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The WCT COMMENTATOR

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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

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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.

Dutchess BOCES

Polling Places

December 1, 2009

6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Get out and Vote to Support the Proposed New BOCES Building!

Component District	Location	Contact Person
Arlington	Union Vale Middle School (Lobby) 1657 East Noxon Road, LaGrangeville	Doug Damiani
Beacon	Beacon High School (Community Room) 101 Matteawan Road, Beacon	Mitchell Shron
Dover	Dover Middle School (Lobby) 2368 Route 22, Dover	John Jeffrey
Hyde Park	Haviland Middle School (Gymnasium) 23 Haviland Road, Hyde Park	Doug Damiani
Millbrook	Millbrook Middle School (Auditorium) 43 Alden Place, Millbrook	Doug Damiani
Pawling	Pawling Elementary School (Multi-Purpose Room) 7 Haight Street, Pawling	John Jeffrey
Pine Plains	Stissing Mountain Middle/High School (corridor outside Auditorium) 2829 Church Street, Pine Plains	Mitchell Shron
Poughkeepsie	Poughkeepsie Middle School (Lobby) 55 College Avenue, Poughkeepsie	Doug Damiani
Red Hook	Red Hook High School (Lobby) 103 West Market Street, Red Hook	Mitchell Shron
Rhinebeck	Rhinebeck Middle School/High School (Room 127) 45 North Park Road, Rhinebeck	John Jeffrey
Spackenkill	Orville Todd Middle School (Lobby) 11 Croft Road, Poughkeepsie	Doug Damiani
Wappingers	Van Wyck Junior High School (Lobby) Hillside Lake Road	John Jeffrey
Webutuck	Webutuck High School (Library) 194 Haight Road, Amenia	Mitchell Shron

MEMBERS' CLASSIFIED ADS

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.

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- \$9 for short sleeve tee
- \$12 for long sleeve tee
- \$2 for lanyards



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2009-2010 Newsletter Schedule

October 2, 2009	February 19, 2010
October 16, 2009	March 5, 2010
November 6, 2009	March 19, 2010
November 20, 2009	April 9, 2010
December 4, 2009	April 23, 2010
December 18, 2009	May 7, 2010
January 8, 2010	May 21, 2010
January 22, 2010	June 4, 2010
February 5, 2010	June 18, 2010

Welfare Trust Fund Notes...

Trustees:

Christine Romano, Chairperson
 Betty Seifert, Treasurer
 Erin Mulligan, Secretary
 Philip Gertler, Trustee
 Pasquale Delli Carpini, Trustee
 Ronnie Dwyer, Administrator
 WCT Telephone Number: 845-227-5065
 Daniel H. Cook Telephone Number: 1-800-342-6651

- 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

BOARD 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	January 25	Myers Corners Evans Oak Grove	April 20	Brinkerhoff Sheafe Road Wapp. Jr. High
Nov. 2	Myers Corners Evans Oak Grove	February 8	Brinkerhoff Sheafe Rd. Wapp. Jr. High	May 5	Gayhead Fishkill Plains Fishkill Elem. Oak Grove
Nov. 16	Brinkerhoff Sheafe Road Wapp. Jr. High	February 22	Gayhead Fishkill Plains Fishkill Elem.	May 24	John Jay Vassar Road Kinry Road Sheafe Road
Dec. 7	Gayhead Fishkill Plains Fishkill Elem.	March 8	John Jay Vassar Road Kinry Road	June 14	RCK Orchard View Van Wyck Wapp. Jr. High
Dec. 14	John Jay Vassar Rd. Kinry Rd.	March 22	RCK Orchard View Van Wyck		
January 11	RCK Orchard View Van Wyck	April 5	Myers Corners Evans Oak Grove		

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.



also from the Welfare Trust Fund

The attorney will be in the WCT offices to meet with members on the following dates:

November 18

December 16

January 20

February 17

March 17

April 21

May 19

June 16.

Times - 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Please call 227-5065 to schedule an appointment.

On September 1st, New York State imposed the following surcharges to bail out the MTA:

- \$2 annual fee on all licenses
- \$25 annual fee on all passenger vehicles
- \$50 annual fee on all diesel vehicles over 8500 lbs

Voice your opposition - call now!!!

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Tuesday, October 20, 2009 7:00PM Eastern Time

Whether you are a new or seasoned candidate support provider, you will want to join us for the important reflections of veteran candidate support providers. This session will explore issues of candidate recruitment and support from the perspective of teachers in high need schools and teachers of color. Hear successful strategies and activities used by the DREAM TEAM to assist you in advancing the growth of National Board Certification in your community.

