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Attitude Adjustment

Ron "Duff" Martin, ECAE President

The other day while reading through some of my favorite leadership materials I use for training the student council at South, I found this story written by Thomas Dreier entitled "The Two Philosophers." I feel the story applies to all of us as we end our school year and maybe offers some thoughts of what the 2010-2011 school year will bring.

I believe a referendum is necessary for our district to continue the outstanding service we provide to the young people of our community. I believe that referendum must happen sooner than later. We must be the ones to help change the attitude of the community, and for some of us it might mean changing our own attitudes!

The story goes like this: "Once there were two philosophers who were seeking to discover the secret of perpetual youth. One of them spent all his time in a laboratory pouring over bulky volumes, experimenting with mystic formulas, and muttering the uncanny spells and incantations of the old magicians. He buried himself in his work and gradually shut himself away from his fellowmen.

One day he was looking into a mirror, and he realized his disappointment. He became insane. For, despite all his spells and potions, the wrinkles had spread over his face like widening ripples on the wind swept waters. His body was bent and withered. His skin was yellow and dry as parchment, and his eyes were weary and unspeakably aged. He had failed in his search.

The other philosopher went out into the world. He laughed with the children upon the street corners. He smiled at all those he met, and they smiled back at him. Each night he slept under the guardianship of the stars, and from them he learned something of the beauty of eternity. He read the mystery in the heart of a flower, and his ear was tuned to discern the delicately shaded calls of the songbirds. He loved people...and they loved him.

So although his hair grew as white as the hawthorn's blossoms, his blue eyes remained clear, frank and merry. He carried his body proud, and his brow was as smooth and untroubled as a child's. The hand of time had passed over him lightly.

He had discovered that the secret of perpetual youth lay deep down in his heart."

This story reminds me of this quotation: "Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us, or we find it not."

Whatever thing of great value a person is looking for, they must first find it within themselves. This applies to wealth, security, love, happiness—riches of any kind, success of any kind. Unless it exists first within us, we won't be able to find it even if we're surrounded by it on all sides.

As the Chinese philosopher Lao-Tse put it in just seven words, "The way to do...is to be." Many great teachers have said the same thing. Goethe said, "Before you can do something...you must be something." But this seems to be a difficult lesson to learn. Living is really nothing more than matching up on the outside what we really are on the inside. If we're unhappy with our destiny in life, with what we're getting, we have to bring about a change from inside...before the outer change we seek can happen. The important thing to know is that this inner change can be managed. It's not easy and it may take some time, but we can change. And as we do, our world will change to reflect the changing person.

William James summarized this as: "The greatest discovery of my generation is that human beings can alter their lives by altering their attitudes of mind." And with that I wish you a wonderful relaxing summer!

Educationally Yours,

Ron "Duff" Martin, President

**Eau Claire Association of Educators
General Membership Meeting
June 2, 2010—4:30 P.M.
Memorial High School Auditorium
No Absentee Voting
Children of Members Welcome**



Important Dates:

- 6/1 Memorial Day
- 6/2 General Membership Meeting
- 6/7 BOE Meeting
- 6/21 BOE Meeting
- 6/21 First Day of Summer



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*Bees, Snails,
& Peacock Tails*
Written by
Betsy Franco
Illustrated by
Steve Jenkins

Discover the hidden
patterns and shapes of
nature, from the
hexagons in beehives to
the dazzling circular
eyes of a peacock's tail.
Brilliantly illustrated by
Steve Jenkins.

Margaret K. McElderry
Books/Simon &
Schuster,
www.simonsayskids.



NEA's Read Across America—Building a Nation of Readers

June is Celebrate Summer Reading Month

Carole Galloy

Tip of the Month: Trying to connect with local children's authors? Go straight to the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, www.scbwi.org. You'll find links to local chapters, news about your favorite authors, and an illustrators gallery.

Link of the Month: Did you know that best-selling author James Patterson is a real champion of reading? Check out readkiddoread.com, Patterson's Web site, promoting his favorite books and authors. The site also offers readers' guides to your favorite books.

Activity of the Month: Summer is a great time for community service. You can read to children at a local shelter, set up a fundraiser for NEA's Books Across America, or repaint a school or public library reading room. Go to serve.gov or Youth Service America, www.ysa.org, for more information and tips on getting involved and grants to carry out your project.

June Literacy Dates:

June: Summer Reading Begins. Look for summer booklists and reading tips from Read Across America and its partners. www.nea.org/readacross

June 25 Eric Carle's Birthday. www.picturebookart.org

Read Across America
www.nea.org/readacross

ECAE Scholarship Recipients

Carole Galloy

Thank you to the ECAE Scholarship Committee—Sue Fulkerson, Pamela Larson, Danielle Richardson and Gwenn Bahnson—for giving of your time and expertise in the selection of this year's scholarship recipients. In all, there were fifteen applicants, each with superb academic records, outstanding achievements, and wonderful personal stories, but we could only choose five. They are:

Alex Craker. Memorial H.S. Plans to attend UW-EC.

Brittany Landorf. Memorial H.S. Applied to Macalester College and UW-Madison.

Benjamin Lange. Memorial H.S. Applied to UW-Madison and UM-Twin Cities.

Mariah Mousel. North H.S. Applied to UW-EC and UM-Twin Cities.

Sarah Smith. Memorial H.S. Applied to UW-Madison, UM-Twin Cities and UI-Iowa City.

ECAE Poster Contest Winners

All Eau Claire students were asked to participate in a poster contest to acquire art for the ECAE office permanent collection. Students were required to include a picture of their school in some way. Winners were chosen from participating schools and were invited to an opening on May 11, 2010.



Cake was and ice cream was enjoyed by all.



These are a few of the students with some of their posters. Feel free to stop in the ECAE office and take a look at the posters any time.



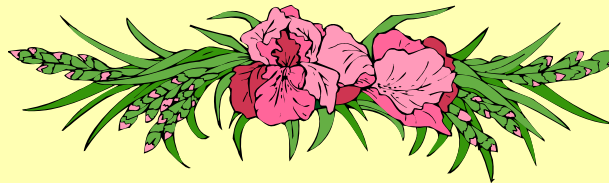
NOTICE:

Please send your home emails to Carol Miller at: miller@weac.org

Congratulations ECAE Retirees

Barbara Anderson—23 years of service
 Susan Bonk—20 years of service
 Susan Camrud—23.5 years of service
 Brenda Cisek—25 years of service
 Barbara Cizek—34 years of service
 Debra Davis—27 years of service
 Sharon DeRusha—33 years of service
 Paul Dundas—33 years of service
 Neal Fleming—28 years of service
 Carole Galloy—20 years of service
 Mary Giles—31 years of service
 Beth Gharrity-Johnson—
 23 years of service
 Timothy Harding—31 years of service
 Marilyn Hempel—20 years of service

Charles Henning—21 years of service
 Thomas Kidd—23 years of service
 Patricia Kluck—39 years of service
 Bonni Knigh —27.5 years of service
 Geraldine Lee—35 years of service
 Nancy Marine—30 years of service
 Mary McFarlane—35 years of service
 Carol Miller—33 years of service
 Helene Smiar—16.5 years of service
 Suzanne Smith—29 years of service
 Carol Sutphen—25 years of service
 Patricia Telisak—25 years of service
 Ellen Teske—32 years of service
 Mark Turner—32 years of service
 Paula Wainscott—26 years of service



Friend of Education Award

On May 27, ECAE will present the annual Friend of Education Award to Diane Willer, an information specialist in the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire human resources department, at the Celebration of Service banquet.

Diane Willer has demonstrated advocacy for students and public education, supported the work of teachers in area schools, and shown respect for the people and work of the association.

Willer is the parent of a 21-year-old son and a 15-year-old daughter who have attended Eau Claire area schools. She has served on the Locust Lane Elementary PTO, the Northstar Middle School PTSA and has been an active, eight-year member of the Parent Advisory Council for the Eau Claire Schools representing Locust Lane, Northstar and North High School.

She recently assisted judging for National History Day at Northstar and is a member of the "Parents Who Host" community action team—a subcommittee for the Consortium for Substance Abuse Prevention in Eau Claire County. Willer also chaired a district-wide fundraiser to help pay for field trips for district students.

"I am so surprised and honored," said Willer. "I have a passion for public education, the students and the staff. During these tough economic times, educators have had to overcome more than they ever have and still provide students with a quality education. Our community should applaud our educators; they are the ones who deserve the awards."



It's All About Time

"Time is free, but it's priceless. You can't own it, but you can use it. You can't keep it, but you can spend it. Once you've lost it you can never get it back."

—Harvey MacKay

"You can't change the past, but you can ruin the present by worrying about the future." —Anonymous

"Don't count every hour in the day, make every hour in the day count."

—Anonymous

"Yesterday is a canceled check, tomorrow is a promissory note; today is the only cash you have—so spend it wisely."

—Kay Lyons

"We all have our time machines. Some take us back, they're called memories. Some take us forward, they're called dreams."

—Jeremy Irons

"Time is more valuable than money. You can get more money, but you cannot get more time."

—Jim Rohn

"We don't have an eternity to realize our dreams, only the time we are here."

—Susan Taylor

"In the good times, in the bad times, I'll be on your side for evermore. That's what friends are for."

—Elton John



The Award for Teaching Excellence—Pat Telisak, Lakeshore Elementary

And the winner for Eau Claire is media specialist Pat Telisak. Pat was nominated by her colleague and friend, Michelle Zimmerman, of Lakeshore Elementary. Pat has taught in the Eau Claire Area School District for 25 years.

Michelle nominated Pat because of her instructional expertise, creativity, and innovation. Pat is also being recognized for her acknowledgement of individual student needs, learning styles, and experiences. Pat is an advocate for the profession, public education, and students. She has demonstrated exemplary leadership and believes in life long learning. Michelle said this about Pat, “She is the thread that ties everyone in our building together. She has an energy that compares to no one else.”

Pat was raised on a farm near Boyd, WI. She has one brother and four sisters. Pat and her husband Steve raised six children—Christina, Steven, Michael, Tanya, Gregory, and Christopher. Her hobbies include building, gardening, baking, craftwork, sewing, and helping others. Pat is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire and was hired in 1985 and served Little Red Elementary and Randall Elementary.

A former principal, Kim Hagen, had this to say, “Pat is the most energetic media specialist that I have worked with in my twelve years in the Eau Claire Area School District. Her extra effort and time towards her job, her students and the staff members is greatly appreciated.”

In 1992 Pat was chosen as the state of Wisconsin’s Media Specialist of the Year. She has served as cooperating teacher, served on numerous district, community, and UWEC committees. She served her union for 25 years as a building representative.

Pat created and advised Student councils, drama classes and plays, cooking classes for kids, Santa’s Workshop program, organized Minnesota Science Museum trips, coached Odyssey of the Mind teams, and organized Family Fun Nights at Little Red. Pat also organized a blood drive for the community at Lakeshore and helped plan and organize a fundraiser for a defibrillator at Lakeshore School. For sixteen years Pat organized and helped produce a weekly live TV show called Lakeshore Live.

We are extremely honored to be able to present to Pat Telisak the Excellence In Education Award. She received a plaque at the ECASD Celebration of Service Banquet and her name was submitted to WEAC as a finalist for the state award. After 25 years of service to the young people and staff of our district Pat is retiring. She will be missed as quoted by a teaching colleague, “The mere thought of her leaving to retire makes everyone shudder.” Thank you Pat for 25 years of dedicated service; good luck and enjoy.



Governor Doyle Signs Legislation in Eau Claire

Carole Galloy

Governor Doyle made a stop at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Thursday, to sign into law several bills to protect schools and improve education in the state.

Assembly Bill 808 makes changes to the class size requirement for schools participating in the SAGE small class size program. The bill encourages more schools to participate in SAGE and gives schools with SAGE more flexibility to preserve their eligibility for the program. Governor Doyle thanked Representatives Dexter and Hilgenberg and Senators Holperin and Kreitlow for their work on the bill.



Senate Bill 146 provides certain benefits and protections to tribal schools and tribal school pupils and staff similar to those provided to private schools.

In addition he signed Senate Bill 341 which increases penalty for persons found guilty of causing reckless bodily harm to a child.



ECAE Budget Adopted at the Representative Assembly on May 19, 2010

Treasurer, Phil Hurlburt, spent hours putting together a budget for approval of the Building Representatives. After hours of consulting with the executive board he was able to put together a budget that reflects our priorities as an association as well as meeting the needs our members. For the 2010-2011 year your ECAE dues will be \$667.00. This comes out to \$27.79 for a full-time member which is a .75 per pay period increase. Locally ECAE will experience a \$10.00 increase in dues and an \$8.00 dues increase on the state and national levels. ECAE financial records are kept at the ECAE office and open for inspection by any ECAE member. For questions about the budget you can contact Phil Hurlburt at (phurlburt@ecasd.k12.wi.us).

2010-2011 ECAE Budget Categories

EXPENSES

101	Dues—NEA/WEA	384,800.00
102	Salaries & Mileage	37,833.00
103	Clerical/Office	15,800.00
104	Conventions/Meetings	11,400.00
105	Leadership Training	6,700.00
106	Instructional Professional Development	1,200.00
107	Internal Public Relations	8,895.00
108	External Public Relations	6,650.00
109	FICA/Unemployment	3,743.00
110	Negotiations Committee	5,700.00
111	Legislative Committee	1,100.00
112	Special Education Committee	150.00
113	Supplies	500.00
114	Miscellaneous (Audit, Rent, Contingency)	6,050.00
115	Political Action Committee (PAC)	1,600.00
116	Equipment Fund	2,000.00
117	Pre-K Needs Assessment Committee	300.00
118	President Release Program (.8)	53,000.00
	TOTAL	547,421.00

INCOME

201	Dues	533,600
202	WEAC Subsidy	10,600.00
203	Interest Income	2,559.00
204	Miscellaneous Income	662.00
	TOTAL	547,421.00

ECAE Election Results

The election results are in. Ron “Duff” Martin has been elected as President of ECAE. Phil Hurlburt has been elected as Treasurer. Sue Fulkerson has been elected as Middle Level Representative. You heard it here first, folks!

Welcome Shirley Ruesch—ECAE’s Newest Executive Board Member

Shirley Ruesch was selected to complete Carole Galloy’s remaining year on the ECAE Executive Board and serve as the Public Relations Chairperson of ECAE. Carole Galloy is retiring at the conclusion of this school year. We welcome Shirley who is a veteran teacher in the district having 30+ years of service. Shirley currently teaches English and reading at South Middle School. Shirley joins our executive board with extensive experience and knowledge in Public Relations. Shirley sold advertising for the EC Apartment Association as well as selling real estate for almost two years. For over 20 years Shirley has helped publish the 8th grade student memories newspaper and an awesome slideshow of South’s 8th graders. Welcome Shirley!

Summer Office Hours



ECAE Summer Office Schedule

Duff Martin and Carol Miller will be working in the ECAE office at various times this summer. Duff will be attending the NEA Representative Assembly—June 27-July 9, 2010—as well as attending the Summer Academy in Stevens Point and the WEAC Board of Directors Meeting—July 23-28, 2010.

The ECAE phone number is 835-1916 and Duff’s email is martin@weac.org.



WEAC Summer Office Schedule

Office closed: May 31 (Memorial Day), July 1, 2, and 5, 2010. Bonnie McCombs will be on vacation from the office June 28-30, 2010.

SHARE YOUR STORY FOR FREE TICKETS

What was your biggest education success story this year? Simply enter your success story at the WEAC website and we will enter you in a drawing to win either four tickets to the Milwaukee County Zoo (good until February 28, 2011) or four Noah’s Ark All-Day Unlimited Passes that can be used anytime during the 2010 season. The winners of our Success Stories contest will be randomly drawn from among the entries received by June 4. Go to: http://www.weac.org/Multimedia/Contests/Success_Stories.aspx

Cleaning closets or garages?
Looking for a bargain?

BARGAIN BLITZ

List your items in the
Inkwell Bargain Blitz!

Deadline for submitting materials is the 20th of each month. Sorry, no personal ads.
Send items to Shirley Ruesch at: sruesch@ecasd.k12.wi.us

SELL: 2004 Honda Pilot EX SUV. Excellent condition. One-owner vehicle. 69,000 miles. Power locks, windows, cruise, CD/cassette, A/C, power driver seat, third row seat. Call Brenda at 715-797-0617.



SELL: Sharp 3 BR 2 BA home nestled on over 1 acre wooded lot in St. Andrews Park. This beautiful one story home offers abundant natural light through its many triple glazed windows. Main floor office and laundry, fireplace in LR, owner suite, large kitchen. New roof & driveway. Pump & water cond., large deck & patio with hot tub. The full basement has abundant shelving, stubbed in 3rd bath & chimney flue for a basement fireplace ready for expansion. Check out the wildlife in this nature paradise! Contact Gretchen at gbeckstrom@ecasd.k12.wi.us or 833-8089.

WANTED: 10 hp boat motor. Janet @ 225-9418 or jkrause@ecasd.k12.wi.us.

SELL: Jumbo Whirlpool drier; \$50 OBO. Contact Janet @ 225-9418 or jkrause@ecasd.k12.wi.us.

SELL: Gas range with vented hood; \$50 OBO. Contact Janet @ 225-9418 or jkrause@ecasd.k12.wi.us.

WANTED: Packer tickets (preseason or regular season). Contact Paula: ptracy@ecasd.k12.wi.us, or Dave: 833.1152.

SELL: Schwinn 10-speed bikes in good condition; 1 man's & 75 OBO; 1 woman's (needs tires) \$50 OBO. Contact Janet @ 225-9418 or jkrause@ecasd.k12.wi.us.

Summer Academy—Stevens Point July 25-July 28, 2010

The 2010 WEAC Summer Academy will be held in Stevens Point at the Holiday Inn Convention Center Hotel. If you are interested in attending, ECAE will be funding your registration fee, along with the cost of your lodging based on double occupancy. Mileage will also be covered.



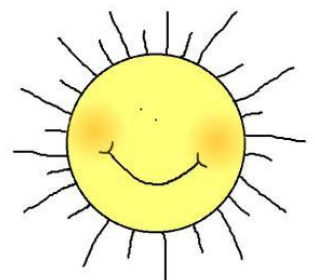
The focus for this Summer Academy will be building the capacity of our locals. Tracks will be offered to provide local leaders the tools, resources, and support they need to build the effectiveness of their local. Tracks will be focused on responsibilities specific to their leadership role in the local association. Teams of leaders from each local are encouraged to attend.

You can log on to www.weac.org and click on the Summer Academy link to register yourself or your team. You should also contact Duff Martin at martin@weac.org if you plan to attend or if you have any questions.

Eau Claire Association of Educators General Membership Meeting June 2, 2010-4:30 p.m. Memorial High School Auditorium

Agenda

1. Call to Order—President Martin
2. Approval of the Agenda—President Martin
3. Welcome and Introductions—President Martin
4. Attendance—Secretary Verdon
5. Report of the Elections Committee—Pat Telisak, Chair
6. Report of the Negotiations Committee—James Martin, Chair
7. Questions
8. Vote
9. Announce Results—Pat Telisak, Elections Chair
10. Adjourn—President Martin



Calling All Photographers! Take photos of teachers in classrooms for the Inkwell and our website. Send to: Shirley Ruesch sruesch@ecasd.k12.wi.us