



Acalanes Education Association

Newsletter


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FIRST FRIDAYS = AEA T-SHIRT DAY!

-December 6th-



Show your unity and wear your red AEA t-shirt the first Friday of each month. We'll call this #REDFORED day! Feel free to tag us on our Facebook page [@AcalanesEA](https://www.facebook.com/AcalanesEA) modeling your t-shirt!

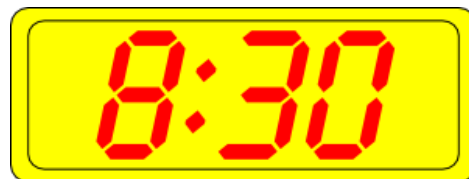
DONORS CHOOSE

While students and the District appreciate when teachers go above and beyond to secure funds through programs like GoFundMe or DonorsChoose, please always check with your principal before applying for one. It's possible there is the item you want is at another site, or in the inventory already. Also, there is a [Board Policy](#) (BP 3290) about online fundraising and an [advisement](#) about donations. Your principal may have other ideas about securing funds for your plans such as asking our Parent Clubs and/or Foundations for help.

The District doesn't want to discourage anyone from pursuing creative ways to supplement their classroom programs but they want to make sure we don't step on any toes politically since we have parent groups and foundations working hard to raise money for our schools.

NEW BILL: LATE START FOR TEENS

Senate Bill 328 was approved by our Governor on October 13th. This bill mandates that California high schools start no earlier than 8:30 AM and this needs to be implemented by July 1, 2022. How will this impact the schedule at AUHSD? We already start after 8:30 three out of five days of the week so we will need to discuss a slight change to our start schedule when we discuss our MOU and block schedule. This will be an important part of our conversation and our evaluation of block schedule.



NEGOTIATIONS SURVEY

Members will have an opportunity to have a pizza lunch meeting to learn more about the Schools & Communities First initiative and to take the new Negotiations Survey. Our negotiators need our feedback, especially about block schedule as our MOU is up at the end of the year. Please plan to join us on the following lunchtimes:

- Tuesday, November 12 - Acalanes
- Wednesday, November 13 - Miramonte
- Thursday, November 14 - Las Lomas
- Friday, November 15 - Campolindo

TEACHING WITHOUT ELECTRICITY

Due to PG&E power outages and damaged power lines we've had some dark and quiet days at 3 of the 4 high schools (Campolindo, Miramonte, and Acalanes). Teachers at these three sites have had to teach without power. When the power is out, we have no computers, no phones, no heat, no lights, no fire alarms, etc. The District worked with site principals to make sure student and faculty bathrooms had light and administrators and many office staff, custodians, and campus supervisors paroled each site checking for hazards like intruders, fires, etc. The District and site administrators used the InTouch system to text all of us on cell phones. These InTouch messages were hit or miss as some areas did not have cell service for all carriers. We discovered that the emergency flip phones we have in our backpacks don't necessarily hold their charge or work reliably when cell towers are not reliable.

The District recognizes all these issues and these days without power have been challenging. They are looking into generators to keep the intranet (phones, heat, alarms) running in a power outage. They are also trying to find out the cost of using our solar panel electricity so that the power from the panels could go directly to the sites in need.

Unfortunately, these shut offs, fires, etc. are likely to become the new normal and one of the things we discussed with the District is building in "snow days" in case we need to close schools for several days in the future. This will be discussed when we look to the 2021-2022 calendar. This extra day(s) would be planned into the calendar just in case we need it. If we didn't need it, that day would be converted into a vacation day. This year, the District will ask the board to ask the state for a waiver for the 1 day that Acalanes missed.

SHOW THE BOARD MEMBERS



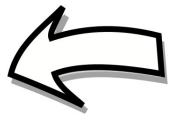
Are you doing something cool in your classroom? Is it photo-worthy? Email Sarah Morgan, sarahcmorgan@gmail.com, Communications Chair, a photo with a caption, and it will be sent to the

board each month to show them what's going on in classrooms, from our perspective! This is a time to show off and spread the fun. This is also a way in which we can advocate for our current programs. Let's show the board our strong membership.

NEW TEACHER MEETINGS

It's time to check in with our new members! How are you doing? We're glad you are here in AUHSD and we want to support you. This time we want to focus on your financial future and give you some retirement advice from CTA and our AEA leadership. Please join us on Monday morning @ 7:30 AM:

November 18 - Acalanes room TBD
December 2 - Campolindo room G1
December 9 - Las Lomas room 516
December 16 - Miramonte room TBD



IMPORTANT DATES

November 7, 2019 - Rep Council Meeting, 3:45 at LLHS
November 13, 2019 - AHS Member Pizza Lunch rm 201
November 14, 2019 - MHS Member Pizza Lunch TBD
November 15, 2019 - LLHS Member Pizza Lunch rm 200
November 16, 2019 - CHS Member Pizza Lunch TBC
November 18 2019 - New Member Coffee @ AHS 7:30
November 20, 2019 - Governing Board Mtg 7pm at DO
December 2 2019 - New Member Coffee @ CHS 7:30
December 5, 2019 - Block Schedule MOU Committee Meeting, 3:45 at the District Office
December 6 2019 - WEAR YOUR AEA SHIRTS!! RED FOR ED FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH!
December 9 2019 - New Member Coffee @ LLHS, 7:30
December 11, 2019 - Governing Board Mtg 7pm @ DO (Block Schedule will be discussed)
December 12, 2019 - Rep Council Mtg 3:45 at MHS
December 16, 2019 - New Member Coffee @ MHS 7:30

