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### Nov. 2nd Election Important!

Ron "Duff" Martin, ECAE President

**A**re you sick of the political ads in the media? Are you ready for this election to be over? I am. But I do understand the incredible importance this election has for the state of Wisconsin as well as for our federal government and what we do for a living. What's at stake? Public schools! Our jobs! Our programs!

It **IS** an important election and we need each and every one of our members to get out and vote. We need you to vote for **pro-education candidates**, candidates who support public education and its employees. We need you to support pro-union candidates who believe in workers rights and earned retirement benefits. We need you to support candidates who believe in fair and equitable taxing.

In this election is it easy to separate the pro-education candidates from those that are not. You need to keep that in mind when voting – your union simply gives you the information you need to make an informed and educated decision at the polls. We simply ask you to consider the following individuals when voting:

- ◆ Tom Barrett for Governor
- ◆ Tom Nelson for Lt. Governor
- ◆ Russ Feingold for US Senate
- ◆ Ron Kind for US House – Congressional District 3
- ◆ Scott Hassett for Attorney General
- ◆ Pat Kreitlow for Senate Seat 23
- ◆ Kathleen Vinehout for Senate Seat 31
- ◆ Kristen Dexter for Assembly Seat 68
- ◆ Jeff Smith for Assembly Seat 93



When asked what will happen if we don't keep pro education candidates in office we were told that the cuts we have experienced in the past couple of years will be considerably higher and we will see progressive legislation overturned. We can not allow for Wisconsin to go backwards and I for one don't want to watch our public schools be destroyed, we have worked to hard for so little to make Wisconsin schools some of the best in the nation!!

This election is not one to sit out – we need all ECAE members to participate. We need ECAE members to share with their family, friends, and neighbors information about the candidates that support moving Wisconsin forward!

**VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Educationally yours,

Ron "Duff" Martin



#### Important Dates:

**Nov. 2nd VOTE!**



**3rd BUILDING  
REPRESENTATIVE  
MEETING:  
NOV. 17 ,  
4:30-6:30 PM  
American Legion  
434 Water Street**



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# VOTE – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>

CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR			
	<b>Tom Barrett</b>	<b>ISSUE</b>	
<p>Mayor Barrett has not promoted legislation that would require public employees to pay the Employee share of the WRS contribution. Instead, he has demonstrated a belief that any such changes should occur through the local collective bargaining process. Barrett Campaign</p>		<p><b>WRS RETIREMENT</b></p> <p><b>Currently, your employer pays both the employer's and the all or most of the employee's share of the WRS contribution.</b></p>	<p>One of Walker's major campaign issues is to require all public employees to pay the Employee share of the pension contribution. This would mean a reduction in take-home pay of about 6.5%. "Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker said Thursday if elected governor he would save \$176 million per year by requiring state employees to contribute toward their pensions." Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 6/17/10</p>

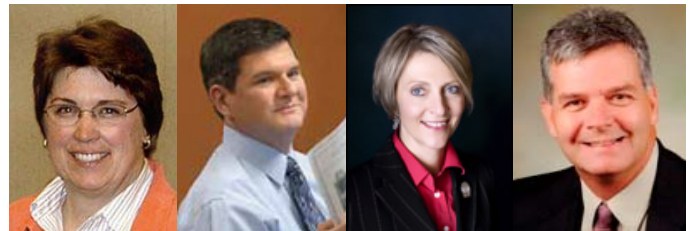
Even though Wisconsin already faces a \$2.7 billion dollar budget deficit, Walker wants to give over \$2 billion in tax cuts to big corporations and Wisconsin's wealthiest people. To pay for his plan, Walker would make massive cuts to education, health care and public safety, which would mean firing thousands of teachers and police officers and ending health care coverage for thousands of Wisconsin children.

**PEOPLE TRUST YOU...**The political season is heavily underway which brings a relentless hype about candidates, both negative and positive...mostly negative. If you have your TV on for more than a few minutes, you're likely to see an ad of some kind. Newspaper editorials are filled with vitriolic attacks and partisan declarations.

Who do people trust? One thing we know from experience, in spite of what the media says, is that people trust you, the people who work in schools. You have enormous influence. That's why it is so important for you to get informed, make a choice, and then talk to your family and friends about casting a rational, thoughtful vote!



Senator Russ Feingold, Congressman Ron Kind (3rd Congressional District) and Mayor Tom Barrett



Senator Kathleen Vinehout (SD 31), Senator Pat Kreitlow (SD 23), Rep. Kristen Dexter (AD 68), and Rep. Jeff Smith (AD 93).

# NOTICE:

Please send your home emails to Carol Miller at: [miller@weac.org](mailto:miller@weac.org)

# American Education Week - History



The National Education Association was one of the creators and original sponsors of American Education Week.

Distressed that 25 percent of the country's World War I draftees were illiterate and 9 percent were physically unfit, representatives of the NEA and the American Legion met in 1919 to seek ways to generate public support for education.

The conventions of both organizations subsequently adopted resolutions of support for a national effort to raise public awareness of the importance of education. In 1921, the NEA Representative Assembly in Des Moines, Iowa, called for designation of one week each year to spotlight education. In its resolution, the NEA called for: "An educational week ... observed in all communities annually for the purpose of informing the public of the accomplishments and needs of the public schools and to secure the cooperation and support of the public in meeting those needs." The first observance of American Education Week occurred December 4-10, 1921, with the NEA and American Legion as the co-sponsors. A year later, the then U.S. Office of Education joined the effort as a co-sponsor, and the PTA followed in 1938.

Other co-sponsors are the U.S. Department of Education and national organizations including the National PTA, the American Legion, the American Association of School Administrators, the National School Boards Association, the American Federation of Teachers, the American School Counselor Association, the Council of Chief State School Officers, the National School Public Relations Association, the National Association of State Boards of Education, the National Association of Elementary School Principals, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals. American Education Week is always celebrated the week prior to the week of Thanksgiving.

**American Education Week**  
Great public schools: a basic right and our responsibility  
November 14-20, 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 <b>AEW Kick-off Day</b> Organize activities at your school for neighbors, families and community leaders.	16 <b>Parents' Day</b> Invite parents into the school for a first-hand look at their children's school day.	17 <b>Education Support Professionals Day</b> Individuals who provide invaluable services to schools are recognized for their outstanding work.	18 <b>Educator for a Day</b> Encourage community leaders to serve as "educators for a day" for a hands-on school experience.	19 <b>Substitute Educator Day</b> Honor the educators who are called to substitute for the regular classroom teachers in their absence.	20
21	22	23	24			27
28	29	30				

NEA NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION nea.org  
Joiner Public Schools for Parents and Students

Get involved in AEW. Visit [www.nea.org/aeiw](http://www.nea.org/aeiw) for activity ideas, downloadable tools and resources.



Turkeys have heart attacks. When the Air Force was conducting test runs and breaking the sound barrier, fields of turkeys would drop dead.

Turkeys can drown if they look up when it is raining.

A wild turkey has excellent vision and hearing. Their field of vision is about 270 degrees. This is the main reason they continue to elude some hunters.

A spooked turkey can run at speeds up to 20 miles per hour. They can also burst into flight approaching speeds between 50-55 mph in a matter of seconds.



Benjamin Franklin wanted the national bird to be a turkey.

[http://home.aristotle.net/Thanksgiving/turkey\\_facts.asp](http://home.aristotle.net/Thanksgiving/turkey_facts.asp)



[http://www.clipartreview.com/\\_gallery/\\_TN/r\\_969.gif](http://www.clipartreview.com/_gallery/_TN/r_969.gif)

## More Than 1,000 People Join Together in Moving Wisconsin Forward

(from WEAC webpage, WEAC.org)

More than 1,000 people joined together Saturday (October 16) to support the public schools and the essential public services that improve quality of life for residents across Wisconsin. Calling for an end to cuts to education, safety agencies and public infrastructure, hundreds of Wisconsinites rallied at the State Capitol in Madison with calls to Move Wisconsin Forward.

Jeffery Johnson – a Wisconsin Education Association Council (WEAC) member, National Education Association director and high school and AP art teacher for South Division High School in Milwaukee – said he wants to make sure that state and local resources are protected for future generations. He said resources such as education are crucial not only for the 75 students he teaches while on the job but also for young people such as his 9-year-old son, Seth, an elementary school student.

“He’s why I’m here – to help move us forward to help give him a better brighter future,” Johnson said.

Public education is one of the public resources that has seen continued cuts over the years, leading to increased class sizes and reduced course offerings. Karen Kleinert, a former Janesville teacher and a member of WEAC-Retired, attended the rally because state residents should “support education no matter what,” she said.

“I’ve been retired for 10 years, but I still believe in supporting the schools,” Kleinert added.

Keeping schools strong was a motivating factor for Paula Volpiansky – a member of WEAC and the State Professional Education and Information Council #1 – to join the rally and voice her support.

“Public education is the most important resource I think our country has,” Volpiansky said. “Real people need to come out and communicate with each other about real issues.”

Even educators just beginning their careers see the need to protect public resources. Cari Hauge, a member of Student WEA and a student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, said she hopes the state is committed to advancing a new school funding formula.

“We recognize that there are problems in our funding and we want better schools for our kids, even as student educators. We want to see change,” she said.

Members of more than a dozen organizations came together to lend their voice for continued investments in a top-notch education system, dependable infrastructure, and vibrant economic development.



## NOVEMBER

November is the eleventh month of the year. The word november derives from the latin word novem, meaning nine because originally it was the ninth month in the Roman calendar. This was changed to the present day order when catholic countries adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1582. The chrysanthemum is the flower of November and the topaz is its birthstone whose virtues are, wisdom, courage and serenity.

### AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH



November was officially recognized as National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month in 1990 when President George H.W. Bush signed it into Public Law.

### November 5

#### Diwali

Known as the "Festival of Lights, this major Hindu holiday signifies the renewal of life, and the victory of good over evil. To celebrate, people light lamps and candles, set off fireworks, and wear new clothes.

### November 11

#### Veterans Day

Veterans Day is an annual American holiday honoring military veterans. It is both a federal holiday and a state holiday in all states. U.S. President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed an Armistice Day for November 11, 1919. In 1938, the United States Congress made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday - to be celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." Congress amended this act in 1954, replacing "Armistice" with "Veterans," and it has been known as Veterans Day since then.

### November 14-20

#### American Education Week

NEA's American Education Week (AEW) spotlights the importance of providing every child in America with a quality public education from kindergarten through college, and the need for everyone to do his or her part in making public schools great.

### November 17

#### Eid al-Adha

This holiday is the Islamic Feast of Sacrifice, the most important feast of Islam. The three-day festival recalls Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son in obedience to Allah. It concludes the Hajj - the annual Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca. It occurs approximately 70 days after the end of the month of Ramadan. This year, in North America, it starts on November 17.

### November 25

#### Thanksgiving Day

The first recorded observance of Thanksgiving in America was a religious occasion that did not include the feast now associated with the holiday. On December 4, 1619, a small group of English settlers arrived at Berkeley Plantation on the James River in Virginia. In accordance with their charter, the group observed this day by giving thanks to God. A typical Thanksgiving meal in the United States includes turkey, dressing, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, and rolls. (From the



## Why It Is So Important to **Vote** November 2

**O**n November 2nd, Wisconsin residents will make serious choices about who will lead the state and nation in the coming years when our economic security is at stake. The candidates fall into two very polarized groups -- those who believe we must invest more money into our communities to bolster the economy and those who want to cut services, staffing and spending as a mechanism for recovery. A national meeting of economists from the right and left have concluded that investment is the winning strategy.

At a recent conference sponsored by several think tanks, Nobel prize-winning economist Paul Krugman declared that the recession could literally continue indefinitely because the economy is stuck in a cycle of depressed wages, reduced consumer purchasing power, damaged banks, and business hesitancy to invest -- and no strategy on the political horizon is about to alter this dynamic.

It's not surprising to hear that from Krugman. The startling thing was that his two co-panelists, former Reagan chief economist Martin Feldstein and the chief economist of Goldman Sachs, Jan Hatzius, agreed that more massive stimulus spending is the necessary cure for the continuing recession.



**This is an 11.29 communications with ECAE/WEAC members, Federal Statute CFR 100.8 (b) (4)**

# VOTE-NOV 2

*Every kid deserves a great school!*

## Online Game Targets Bullying

**A** game-based, online bullying prevention program, modeled on the DPI's Bullying Prevention Curricula, launches this week and is free to schools for a limited time.

Act Now! Was developed by the Children's Health Education Center in cooperation with the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. Students choose characters and role-play through a typical day at middle school, learning to distinguish between bullying and other behaviors; help a victim of bullying, including how to ask an adult for help; advocate using student-created anti-bullying campaigns; define and respond to sexual harassment; demonstrate appropriate social skills through role-playing, peer interaction, and written activities; and identify and communicate three ways teachers, administrators, and parents can improve school climate.

The program features video segments and educational games. Included is a guide preparing teachers and counselors to use Act Now! In classrooms and an online staff/community member program on creating bully-free schools.

If interested in looking at the curriculum, check it out at this site: [http://www.bluekids.org/educators/el\\_pg\\_actnow.asp](http://www.bluekids.org/educators/el_pg_actnow.asp)



## UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

**T**he employees of the ECASD have always been generous supporters of the United Way. We have witnessed the positive effects of United Way in our community through its many community partner groups. United Way works with its partners to improve our community's access to health care; combat homelessness; and provide programming and mentoring services to at-risk youths, basic needs for the under and unemployed, and services for families shattered by addiction, violence, death, divorce, and abandonment.

Please support the 2010 United Way Campaign. This is our opportunity to help build a better Eau Claire and to change lives where the need is greatest.

*ECAE is committed to our kids and our community.*

## ECASD PAST GIVING HISTORY

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
\$53,000	\$46,652	\$52,900	\$40,783	\$39,381	??

Cleaning closets or garages?  
Looking for a bargain?

# BARGAIN BLITZ

List your items in the  
Inkwell Bargain Blitz!

Deadline for submitting your ads is the **20th of each month**. Sorry, no personal ads.  
Send items to Shirl Ruesch at: [sruesch@ecasd.k12.wi.us](mailto:sruesch@ecasd.k12.wi.us) Please e-mail me when ad has been fulfilled. Thanks

**Car Pool:** 2-3 times week from Hudson, River Falls or Baldwin to Eau Claire. Time is flexible. If interested contact Hiroko Nagai, [hnagai@ecasd.k12.wi.us](mailto:hnagai@ecasd.k12.wi.us)

**Sell:** Location-Location-Location! Completely remodeled ranch home with new vinyl siding, windows, and roof. This home has an open floor plan with a see-through NG fireplace, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, jacuzzi tub, 3 car garage, a sunroom, walk-out LL, featuring a large family room with dance floor, new high efficiency NG furnace and AC, new deck and sun tube in KT, country feeling backyard on mini creek, and a front porch. Located in Third Ward near UW-EC and the bike trail. 315 Bartlett Ct. Call 715-835-4949 or e-mail [twosopers@hotmail.com](mailto:twosopers@hotmail.com).

**Free:** Ever Bearing Raspberry Plants. You dig. If you are able, please bring dirt to fill in the holes. I live off Hwy 93 approx. 6 miles South of Eau Claire. If you would like me to save some plants for you for Spring planting, please call Mary Stoflet at 878-4415.

**Sell:** Firewood, seasoned oak, split. \$60.00 per face cord. You haul. Call 828-4073 or 835-3150 Kathy Campbell

**Sell:** Pool table with new cushions- \$200 OBO; double bed and dresser-perfect for college student--\$50. We are moving so must sell! Gretchen Beckstrom 715-833-8089  
[gbeckstrom@ecasd.k12.wi.us](mailto:gbeckstrom@ecasd.k12.wi.us)

**Sell:** Young girl's bedroom set. Twin bed with mattress and headboard with shelves. Set of 3 drawers under bed. 4 drawer dresser with detachable book case. Light tone wood with light pink floral design. In very good condition! Contact Sherri (MHS) at [mack-clan@charter.net](mailto:mack-clan@charter.net)

**Free:** My aunt has 3 adorable kittens she will give away to a loving home. They are litter box trained and socialized. There are 2 boys and 1 girl. You can have one or all three! If you want to meet them, let me know! Contact [kmcnish@ecasd.k12.wi.us](mailto:kmcnish@ecasd.k12.wi.us)



**Day Care:** Southside off Cummings Ave. Full-time or Part-time openings available. For more information please contact Kelly at 715-379-1750. Drop-ins welcome also. [nkquade@yahoo.com](mailto:nkquade@yahoo.com)

**Day Care:** A new in-home daycare on Rudolph Road has two openings available for the 2010/2011 school year. Provider has worked at a local day care for the past five years and is certified in CPR and other pertinent areas. This is a caring environment providing early learning experiences and hands-on freedom to explore, helping children to develop intellectually, emotionally, and socially. Contact Molly at 715-529-8811.

**Want:** Winter storage for sailboat. Approximately 30' in length. Electricity a plus.  
Contact Jan Martin, North, [jmartin1@ecasd.k12.wi.us](mailto:jmartin1@ecasd.k12.wi.us)

**Sell:** 2008 Imperial Metallic Blue Chevy Malibu 1LT, 28,500 miles, remote start, power pedals, seat, and windows, transferable 36,000 mile warranty, excellent condition. \$14,000. Contact Beth at [eduellman@ecasd.k12.wi.us](mailto:eduellman@ecasd.k12.wi.us) or 715-577-6923.

**WANTED:** looking for a good jogging treadmill that is in decent shape. Willing to pay up to \$300 depending on quality. If you have a treadmill to sell contact Stephanie (NHS) at [sradtke@ecasd.k12.wi.us](mailto:sradtke@ecasd.k12.wi.us)

**Looking to buy** – P90X DVD exercise program. Contact Jim Jeffries at [jjeffries@ecasd.k12.wi.us](mailto:jjeffries@ecasd.k12.wi.us)

**Sell:** King-size, oak waterbed or platform bedroom set. Includes: frame, 6 large under bed drawers, 2 bedside tables with drawer and cabinet, 3 tall shelves above tables and bookcase topper. Very solid and sturdy, disassembled for transportation. Water bladder/mattress not included. Quality furniture for \$450. Call Bob Jankowski 715-456-3405. View on Craigslist.

**Sell:** A health-club-quality, Tomahawk brand spinning bike. Excellent condition. We are asking \$275.00. If interested contact [cboone@ecasd.k12.wi.us](mailto:cboone@ecasd.k12.wi.us) or 715.832.4599.

**Sell:** Workout gym set. One really old trunk with drawers. \$50. each. Girl's (Old Navy) size x-small white fur coat \$10. Contact [sruesch@ecasd.k12.wi.us](mailto:sruesch@ecasd.k12.wi.us) or 834-1524.

**BR MEETING:  
OCT. 20th**

