

## **NEWS YOU CAN USE! NEWS YOU CAN USE!**

**ESP PD Deadline!** Tomorrow, August 31st is the deadline for you to turn in all paperwork for either a step increase or to receive \$25.00 per clock hour that you have earned up to 120 total hours. See Liz Rowe in Human Resources. This applies to classified members only.

**Blue Cross/ Blue Shield Deadline 8/31**– This is an area where many of our employees save money. We have been informed by our member discount Blue Cross/Blue Shield agent that because of the new National Health Care Program Blue Cross/Blue Shield will no longer be offering child(ren) only coverage. This will take affect with their contract renewal as of October 1, 2010. Coverage for child(ren) will only be offered when another parent is covered on the same plan. They will be accepting applications for child(ren) only coverage through **August 31, 2010**. After that they will no longer accept applications for child(ren) unless a parent is included on that application. If anyone is interested in child(ren) only coverage the application must be into Blue Cross/Blue Shield by August 31, 2010. All existing plans/coverage for children only will remain in effect.

According to Blue Cross/Blue Shield all medical insurance carriers will be making this change. The AEA Member Benefits Committee will be looking into this program this fiscal year to see if there are any other alternatives.

If you have any questions you can contact either Susan Richie or Linda Scanzello at Glass financial 602-952-1202 or 1-877-895-5012

**TUSD Healthcare Benefits Deadline** - Open enrollment has been extended to Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> to take advantage of your 100% single employee healthcare coverage. Every employee must re-enroll. Please be sure to read the information coming out of the Human Resource Department. Unfortunately, there has been a slight increase in family and dependent child(ren) coverage. When we were told that there would not be a change in the cost, the District was referencing employees' co-pay, urgent care, etc.

**TUSD Fingerprint Fair** - Wednesday, September 1, 2010; Booth-Fickett Magnet School, Science Wing – North Parking Lot - 450 S. Montego Drive (Broadway & Kolb) 3:00-5:30 p.m. Please bring a valid driver's license and a \$69.00 money order or cashier's check made out to the Arizona Department of Public Safety. Anyone whose card expires before December should try and attend.

**Ratification Online Voting Deadline** - The online voting to ratify the negotiated tentative agreements has been working fairly well with only a few minor glitches. All voting must take place by September 1st at 5:45pm. You should have received a green half sheet with the information for voting. It really is as easy as 1,2,3. Simply go to <https://vod.votenet.com/tucsonea> and follow the prompts. The user name is your first initial and last name with no periods or commas.

Example: Luci Messing would be lmessing. Your password is the last four digits of your social security number. Be sure to fully complete the process and submit your vote.

**Election Season** – Today begins our commitment to work on behalf of and vote for our endorsed pro-public education candidates. See [www.vote4schoolsaz.com](http://www.vote4schoolsaz.com) to learn more about our recommended candidates. We must participate in ensuring that each

one of our members and relatives are registered and able to vote. We need to educate all individuals who care about public education regarding those candidates who share our values. There are a number of activities scheduled below. Please see the calendar.

**TEA PD Committees** – I have sent a request to all individuals who expressed an interest in serving on our ESP or Certified PD Committee. However, we may still need a couple of alternates to assist in this process. Remember that these committees will be setting the criteria for members to receive reimbursement, stipends, recertification credit, etc. If you would like to serve in this capacity, please let me know ASAP.

**Attention ARs!** – Please plan on arriving as soon as possible for the meeting this Wednesday. Rincon is having their open house and parking may be an issue.

**RIF'd Members** – We have heard from the District that most of our RIFs have been called back to a position. There were individuals who were called back but did not accept the position. However, we would like to hear from you regarding your current placement, if you were not called back for a position, how the process worked or didn't. If you collected unemployment, be sure to keep all your paperwork as there have been individuals who have experienced difficulties after returning to work.

Have a great week!

*Luci*

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday, September 1	3:00pm – 5:30pm	TUSD Fingerprint Fair Booth-Fickett (450 S. Montego Drive)
Wednesday, September 1	4:15pm – 4:30pm	TEAPAC Contributors Meeting (TEAPAC contributors only) Rincon HS Cafeteria (421 N. Arcadia)
Wednesday, September 1	4:30am – 6:30pm	AR Meeting Rincon HS Cafeteria (421 N. Arcadia)
Tuesday, September 6		Labor Day NO SCHOOL
Monday, September 7		Deadline for class size to be in compliance.