

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1/19 AR Meeting
Mansfield MS Caf.
4:30 to 6:30 PM
- 1/26 Meet & Greet With
Dr. Pedicone
TEA-Sponsored/
All Invited
Catalina Auditorium
4:30 to 6:00 PM
- 2/7 TEA Board Meeting
TEA Office
4:30 to 7:30 PM



On Point... From Your President, Luci Messing



*U.S. Representative
Gabrielle Giffords*

We cannot ignore the message that the horrific incident involving Representative Gabrielle Giffords sent loudly and clearly. We Americans are fighting each other. The alleged attacker was not a foreign terrorist, not an immigrant; the shooter was a 22 year old, Caucasian American man.

The nauseating, mean spirited 2010 election was by all accounts the worst in the history of our country. Enough! We must stand together and reject the hatred that spews from radio and TV on a daily basis. Enough! We have met the enemy and this is it. It's

criminal for a country to allow its citizens to be so cruel to each other. Enough! If we, together, do not rise up and scream "ENOUGH!" then we can expect more of the same. A community comes together at times like this. We must come together at all times. We must demand civility and respect towards one another. Isn't that what we teach our children, our students? It's time to emphasize these qualities on a daily basis. My heart mourns for the families of the six people killed and the thirteen injured. I am in tears over the insidious attack on Gabrielle Giffords. We believed in her efforts to protect

our interests and we worked extremely hard to get her re-elected. What a dark day in our community.

Let's vow to stop the madness starting today. Let's insist that we all treat each other as we would have others treat us. Let's hug our loved ones and give a friend a call. Let's practice tolerance as a way of life. Start now.



Photo by Travis Williams

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Kudos to TEA member María Federico Brummer who had an article published in the January/February issue of the **NEA Today**, NEA's flagship publication for members. Her article, entitled, "**My Other Me: Why ethnic studies are good for all,**" begins:

Recently, I taught a unit on how a bill becomes a law in my government class. We learned all about the legislative process in Arizona.

The example I used was the law passed last school year to ban our ethnic studies program. It takes effect after Dec. 31.

For the rest of the article, go to www.nea.org/tucson, or see your copy of the **NEA Today**.

Membership Matters

by *Marivel Roybal, TEA Vice President*

“Every member you recruit gives TEA a stronger voice!”



TEA leaders develop plans for the year.

Happy new year! New beginnings and new opportunities! During the month of January, TEA will be visiting Cholla, Pueblo, Miller, Pistor and Valencia. We are hoping to schedule more sites for the last week of January and for February. If your site has not been visited this school year, please make sure your AR emails Marivel Roybal at marivel.roybal@arizonaea.org. Besides the continued \$10 gift card per recruit, member recruiter incentives for January-May are as follows:

- Recruit 1-3 members and you will have a chance to win a \$25 gift card.
- Recruit 5-9 members and you will have a chance to win a \$50 gift card.
- Recruit 10+ members and you will have a chance to win a \$100 gift card

Remember, every member you recruit gives TEA a stronger voice and you can earn prizes as a recruiter!

PD Events

Check out NEA Academy (www.nea.org Tools and Ideas tab) for the following classes and information:

- Rights and Responsibilities in the Disciplinary Process
- Great Educators Deserve Great Deals!
- Are You Ready to Meet with Your Students' Parents?
- Spotlight on Walden University
- Save 15% at Carson-Dellosa

School Crisis Guide



by *Pernela Jones, Executive Director*

After a tragedy hits, such as the lethal attack at the Representative Giffords event on January 8th, it is difficult to know how to help students and colleagues handle the aftermath. You may find some useful information in the “*School Crisis Guide: Help and Healing in a Time of Crisis*,” developed by the National Education Association (NEA) and the NEA Health Information Network (NEA HIN).* The guide contains essential, to-the-point advice and is available at www.neahin.org/crisisguide. Go to the section entitled “After a Crisis: Help Students and Staff Recover.” It includes links to topics such as: long-term mental health needs; managing long-term re-

mindings, and Long-term communications.

Our hearts go out to the victims and their families of the devastating attack. May we support each other in processing the aftereffects, whether with students at schools or with peers in our community. **The mission of the NEA Health Information Network, www.neahin.org, is to improve the health and safety of the school community by developing and disseminating information and programs that educate and empower school professionals and positively impact the lives of students.*

Planet Connect Nat'l Grants for High School Students

Do you know high school students who are passionate about improving wildlife habitats or conserving natural resources? Planet Connect is offering \$1,000 grants to support students to implement a project in their school or community and to participate in a local internship focused on wildlife conservation or natural resources. Go to the NEA link, <http://www.nea.org/grants/awards/41934.htm>, for details.

Heartbeat of Public Education Congratulations TEA member!

In October 2010, the Arizona Council for Social Studies (ACSS) recognized TEA member **Carole Ambroziak** with an award for her 'Great Moments in Social Studies Teaching.' Carole is a GATE Social Studies teacher at Doolen Middle School. Carole has been at Doolen for 17 of her 28-year career. Carole's true joy in teaching is working with the many fine students she has and helping them make sense of the world. She loves geography; she is excited that Doolen is in the process of becoming a global studies

academy with an emphasis on geography, culture, language, citizenship and global issues. Carole is honored and grateful for being recognized for her work. She said, "Teachers work very hard and receiving recognition for that work is affirming and encouraging."

For more information about the ACSS, go to: www.azsocialstudies.org; click on "Awards" on the left to find out more about the award Carole received, as well as other awards and a scholarship

the ACSS provides.

*Editor's note: The **Heart Beat of Public Education** will be a regular feature of the TEA Matters newsletter to recognize the accomplishments of individual members. If you know of a TEA member who has won an award or has otherwise been recognized, please email the information to:*

*Pernela.Jones@arizonaea.org with the **subject line: Heart Beat of Public Education.***



TEA member Carole Ambroziak with Doolen Principal, Ron Beaton.

Calling White Collar Members...AGAIN!

We need white collar members to serve on the interview committees! Last month we provided information about the fact that Article 8-6 (Interview Process) of the White Collar/Food Service Agreement requires that interview committees for **white collar** vacancies include one TEA white collar member. Won't you add your name to the list to provide this important service as a part of your profession? There are three ways you can add your name to the list: send in the completed coupon below, or provide the information via email to liz.navarro@arizonaea.org (subject line: White Collar Interview Committee), or do so by calling 795-8870.

Please return to the TEA office by Friday, January 28, 2011.

Yes, add my name to the list of TEA members (white collar only) interested in serving on white collar interview teams for 2010-2011.

Name: _____

Position: _____

Site: _____

Home Email: _____

Home Phone: _____

(For TEA use only.)

Work Email: _____

Work Phone: _____

TEA Blueprint*

TEA is directly involved with developing the requirements for turnaround schools and the related School Improvement Grants.

* *The TEA Blue Print feature will focus on current TEA successes, achievement updates, and/or short reports on TEA.*



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Great Public Schools for Every Child

NEA's Read Across America



NEA calls for every child to be reading in the company of a caring adult on March 2.

The National Education Association (NEA) is building a nation of readers through its signature program, **Read Across America** (RAA). RAA, now in its thirteenth year, takes place on or near March 2nd, the birthday of Dr. Seuss, with the intent of motivating children and teens to read through events, partnerships, and reading resources. For ideas on how to do so, go to: www.nea.org/grants/886.htm or www.readacrossamerica.org, for a variety of links.

Reading Rockets is one of the national partners of NEA's Read Across America. They also have a host of resources you can use to promote reading, including a couple of RAA-related free e-cards. Go to www.readingrockets.org/calendar/readacross.

Participate in Love of Reading Contest

What are you doing for Love of Reading?

Our Association needs YOU. Every month our newsletter includes an opportunity to engage members. Our contest this month: a **description of what you plan to do for Love of Reading Week**, in 200 words or less. The Public Relations/Communications Committee will select the winner and we plan to publish the winning description in the February edition of "TEA Matters" in time for **Read Across**

America Day, March 2nd. Contest winners will receive a \$10.00 gift card as a thank you. Also, there will be a monthly drawing which will give contest participants a chance to receive a \$25.00 gift card. To participate in this month's contest, submit your description by email to tsneduc@aol.com or send it to TEA via District mail by January 31st.

Did You Know?

- TEA is sponsoring a meet and greet event with Dr. Pedicone?
- The meet and greet will take place on Wednesday, January 26th, 4:30 to 6:00 PM at the Catalina auditorium?
- All employees and community members are welcome?



Member suggestions or comments.

Ideas or comments about the newsletter.

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