WCT COMMENTATOR Policy

The content of the WCT COMMENTATOR shall reflect the official positions and policies of the WCT, with the following three exceptions:

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.”)

Reprints of articles from the WCT COMMENTATOR are allowable only with the permission of the WCT President.

WCT COMMENTATOR Advertising Policy

The WCT COMMENTATOR advertising policy as adopted by the Executive Board is as follows:

Noncommercial (Personal) ads for WCT MEMBERS only will be run for two issues at no charge.

Commercial (Business) ads for WCT MEMBERS only: guaranteed placement for half of the school year, $35.00 per half year payable Sept. 15th and Feb. 1st or $5.00 per issue.

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.

East Fishkill Community Day a Success!

As my counterpart, Ellen Korz, wrote in the last Commentator about how important it is to be community minded and volunteer some time to show our important role in our community; so too must I! The east end of the district had a glorious fall day to celebrate the East Fishkill Community Day.

Our Wappingers Congress of Teachers had a table under the big town tent and we gave away pencils, and a free raffle for a $50.00 gift certificate to a locally owned and operated restaurant. The community always appreciates our efforts and our generosity at this event. This event could not have been as successful without the help of the following members:

Patti Dean(FP), Steve DelBiondo(FP), Paula Fusco(JJ), Pat Gullick(FP), Ann Hack(GH), John Lane(JJ), Greg Pikor(FP), and Lucy Zollner(VW & WJ). Thank you all for your help and your commitment to our community.

Emily Guthoff

A Tale of Inclusion (reprinted from http://www.aft.org/teachers/index.htm)

The AFT is a partner in supporting “Including Samuel,” a new documentary by photojournalist Dan Habib. The film, which comes to public television in September and October (Disability Awareness Month), is the story of Habib’s son, Samuel, who has cerebral palsy. The film’s Web site features a schedule of broadcasts as well as resource materials. AFT members who purchase the DVD receive a 10 percent discount (20 percent off purchases of six DVDs or more) by using the coupon code IS10AFT.
Polling Places
December 1, 2009
6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Get out and Vote to Support the Proposed New BOCES Building!

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For Sale: Apple desktop computer with OS 10.4.11 (Tiger), Intellimouse with software, keyboard $200; Samsung 17" flatscreen monitor $50; brand new (still in unopened box) HP Photosmart All-In-One printer-scanner-copier $90; or take everything for $325. (845) 297-6529.

Free: Set of World Book Encyclopedias, white bound with green accents, from 1963, in excellent condition. All the young people who used this set of encyclopedias have met with success in life—prestigious colleges and graduate schools, PhD degrees and law degrees. FREE. Contact Sandy (845) 452-2436.

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Get Your WCT Gear

Short sleeve tees, long sleeve tees, and lanyards are available for purchase at the WCT Office. Shirts range in size from small through 3X. Please stop by the office to make your purchases. Payment for these items must be a check made out to WCT - cash will not be accepted.

WCT Gear is available at the WCT Office:
- $9 for short sleeve tee
- $12 for long sleeve tee
- $2 for lanyards

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BOARDS OF EDUCATION MEETINGS 2009-2010
7:30pm at Central Office - Please try to attend at least ONE of your Scheduled Meetings!

October 26 RCK Orchard View Van Wyck
November 2 Myers Corners Evans Oak Grove
November 16 Brinkerhoff Sheafe Rd. Wapp. Jr. High
December 7 Gayhead Fishkill Plains Fishkill Elem.
December 14 John Jay Vassar Rd. Kinry Rd.
January 11 RCK Orchard View Van Wyck
January 25 Myers Corners Evans Oak Grove
March 8 John Jay Vassar Road Kinry Road
March 22 RCK Orchard View Van Wyck
April 5 Myers Corners Evans Oak Grove
April 20 Brinkerhoff Sheafe Road Wapp. Jr. High
May 5 Gayhead Fishkill Plains Fishkill Elem. Oak Grove
May 24 John Jay Vassar Road Kinry Road Sheafe Road
June 14 RCK Orchard View Van Wyck Wapp. Jr. High
Health Insurance Open Enrollment

November is the month that you have the opportunity to change your health insurance plan. There are four meetings scheduled with representatives from MVP, CDPHP and Empire Blue Cross & Blue Shield (Alternate Blue Choice PPO). There will be a question and answer period following a brief presentation from each representative.

Anyone electing to change their health insurance plan must complete an application and return it to Ms. Carleen Scherer in the Business Office by Monday, November 30. Applications may be obtained in the Business Office for any one of the three plans.

If you elect to change your insurance plan, it will become effective January 1, 2010. You will be covered by your present plan through December 31, 2009.

If you do not wish to change your insurance plan, you do not have to call Ms. Scherer.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Scherer at (845) 298-5000 ext. 113.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS
1. 11/02/09 District Office 10AM
2. 11/06/09 Van Wyck Jr. High 3PM
3. 11/10/09 Myers Corners ES 5:30PM
4. 11/13/09 Oak Grove ES 4PM

***REMINDER
Please remember, there is a 3 month waiting period if you want to change from individual to family coverage without a qualifying event or have the buy-out and wish to enroll for health insurance with a January 1, 2010 effective date. You will have to submit an application for health insurance by October 30, 2009 to Ms. Scherer in the Business Office. Please keep in mind there is a three month waiting period for these changes. If you have any questions please call Ms. Scherer.