



Acalanes Education Association

# Newsletter



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## AEA SOCIAL - FRIDAY THE 13TH

Our next social will be Friday, March 13th from 3:30-5:30 PM at The METRO. The location is near the corner of Mt. Diablo Blvd & First Street in Lafayette. **Please join us after the PD day!**



## CORONAVIRUS - WASH YOUR HANDS

Per John Nickerson and our site staff meetings with our principals, the District is working on getting hand sanitizer for our classrooms, bleach wipes for surfaces, and instituting “deep cleanings” of rooms and areas as needed. We also need to be vigilant about washing our hands well, not touching our faces/eyes/nose, and make sure that we (and students) stay home if we are sick.

If you have any questions or concerns about your sick leave time, call Maria at the District Office benefits department at x6610 or visit the District website and click on STAFF. Find “Employees Self Service”. Your log-in information is:

**Username:** first initial last name last 4 of your SS

**Temporary password:** last 4 of your SS

**Password:** create your own upon 1st time log-in.

Forgot password? Contact Maria @ x 6610.

## TECHNOLOGY REMINDERS

District Board Policy #E. 4040 [Personnel] states: Employees are prohibited from using District technology for improper purposes, including, but not limited to, use of District technology to:

1. Access, post, display, or otherwise use material that is discriminatory, defamatory, obscene, sexually explicit, harassing, intimidating, threatening, or disruptive
2. Disclose or in any way cause to be disclosed confidential or sensitive District, employee, or student information without prior authorization from a supervisor
3. Engage in personal commercial or other for-profit activities without permission of the Superintendent or designee
4. Engage in unlawful use of District technology for political lobbying
5. Infringe on copyright, license, trademark, patent, or other intellectual property rights
6. Intentionally disrupt or harm District technology or other District operations (such as destroying District equipment, placing a virus on District computers, adding or removing a computer

program without permission, changing settings on shared computers)

7. Install unauthorized software

8. Engage in or promote unethical practices or violate any law or Board policy, administrative regulation, or District practice

Please see your site rep if you have any questions about this or ever need them to attend a meeting with you.

### SCHEDULE FOR NEXT YEAR

Our members' responses on the surveys and input from students and staff have led the Block Schedule Work Group to come up with some drafts for next years' schedule. Keep in mind that the new law states that we must start school no earlier than 8:30 AM so you can expect our new schedule to reflect that. Members will be able to vote on a couple of proposed schedules in May. The group is still working on this with the District so look for more information about this in a month or so.

### MORE SIGNATURES FOR INITIATIVE!

In order to get the **Schools and Communities First** initiative on the November ballot we must collect more signatures. This is the initiative that will change the old prop. 13 tax loophole for big businesses and allow the communities to use that tax money to improve their infrastructure and public schools. We expect that there will be \$12 million that will be shared

(60% goes to communities and 40% goes to schools). If we don't get the required 623,000 signatures we will not be able to vote for this in November. Have you signed the petition yet?



### SUPPORT FOR SAN RAMON & SUMMIT TEACHERS' UNIONS

San Ramon Valley Education Association has been unsuccessful at the negotiation table with their management. They are currently at an impasse and are preparing for a strike. Their members want a

settlement that supports its teachers, reflects the best class sizes and the best support for their students. They have invited us to support the strike fund, should they vote for one, and come to a Town Hall Meeting at the San Ramon Valley High School Library on March 12th from 7:00-8:30 PM.

Also, Summit Public Schools, who have schools around the bay area and in Washington state, want support to form a teachers' union. They are currently working with CTA to form the "Unite Summit" union and would like our support in the form of a resolution. This unionization will help improve contracts which include pay and benefits and help cut down on teacher turnover. For more information on the Unite Summit see their website <https://unitesummitteachers.com>

### AEA ELECTIONS

How have you served your local union lately? Think about becoming a site representative or an executive board member of AEA. If you are interested in running for a position email Lori @ [mstewks@yahoo.com](mailto:mstewks@yahoo.com) by March 23rd. Elections will be the second week in May.

The following positions are open:

- Site rep for Acalanes, Campolindo, Las Lomas and Miramonte
- Vice-President
- Communication and Membership Chairperson
- At-Large Member

### IMPORTANT DATES

- March 10 and 23: Organizing Team Meeting; 3:30
- March 12: CTA/Alcosta President's Forum; 9:30-3 at the Concord CTA office
- March 13: AEA Social; 3:30-5:30 at Metro in Lafayette
- March 18: AEA/AUHSD Negotiations 1-3:30 at the D.O.
- March 18: Governing Board Meeting, 7pm at the D.O.
- March 23-27: AEA Election Announcement
- March 25: Block Schedule Work Group meeting; 10:30-1:00 at the D.O.
- April 9: AEA Rep Council Meeting; 3:45 at Miramonte