

Entertainment Books Are Here

The 2008 Entertainment Books have arrived at the MEA Office. Each book is \$25 and proceeds go to the MEA Scholarship Fund. Here are some examples of the great discounts you get with each book:

- 2 for 1 Greens Fees at 15 different Valley Golf Courses
- \$5 off a \$15 Purchase at Daphne's Greek Café (3 Valley Locations)
- 20% off one item at Bed, Bath and Beyond
- 2 for 1 admission to the Tempe Improv
- And much more!

Books are only available until December 18, so get your book while they last! Stop by the MEA Office to pick one up, or send a request with your payment to the MEA Office and we will school mail your book.



Tutors Needed!

Interested in making extra money and helping kids at the same time?
Sign up for the MEA Tutor Bank!

We provide your name and phone number to parents who are looking for tutors for their children. You set your rate, availability, and where you will tutor.

We have a desperate need for High School tutors, especially in Math and Science. These are probably our most requested grade levels and subjects. However, all grade levels and subjects are welcome.

If you are interested in signing up, please contact Heather at the MEA Office, 833-8400, Ext. 101.

(You must be a current MEA Member to participate.)

MEA Calendar of Events

September - October 2007

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
17 <i>RSVP Due for NCLB Training on Thurs, 9/20</i>	18	19	20 <i>NCLB Training, 5 PM, Painted Mtn Golf Resort (Recker/McKellips)</i>	21 <i>Please RSVP for September FR Meetings by 5 PM Today</i>	22
24	25 <i>West Side FR Meeting, 4:15 PM **Mi Amigo's** (Gilbert/Southern)</i>	26 <i>East Side FR Meeting, 4:15 PM Mi Amigo's (Power/Southern)</i>	27	28	29
1	2 <i>MEA Exec Board, 4:15 PM MEA Office</i>	3	4	5	6
8	9	10 <i>End of 1st Quarter</i>	11 <i>Fall Break No School</i>	12 <i>Fall Break No School</i>	13
15	16 <i>MEA Exec Board, 4:15 PM MEA Office</i>	17	18	19 <i>Please RSVP for October FR Meetings by 5 PM Today</i>	20 <i>AEA Committee Day</i>
22	23 <i>West Side FR Meeting, 4:15 PM Dobson Ranch Inn (Dobson/US 60)</i>	24 <i>East Side FR Meeting, 4:15 PM Mi Amigo's (Power/Southern)</i>	25 <i>1/2 Day New Rep Training, TBD, MEA Office</i>	26	27

New Faculty Rep Training on October 25



If you are a new MEA Faculty Rep – or if you feel that you still have much to learn about the Rep’s job – you are welcome to participate in a training session on Thursday, October 25. The afternoon session will begin at 1:00 p.m. at the MEA Office at 1032 E. University Dr. Please call the MEA Office at 833-8400, Ext. 101 no later than October 18 to reserve your spot. Once your spot has been reserved, PARF for one-half day of personal leave, and MEA will reimburse to you the cost of your substitute. Watch your mailboxes for more information about this training coming soon.

MEA Membership Team

By Faith Risolo

I am a member of MEA and because of that, I feel a sense of ownership over my professional life and the work my Association does on our behalf, as well as our students. But I wanted to do more and so, I am also a member of MEA's Membership Team.

The team also consists of Tiffany Bunstein, Andrea Kowalzyk, Shirley Thomas, and Tim Dibble. Being a part of this group of talented and creative leaders gives me an opportunity to determine what kind of activities, training, and strategies will keep members informed and engaged. We help the president determine the best ways to meet the needs of our current and future Association members so that MEA can continue to be relevant and responsive. We also have fun, which in our professional lives, cannot be minimized.

I encourage you to contact Kirk Hinsey at the MEA Office (833-8400, Ext. 102) and volunteer to be a part of the Membership team. We need your energy and ideas. MEA is worth investing time in.



The MEA Membership Team hosting the New Teachers' Social Hour at Mi Amigo's on August 30, 2007.

Teacher To Teacher Professional Development A Hit!

By Joe Thomas, MEA Vice President

MEA entered the realm of professional development last week. The first two courses offered in the Teacher To Teacher series received great, positive feedback. Teachers who attended were impressed by the information presented, happy to receive a \$15 stipend, and were able to be home in time for dinner, watch *House* or find out *Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader?*

Teachers will be able to sign up for our next courses after September 18th. "Understanding the Evaluation Process in Arizona" is scheduled for October 30th. "Understanding the Law: Reporting Child Abuse" is scheduled for November 13th. The courses are open to all Mesa teachers.



MEA Record

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Visit us on the web:

www.mesateachers.org

The MEA Record Marketplace is returning!



If you have an item you would like to sell, please submit your ad to Heather at the MEA Office before 5 PM on the 10th of each month. Ads are limited to 25 words or less, not including name and home telephone number.

Items that are second income related, contrary to the common beliefs of the MEA/AEA/NEA, or pose a possible threat to the community will not be accepted.



Do you like to write?

Would you like to share your story of how MEA has helped you?

Interested on reporting on an MEA or AEA event you attended?

Or have another idea for a Record article?

If so, please submit your story or ideas to Heather at the MEA Office. Articles must be received no later than 5 PM on the 10th of each month. Please include a contact number or email.

All articles must conform to established length and be appropriate for the purposes of this publication. Information in articles needs to be journalistically and factually sound. We reserve the right to edit for grammar, mechanics, and clarity.

We will notify you if we use your submission.

Top Ten Reasons to visit the MEA Website:

10. Did you even know we had a website? If not, now you can tell your fellow teachers.
9. Links to the AEA and NEA sites with a wealth of useful information.
8. It's easy to remember: www.mesateachers.org.
7. View the MEA Handbook online.
6. Photos from past events - to relive the good times, or see what you missed.
5. Information on discounts and benefits available to you as an MEA Member.
4. You can quickly RSVP for upcoming Faculty Assemblies via email.
3. A link to a Calendar of Events for the entire year.
2. A list of your Officers and Executive Board Members - so you know who to bring concerns to.

And the Number 1 reason to visit the MEA Website:

1. Staying informed helps Members Make It Happen!

Did You Know?

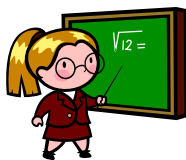
AEA has several helpful legal publications available to its members. If you would like a copy of any of these publications, please contact the MEA Office at 833-8400.

Available Publications:

- *Arizona Revised Statutes Reference Guide*
- *Child Abuse*
- *Employee Rights for Arizona Teachers*
- *Employee Discrimination*
- *ESP Employments Problems*
- *Free Speech*
- *Guide to Grievances*
- *Interpreting School Policies*
- *Leaving Your Job?*
- *Legal Services Program*
- *NEA Attorney Referral Program*
- *Reporting Serious Misconduct*
- *Requesting Public Records*
- *Sexual Harassment*
- *Should You Sue Your Employer?*
- *Tips for Witnesses*
- *Violence and Threats at School*

These publications are also available on AEA's Website at www.arizonaaea.org. You will need to click on **Members Login** and follow the directions. Once logged on, click on **Legal Publications** under **Resources** in the right vertical column.

A list of these publications and links to the AEA site can also be found at www.mesateachers.org.



Wanted: Student Teachers

Do you have a student teacher this year? If so, please encourage them to join the AEA. Remember, MEA will pay their dues, so it is FREE for them to join. Also, when they join the AEA as a certified teacher, they will receive a rebate from NEA. Call the MEA Office to get forms sent to you.

Help us build a stronger AEA!