellers, 5500 S 56th Street
- ◆ Lemstone Christian Stores, 2801 Pine Lake, Ste J
- ◆ Nebraska Bookstore, 1300 “Q” Street
- ◆ University Bookstore, Lower Level-Nebraska Union-City Campus
- ◆ Usborne Books via Alicia Chrastil at 499-8147
- ◆ Usborne Books via Miriam LeBlanc at 489-8800, [www.MiriamBooks.com](http://www.MiriamBooks.com)
- ◆ Usborne Books via Becky McGarvie at 477-0249
- ◆ Usborne Books via Amy Rempe at 486-1031
- ◆ Usborne Books via Megan Tupper at 476-0394

If you and others cannot get to a store to make purchases or would simply prefer to let LEA volunteers do the shopping, donations by check may be sent to: Harvest of Books, c/o LEA, 4920 Normal Blvd., Lincoln NE 68506. Individuals often use the Harvest of Books as a way of donating memorials to departed friends and loved ones throughout the year, too.

**Contact the LEA Office if you would like promotional bookmarks to distribute to your friends, family, and organizations you’re involved in to help promote the Harvest. 489-7500 or e-mail [teresa.greve@nsea.org](mailto:teresa.greve@nsea.org)**

*Please help the LEA and the Harvest of Books continue to be a cherished tradition!*

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### **Shredding Event sponsored by LEA & 1<sup>st</sup> Nebraska Educators Credit Union**

**Date: Saturday, October 6, 2007**

**Location: LEA Office, 4920 Normal Blvd – East Parking Lot**

**Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

LEA and 1st Nebraska Educators Credit Union is sponsoring a free shredding event! Bring up to 50 lbs (equal to approximately 2 paper boxes full) of documents to be shredded for free. Donors will receive information on protecting

your identity. Information on the Harvest of Books will be available and donations will be accepted for the Harvest of Books fund drive which is October 5 – 21. *Thank you Palmer and Sons for providing the shredding truck!*

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**An Evening of LOL... Laughing Out Loud**

Do you need to relieve some stress? Then plan an evening with your friends and family and join us for “An Evening of LOL... *Laughing Out Loud!*”

Date: Thursday, Oct. 25, 2007

Time: Doors open at 7 pm

Cost: \$25

Entertainers: *Magician Adam White* and *Elvis Tribute Artist Little E*

Emcee: TBA

Location: Lincoln Firefighter's Hall, 241 Victory Lane

Sponsored by IAAP (International Association of Administrative Professionals) ... an organization in which Teresa from the LEA Office is a member.

Order your tickets through “T” at the LEA Office, 489-7500, or e-mail her at [teresa.greve@nsea.org](mailto:teresa.greve@nsea.org).

**10% of all ticket sales will be donated to the Harvest of Books.**

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**Retirement Seminars with Roger Rea**

Two Retirement Seminars by NSEA-Retired Roger Rea will be held December 5 and March 12 at 4:15 pm at the LEA Office, 4920 Normal Blvd. The content of each of the two seminars is the same. You are welcome to attend as many times as you wish.

Please RSVP your attendance to Elaine at the LEA Office, 489-7500 or [elaine.koch@nsea.org](mailto:elaine.koch@nsea.org) by December 3 for the December 5 Seminar; by March 10 for the March 12 Seminar.

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**I Can Do It – The Classroom Management Workshop for Teachers with One to Five Years Teaching Experience.**

Registration is now being taken for the next “I Can Do It” – Flex Time Workshop. January 30<sup>th</sup> and February 6<sup>th</sup>, 4:15 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

Note Location Change ... The session will be held at the LEA Office, 4920 Normal Blvd

**Register on-line at:**

<http://www.solutionwhere.com/staffdevlps/cw/showcoursesbymonth.asp>

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**Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund**

The Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund (JFMF) Teacher Program, sponsored by the Government of Japan, provides teachers and administrators with **fully-funded**

three-week study tours of Japan. The program is designed to increase understanding between the people of Japan and the United States by inviting U.S. elementary and secondary educators to visit Japan and share their experiences with fellow Americans upon their return. JFMF participants travel to Japan, learn about Japanese culture and education, and return to implement a self-designed plan to share their knowledge and experience with their students, colleagues, and community. Participants travel in one of two cycles: Spring cycle: Sun, Jun 8 – Thu, Jun 26, 2008; Fall cycle: Sun, Oct 12 – Thu, Oct 30. The 2008 online application is currently available on our website at [www.iie.org/jfmf](http://www.iie.org/jfmf) with a deadline of December 10, 2007. Contact: Institute of International Education. Tel 888-527-2636 (toll free); Fax 202-326-7672; Email [jfmf@iie.org](mailto:jfmf@iie.org); Web [www.iie.org/jfmf](http://www.iie.org/jfmf)

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**Call for Teaching Excellence/Rookie/Educational Support Professional Nominees**

Nominations are now being accepted for NSEA's Rookie of the Year; the NSEA Award for Teaching Excellence; and for the NSEA Education Support Professional of the Year. Nominees must be NSEA members.

Nominations must be received at NSEA no later than Friday, Feb. 15, 2008. Finalists will be notified in March, and the winners in each category announced at next year's NSEA Delegate Assembly in Lincoln April 25-26. Each winner receives a \$500 cash award, and each finalist earns a \$200 cash award. In addition, the winner of the Award for Teaching Excellence will compete for the NEA Teaching Excellence Award and a \$25,000 prize.

All nominations must be sent to: NSEA Awards, Suite 200, 605 S. 14<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln, NE 68508-2742.

Nominations may be made through the Web site with required support material mailed to the NSEA. Or, the form for each award can be downloaded from the site and sent, with support materials, to NSEA. The links to the forms will be on the NSEA home page at: [www.nsea.org](http://www.nsea.org)

Here is a synopsis of the award guidelines:

**Award for Teaching Excellence**

Each local affiliate may nominate one member, using a selection process of the local's choosing.

Nomination materials must include the form found on NSEA's Web site. Nominations must include a data sheet signed by the local president indicating NSEA and NEA membership; up to five letters of endorsement; and a detailed letter of nomination.

The winner will submit further materials to be considered for the NEA Teaching Excellence Award. The winner will also receive travel expenses to the NEA ceremonies in Washington, D.C., in February 2009.

### **NSEA Rookie of the Year Award**

Nominations for this award are based on the nominee's first full year of service. Thus, nominations for the April 2008 award will be based on work done by teachers who were in their first year of teaching in 2006-07.

Complete the form on the NSEA Web site, and send an essay of no more than 500 words explaining the nominee's qualifications. Pre-service, student teachers or cadre participants are not eligible.

### **NSEA Education Support Professional (ESP) of the Year Award**

Only ESPs who have membership in NSEA are eligible. To nominate an ESP, use the form on the Web site and send a letter of nomination explaining the nominee's qualifications.

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### **American Education Week – 2007**

The time to start planning for American Education Week is now!

NEA's 86th annual American Education Week (AEW) — Nov. 12-17 this year — will spotlight the importance of providing every child in America with a quality public education, and the need for everyone to do his or her part in making public schools great.

'Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility' reflects the Association's calling upon America to provide students with quality public schools so that they can grow, prosper and achieve in the 21st century.

The week kicks off on Monday, Nov. 12, and follows with special events each day of the week. Those events include:

- Tuesday, Nov. 13: Invite Parents to School Day.
- Wednesday, Nov. 14: Education Support Professionals Day.
- Thursday, Nov. 15: Educator for a Day.
- Friday, Nov. 16: Substitute Educators Day.

At NEA's Web site, educators can find plenty of ideas and tools to help plan local observances of American Education Week. Also on the site: a list of former educators now serving in Congress, including Nebraska's own Sen. Ben Nelson. The NEA American Education Week Web site is at:

**<http://www.nea.org/aew/index.html>**

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### **NEA Foundation Book Grants**

The NEA Foundation will make 50 awards of \$1,000 to public schools serving economically disadvantaged students. The purpose of the grants: to purchase books for school libraries. The NEA Foundation makes these awards in collaboration with the National Education Association.

The 2008 NEA's Books Across America Library Books Awards are made possible

with support from individuals who donated to NEA's Books Across America fund to bring the gift of reading to students.

Eligible to apply are pre-kindergarten through high school educators. The application deadline is Nov. 12.

For details, go to this Web site:

[http://www.neafoundation.org/programs/BAA\\_2007.htm](http://www.neafoundation.org/programs/BAA_2007.htm)

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### **Rule 59**

**At the start of a new school year, a review of Rule 59 is timely. The following was written by NSEA Attorney Scott Norby.**

**QUESTION:** What is Rule 59?

**ANSWER:** Rule 59 is a regulation of the Nebraska Department of Education which, subject to its provisions, authorizes the administration of medication by a staff member at school, and sets forth methods of competency assessment for school staff who are not licensed health care professionals involved in delivering medical services at school.

Rule 59 was recently amended by the Department to require all schools to adopt and implement an Emergency Response to Life-Threatening Asthma or Systemic Allergic Reactions (Anaphylaxis) Protocol made a part of the Rule. The required Protocol addresses procedures and actions to be taken in the event of a life threatening asthma episode at school which requires immediate action and monitoring. The Rule also requires schools to procure and maintain the equipment and medication necessary to implement the Protocol in each school building.

**QUESTION:** Who is responsible under Rule 59 for administering medication at school and implementing the Protocol?

**ANSWER:** Ideally, a licensed health care professional, such as a school nurse, would be the staff member responsible for administration of medication at school, monitor effects associated with the medication, and administer the Protocol in response to a life-threatening asthma event or systemic allergic reaction. However, that is not always possible. Therefore, Rule 59 authorizes the training of other school staff by licensed health care professionals to deliver these medical services.

**QUESTION:** Can a teacher be required to take the training and assume the responsibilities associated with the delivery of medical services to others at school?

**ANSWER:** No. The provision of the medical services addressed by Rule 59 do not constitute teaching within the meaning of Nebraska law. Additionally, in order for a staff member who is not a licensed health care professional to deliver medical services to others at school, they must successfully pass a competency assessment no less than every three years.

QUESTION: If a teacher is willing to participate in the delivery of medical services at school as provided by Rule 59, can they be held legally responsible if something goes wrong?

ANSWER: That is a possibility. Therefore, it is our recommendation that if you are willing to participate in the delivery of medical services at your school as authorized by Rule 59, you do so *only* if your school district has agreed in writing to hold you harmless from any loss, damage, or liability that may result from your participation in the program.

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## Calendar of Events



Click on the following link for the LEA Calendar of Events ...

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