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Percentage of membership that voted: 88%
STAY INFORMED... IT’S UP TO YOU !!!!

{A Monthly Feature in The Commentator}

Respectfully submitted by: Flip Gertler – VP Political Action

Below are some important articles to keep you up to date with current educational issues. These issues will directly affect your job on a daily basis.

NYSUT UNITED – March 2012
Add your voice! Act now! (p.6-8)

Brief Summary: After recently returning from the Committee of 100 lobbying day in Albany, the power of Governor Cuomo has been realized. Senators and assemblymen both agreed that whatever Governor Cuomo wants, he gets. It is our job to continue to push our elected officials to do what is right when it comes to educational funding. We are at a breakpoint after consecutive years of bare bones budgets and the first year of the ill-conceived property tax cap. See how you can help. Take responsibility and do your part to help preserve and protect our rights and benefits. Make your voice heard!

Useful FACEBOOK links for teachers

NYSUT United (formerly known as NY Teacher) --- http://www.facebook.com/NYSUTUnited

AFT – (American Federation of Teachers)
http://www.facebook.com/AFTunion

NEA – (National Education Association)
http://www.facebook.com/NEA.ORG

Other useful links for teachers

AFT (American Federation of Teachers) - http://www.aft.org/

NYSUT United (New York State United Teachers) – http://www.nysut.org

Speak Up for Education and Kids (National Education Association) - http://www.educationvotes.nea.org/

We Are One (AFL-CIO) - http://www.aflcio.org/issues/states/
### General Membership Meeting - February 28, 2012 Report

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### New Babies...

Jennifer Urciuoli 2nd grade teacher at Fishkill Elementary School gave birth to her second beautiful daughter, Natalie Maryse Urciuoli on 2/10/12.

Congrats to Anthony Del Greco (JJ Spec Ed) and his wife Brianne on the birth of their second son Dalton Thomas Del Greco on 2/20/2012.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!
Wappingers Congress of Teachers Recognition Dinner

Honoring 2012 Retirees,
Members with 25 Years of Service,
Members Granted Tenure,
& National Board Certified Teachers.

Friday, May 18th, 2012
6:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

Cocktail Hour with Carving Station
Top Shelf Open Bar
Dinner Choice: Chicken Marsala, Prime Rib, Salmon
Cake & Coffee

Price: $40.00 per person - Free for 2012 retirees
RSVP to the WCT Office by Friday, April 27, 2012

Please return this lower portion of the invitation with your payment. Checks are to be made out to “WCT”. Reservation accepted until Friday, April 27, 2012.

Name: ____________________________________________________

Number attending: __________ Building: _________________

Dinner Entrée Choice:
Chicken Marsala: _______ Prime Rib: _______ Salmon: _______

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With serious budget problems facing the District in 2012, there is again talk of combining two subjects into ONE class to save money. Students were asked for their input for this proposal. Some of their suggestions were as follows:

Physical Education Dance Classes with Home Economics
   To be called “SHAKE & BAKE”

Criminal Justice Classes with Industrial Art
   To be called “COP & SHOP”

Women Writers with Computer Communication classes
   To be called “FEMALES & E-MAILS”

Phys Ed Weight-Lifting Classes with Food Preparation Classes
   To be called “MUSCLES & MUSSELS”

Geology classes with Business-Finance classes
   To be called “ROCKS & STOCKS”

Sex Education classes with English Grammar Classes
   To be called “DIAPHRAGMING SENTENCES”

AND THE WINNER IS…

Biology-Human Reproduction classes with Politics & Government classes
   To be called “SCREWING & GETTING SCREWED”
# 3rd Annual Ketcham 5K
## Race/Walk and 1 Mile Kids Run

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<td>Bob Stocks农历 845-298-5100 x 31162 or <a href="mailto:Robert.Stocks@wappingerschools.org">Robert.Stocks@wappingerschools.org</a></td>
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<td>Pre-registration:</td>
<td>Make checks payable to RCK Track and Field Booster Club and mail to David Budd, Roy C. Ketcham High School, 99 Myers Corners Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590</td>
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<td>Restrictions:</td>
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I know that running and road racing are potentially hazardous activities. I will not enter this race unless I am medically able and properly trained. I assume all risks associated with this event, including but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, and the effects of the weather including low temperature and/or precipitation, traffic, and the condition of the road, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, in consideration of accepting this entry, I, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release any and all claims for damages I may have against Wappingers Central Schools, RCK Track and Field Booster club, Town of Wappingers, Race Director(s), and their agents, employees representatives, successors, and assigns, from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, and causes of action whatsoever arising directly or indirectly from my participation in this event. I also release my right s to any photos, videos, images, etc. taken of me during this event.

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( Parent’s signature if under 18)

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE RCK XC/TRACK AND FIELD TEAMS**
For Sale: Steinway & Sons Grand Piano $17,999
Dealers are selling this used for $26,000. Call Bridget at (845) 635-1956

For Rent: The Commons in Fishkill... First floor, large 1BR condo. Unit includes full size washer/dryer, SGD to patio, access to Clubhouse and indoor swimming pool, assigned parking. No smoking/pets. Security, credit/references required. 845-297-2853

For Rent: LBI New Jersey house with two separate levels. Each level sleeps eight, has air conditioning, sit-in kitchen, two bedrooms, deck, and living room with cable TV and DVD player. Both levels share an outdoor washer/dryer, grill, and refreshing outdoor shower. The house is located at 102 East NY, which is six houses from the beach on the ocean side. Please call 914-403-2692 if you would like to learn more about this ideal vacation spot. You can also go to lbirealestate.com and search these listing numbers to see information about the rental - 2789 and 2790.

For Rent: Summer Rental Eastham, Cape Cod 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath. CLOSE TO LOTS! $1500 per week. Call (845) 297-1837

John Jay Artists

Three John Jay High School students (Sara Wagner, Anne Marie Ferraiolo and Gabby Padilla) are 3 out of 19 in the Hudson Valley region that completed the Garrison Art Center Mentor Program. This is an independent study program (outside of school) in which motivated art students design a proposal for an art project or series and are then paired with mentor artists that help them develop their work and ideas over the course of 3 months. Feel free to congratulate them or ask them about the project they designed. :)

They had their big art opening on Saturday, March 3 from 3-5pm at the Garrison Art Center, in Garrison, NY www.garrisonartcenter.org

The work was on display from March 3 - March 18.
Your wedding or party should be like no other in the world, and Enriquez Entertainment is like no other company for your event! We are honored to have been chosen as a part of so many special occasions and for the opportunity to provide outstanding entertainment to make every function exciting and elegant.

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The claim for prescription co-pay reimbursement for the 2011 calendar year must be received by March 31, 2012. Forms are available on the WCT website – wcteachers.org or you can call the WCT office (845-227-5065). Receipts or a computer printout from your pharmacy are accepted. However, a printout is much easier to process and will compensate for any misplaced receipts.

If you need any further information, please call the WCT office.
Important Information about the WCT Welfare Trust Fund

Trustees:
Christine Romano, Chairperson
Kim Mahusky, Treasurer
Erin Mulligan, Secretary
Flip Gertler, Trustee
Pasquale Delli Carpini, Trustee
Ronnie Dwyer, Administrator

- You must let the WTF know of any changes in your personal information ASAP
- Student verification forms must be sent to Daniel H. Cook every semester
- Dental & prescription reimbursement forms are on-line at the WTF website
- Please direct all questions & concerns to the WCT office or directly to Daniel H. Cook

From the WCT Welfare Trust Fund
A financial consultant from Stacey Braun Associates, Inc. will be in the WCT office on the following dates:
April 18, 2012
May 16, 2012
June 13, 2012
Appointments are one-hour blocks available between 2:00-6:00 PM on a first-come first-served basis. When you call the office to schedule an appointment, we will forward a questionnaire to you. Please complete it and bring it with you to the meeting.
Since these slots fill up very quickly, call as soon as possible! If the above dates are not convenient for you, call Stacey Braun Associates, Inc. directly and other arrangements may be possible.
Stacey Braun has no affiliations with any 403(b) Providers.

Directions to the WCT Office
- The WCT Office is in the Heritage Square complex at 2537 Route 52 in Hopewell Junction.
- Heritage Square is a short distance east of the intersection of Routes 376 and 52 and west of the Taconic State Parkway.
- Enter the parking lot and make the second right turn into the parking area
  - Enter the main entrance of the building.
  - The sign over the main entrance reads “Prudential”
  - Take stairs or elevator to the 2nd floor
  - Go right, all the way to the end
- Look for the “Wappingers Congress of Teachers” sign posted on the Suite 15 door

Important Phone Numbers:
WCT Office............................(845) 227-5065
Daniel H. Cook......................(1-800) 342-6651
Mirkin & Gordon (attorneys)..............(914) 997-1576
Davis Vision...........................(1-800) 999-5431
Stacey Braun Associates (fin.consultant) ..(1-888) 949-1925
Health Advocate ....................(1-866) 695-8622

WCT Office Address
2537 Route 52, Suite 15
Hopewell Junction, NY 12533
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1. The President of the WCT should present his/her views in a message to the members from time to time, but not less than bimonthly.

2. Signed Letters to the Editor (of responsible length) containing personal views from members and subscribers shall be published subject to laws of libel.

3. Members of the WCT may place articles adhering to the Canons of Journalism concerned with WCT positions, policies, and issues of interest to teachers in the Commentary Section. (For both Letters to the Editor and the Commentary Section, the writer’s name and WCT affiliation shall be attached, and an editor’s note shall accompany these sections indicating that “The opinions expressed do not necessarily reflect the official views and policies of the WCT.”)

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For prompt placement of advertisements and articles in upcoming issues of the WCT COMMENTATOR, e-mail the information to commentator@wcteachers.org. Information can also be sent to the editor at the WCT Office. Do not send articles or ads through the GroupWise e-mail system.