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Attend NJEA's Back Off Rally

Monday Dec. 11, 2006 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. State House

The Special Legislative Session has officially released recommendations that would gravely **damage public education** in New Jersey and make it more difficult to attract new teachers and school employees. Tell the Legislature **public school employees didn't cause New Jersey's property tax crisis** and they shouldn't be the only ones sacrificing to solve it.



Attend NJEA's Back Off Rally. Join NJEA and other public employee unions in the fight to protect members' pensions and medical benefits, to preserve the collective bargaining process, and to remind legislators that caps hurt kids. Contact your association to reserve a bus seat (See page 4). A box lunch will be provided on the bus. If you choose to drive, parking will be available at Trenton Thunder Stadium parking lot with shuttles to the rally site.

In the event of inclement weather, tune in to radio stations WCBS-AM 880 and KYW-AM 1060, log on to www.njea.org, or call the NJEA Hotline at 1-800-866-NJEA (6532) for updated information about the rally.

Township of Union Education Foundation

Support the Township of Union Education Foundation by shopping at Barnes & Noble in Springfield, New Jersey. In an effort to raise funds for their grant programs, the Township of Union Education Foundation is working together with Barnes & Noble Booksellers by hosting a Holiday Gift and Bookfair at the Springfield Barnes & Noble store from December 9th through December 13th. Barnes & Noble will donate a percentage of every sale made with a special Bookfair voucher to the Township of Union Education Foundation. Vouchers will be available online at the Township of Union Education Foundation's web site: <http://www.twpunionschools.org/EducationFound.htm> or by contacting Doris D'Elia, chairperson, at 908-851-6551.

In addition to using a voucher to purchase personal choices, the Township of Union school libraries have created wish lists for titles to enhance their own library collections and bookfair supporters may choose books from in-store wish list displays to donate to the school libraries. In addition, special events will highlight the Gift and Bookfair. All members of the public are invited to a Godiva Chocolate Tasting and Think Fun Game Day on Sunday, December 10th from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. On Monday, December 11th at 7:30 pm, Union High School students will read their poetry and sing at a Poetry/Coffeehouse event.

Please help support the Township of Union Education Foundation by shopping at Barnes & Noble, Springfield, New Jersey in December with a Bookfair voucher. For more information, contact Doris D'Elia, Chairperson, for the Township of Union Education Foundation, 908-851-6551.



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www.geocities.com/njutea



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Classified Section

Mausoleum Crypt for Sale: Don't wait until it's too late! NEW, single large crypt (inside location) at Hollywood Cemetery, Union. Going price is \$9000+, this sale \$7000 or best offer. Only serious reply!

Call Andy Pfeifer 908 719-1283

UTEA Meeting Calendar

December		
Thursday	07	Executive Committee
Thursday	14	Rep. Council
January		
Thursday	04	Executive Committee
Thursday	11	Rep. Council
February		
Thursday	01	Executive Committee
Thursday	07	Rep. Council
March		
Thursday	01	Executive Committee
Thursday	08	Rep. Council

Dates to Remember

Pearl Harbor Day	Thurs. Dec. 7
Human Right's Day	Sunday, Dec. 10
Hanukah Begins	Friday, Dec. 15
Winter Begins	Friday, Dec. 22
Christmas	Monday, Dec. 25
Kwanzaa Begins	Tuesday, Dec. 26
New Year's Eve	Sunday, Dec. 31
New Year's Day	Monday, Jan. 1
Martin L. King Day	Monday, Jan. 15
Ground Hog Day	Friday, Feb. 2
Super Bowl Sunday	Sunday, Feb. 4

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Grievance Chairs

Charlie King
Union High School
UHS and Middle

Kristin Alvarez
Livingston School
Elementary

Grievances... Active... Past and Present

The Guidance Department in UHS is being housed in a very warm, dirty, windowless, non-ventilated area. (Article 13.05)

Although the air-conditioning unit has been repaired, this is being advanced to Level III (Board of Education) because the filth has not been addressed.

Security Monitors at the High School have been applying for security positions posted for after school activities, but more times than not these positions are being given to regular teachers.

Met with the Superintendent.

During the school year 2005-2006, the Board failed to provide a minimum of 15 Professional Development hours. (Article 14.07.3)

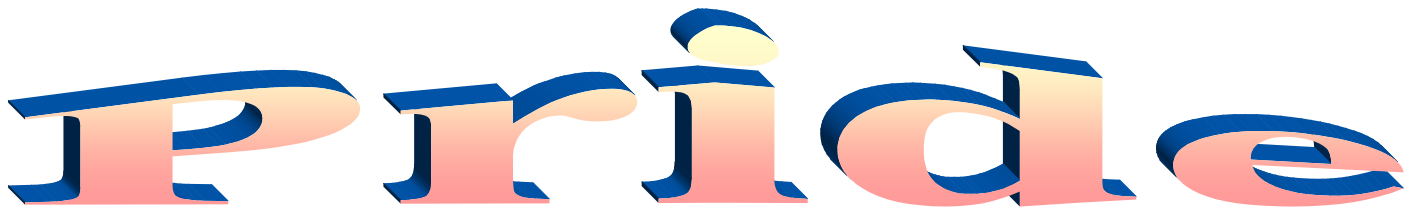
Township of Union Education Foundation

This holiday season, the Township of Union Education Foundation is once again offering a way for Union families to show their appreciation to Union educators through our Tribute Card fund.

The Township of Union Education Foundation is a 501 © (3) non-profit charitable organization whose goal is to provide financial support for creative and innovative educational programs in the public schools. Purchase of a tribute card shows gratitude to our teachers and also strengthens the foundation's ability to provide additional resources to the schools which directly benefit the students.

The Township of Union Education Foundation is now accepting donations to honor any educator in the district. For a minimum donation of \$5.00, a beautiful card will be sent to the chosen educator. Donations will be used to award grants to our teachers. Just this past year, over \$13,000 in grants were awarded in our district.

Donations of tribute cards are tax deductible. To place your request, please contact Mary Jo Sipe, tribute chairperson, at 908-964-3022 or msipe53@comcast.net.



Since 1994, NJEA has conducted the PRIDE in Public Education campaign, a statewide effort to share public education successes with all New Jerseyans and build strong community support and involvement in our public schools. As part of its campaign, NJEA provides grants to its local/county affiliates for projects that bring the public schools out into the community and the community into the public schools.

If you have any suggestions for PRIDE activities, please feel free to contact Frank Palumbo at Central 5.

Good and Welfare - Josephine Palumbo

BIRTH:

Burnet
Hannah Caldwell
High School
Livingston
Washington
High School
Kawameeh

U.S. Savings Bond

Christine Disano - Daughter
Dalila Detorre - Son
Ben Kloc - Daughter
Marie Labisi - Son
Dana Kloc - Daughter
Jobina Rivera - Daughter
Pamela Voelksen - Son

ILLNESS:

Burnet
Conn. Farms
Franklin
High School
Burnet
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Kawameeh

Plant Arrangement

Michael Pielech
Frances Gomez
Sharon Haliniewski
Don Erdman
Laura Ditri
Jennifer Donnelly
Joseph Hrdina
Rose Sokol

MARRIAGES:

Hannah Caldwell
High School
Kawameeh
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Burnet

American Express Gift Certificate

Laurie Evans Roof
David Emma
Jennifer Franchino
Jon Winters
Felicia Hrdina-Brown

MEMORIALS:

Battle Hill
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Franklin
Hannah Caldwell
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High School
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Kawameeh
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Livingston
Battle Hill
Kawameeh
Livingston

Members

Donna Kaiser
Claire Moreira
Karen Wojcik
Karen Dooner
Kathy Jeranak
Toni Kostuk
Maryann Sinnott
Marie Dellanno
Janet Gabriel
Ed Wiecezak
Shawn Paterno
William Soranno
Carole Stegemann
Amy Carlin
Deborah Wiecezak
Marjorie Dinnerman
Pearl DuBose
Elinore Stempniewicz
Kristin Alvarez

Donations In Memory of:

Mother-in-law/Hospice of New Jersey
Father-in-law/Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice
Father-in-law/American Heart Association
Father-in-law/Center for Hope Hospice
Father/Make-A-Wish Foundation
Mother/St. Stanislaus Church
Mother/Center for Hope
Mother-in-law/American Heart Association
Mother/Wise Center Hospice
Mother-in-law/Van Dyke Hospice
Father-in-law/St. Stanislaus School
Mother/American Lung Association
Mother/Alzheimer Association
Mother/St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital
Mother/Van Dyke Hospice
Sister/American Cancer Society
Mother/Alzheimer's Association
Sister/St. Joseph's Social Center
Grandfather/Van Dyke Hospice

UTEA Trenton Rally Bus Reservations

Call Joann Palmieri, 908 851-6561 at Central 5

jpalmieri@twpunionschools.org

Dell Member Purchase Program-Attention K12 School District employees

Your school district has teamed up with Dell to provide you with exclusive discounts on Personal PCs.

Save up to 12% when using your Member ID: KS29315111 (Call 877 377-0238 for details)

<http://www.njea.org/pdfs/DellPromotion.pdf>