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**Place: TBD**

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## Jamie Vollmer to Headline School Opening for the Eau Claire and Altoona School Districts

Welcome to **The Great Conversation: How to build public support for increasing student success in America's public schools.**

Building on the themes presented in his book, *Schools Cannot Do It Alone*, Jamie Vollmer makes the case that this is public education's most hopeful time. He acknowledges the threats arising from multiplying mandates, shifting demographics, media hype, and a changing economy. But he demonstrates how all districts can marshal the tremendous resources at their disposal to initiate a conversation that produces the Four Prerequisites of Progress: community understanding, trust, permission to change, and support. This presentation includes the popular "Blueberry Story" and a discussion of the mental affliction "Nostesia" – a disease comprised of 50% nostalgia, 50% amnesia, which prevents Americans from appreciating the achievements of their local schools.



**August 31st**



### Nostesia

Millions of Americans argue, often vehemently, that today's schools are dreadful compared to the temples of learning that existed in our golden past. In their view, we all would be better off if schools could just be the way they used to be.

These people are suffering from a debilitating mental condition that I have named nostesia: a hallucinogenic mixture of 50% nostalgia and 50% amnesia that distorts rational thinking.

While there is no doubt that our schools need to change to meet the demands of the knowledge age, any nostesiac who proclaims, "If we could just have the schools we used to have," is either deluded, or terribly misinformed, and an obstacle to increasing student success.

*"I learned the hard way— through direct experience that no one has the right to criticize public education unless he or she has spent a warm, Friday afternoon in May locked in a room with eighth graders."* Jamie Vollmer

# From the desk of the ECAE President: We Are ECAE and We Are Standing Strong!!



Here we go! Another school year!

Let's hope this next year is not as eventful as the past year. On second thought, I take that back!! Let's hope it is just as exciting and even more exciting than this past school year. Let's hope we do the following: Transform the labor movement, broaden the labor movement, recall the governor, elect new senators and elect a new Assembly!!

So what do we have to look forward to in the 2011-2012 school year? I am pretty sure you are all aware of the July and August Recall Elections and how we didn't lose a seat, we gained!! I am hoping in January we can win back the office of the Governor and elect an individual who values the middle class of Wisconsin and an individual who will truly want to move Wisconsin forward and not backwards!! And in 2012 we will change the makeup of the Assembly. **If you can't change their minds, then change their faces!**

This is our opportunity to transform and broaden the labor movement. We have clearly been at the forefront of the movement and now it is time to really transform what was once just a thought to reality. The recalls have certainly awakened the entire United States and what we did this summer we can do in 2012.

I encourage all ECAE members and your families to attend the Labor Day Rally on September 5. We are going to meet at Longfellow Elementary and march to the Phoenix Park! At Phoenix Park we will enjoy a labor day picnic joining our brothers and sisters from other labor organizations throughout the city and county and all who labor I know this will be an exciting day and memorable. You won't want to miss this event!

I'm looking forward to an exciting year and hope you are as well.

In Solidarity,

Ron "Duff" Martin  
ECAE President

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*Thanks for your help!*

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## Important September Dates

from NEA

### Sept. 2

**Christa McAuliffe's Birthday;** Teacher and NEA member Christa (1948-1986) was America's first "ordinary citizen" in space. Along with 6 other crew members, she perished in 1986 on board the Space Shuttle Challenger.

### Sept. 5

**Labor Day** honors the American worker and acknowledges the value and dignity of work and its role in American life. First celebrated on Sept. 5, 1882 in New York, and continued to be celebrated until June 28, 1894, when Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday. Learn more at Labor Day Resources.

### Sept. 8

**International Literacy Day** celebrated since 1965, when it was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), this event focuses on reading from a global perspective. Visit UNESCO and International Reading Association for more information and activity ideas.

### Sept.15-Oct. 15

**National Hispanic Heritage Month** is a national observance authorized by Public Law 100-402. The observation was initiated in 1968 as National Hispanic Heritage Week but was expanded in 1988 to include the entire 31-day period. See Hispanic Education Resources, Issues, and Scholarships for more information.

### Sept. 16

**Mexican Independence Day** is considered a patriotic holiday in Mexico. Each year, the president of Mexico rings the bells of the National Palace in Mexico City, celebrating the start in 1810 of Mexico's struggle for independence from Spain.

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## \$14 for 14 Participants

Thank you to all ECAE members who are participating in the special Political Action Campaign Fundraiser—\$14 for 14. To date (August 26), we have raised \$3108.67! There is still time to contribute—e-mail Duff at [MartinR@weac.org](mailto:MartinR@weac.org) for details.

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## Mileage Reimbursement for Employees

Beginning July 1, 2011, the standard reimbursement rate changed to 55.5 cents per mile for business miles driven as set by the IRS. The new rate for business miles compares to a rate of 51 cents per mile from January 1 through June 30, 2011. Please use the new employee travel and/or shuttle form that includes the correct rate. They can be found on the P drive at P:\Accounting\Employee Travel\Employee Travel Forms. Please send your completed mileage forms to Diane Blanshan at [dblanshan@ecasd.k12.wi.us](mailto:dblanshan@ecasd.k12.wi.us). Please contact Abby Johnson at [ajohnson2@ecasd.k12.wi.us](mailto:ajohnson2@ecasd.k12.wi.us) with any questions.



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## What is a BR? (See Bargain Blitz for Opportunity)

BR's are the face of the union;  
the voice for many

Being a BR is more than handing out materials and sharing information. It's about building relationships with members to show that they are respected and supported in the job they are doing.

BR's know that every member matters. **Standing Strong!**



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### Sept. 17

**Citizenship (or Constitution) Day.** In 1787, 55 delegates to the Constitution Convention signed the Constitution of the US of America. By presidential proclamation, the entire week is given to observing this important anniversary. Visit the National Constitution Center and the Constitution Day website for more information and teacher resources.

### Sept. 21

**International Day of Peace** was established by United Nations resolution in 1982. This event is a global holiday when individuals, communities, nations, and governments highlight efforts to end conflict and promote peace. The "Peace Bell" is rung at U.N. headquarters. The bell is cast from coins donated by children from all continents, as a reminder of the human cost of war. For information, visit the [International Day of Peace](#) site.

### Sept. 25

**School Desegregation Comes to Little Rock** on this day in 1957. Nine teenagers became the first African-American to attend all-White Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas. The ensuing events riveted the nation and focused a spotlight on racism. President Eisenhower intervened and sent federal troops to protect the student and ensure compliance with the Supreme Court's Brown vs. Board of Education decision. Go to [Central High School National Historic Site](#) and see [PBS Newshour Transcript on 40th Anniversary](#).

### Sept. 29-30

Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year), also known as the Days of Renewed Responsibility, begins at sunset on one day and ends at nightfall the next day. The event is marked by solemn religious observances.

(Source: NEA)

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## Losses to the Working Families of Wisconsin

(Summary Covering: January to July 15, 2011)

**1. New Legislative District Maps Rigged to Benefit Republicans.** States are required to redraw legislative district maps (redistricting) every 10 years based on new figures from the Census, to ensure that districts are of equal population. We have 99 Assembly districts and 33 Senate districts. The redistricting affects elections to be held from 2012 to 2020. Consultants hired by Republicans and paid at least \$300,000 from taxpayer money, drew legislative boundaries to ensure that GOP candidates have a huge advantage. According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, these maps do not provide fair and balanced representation. For example, Rep. Cory Mason (DRacine) will only keep about 10% of his current constituents; Nancy Nusbaum (D), challenger to Republican Senator Rob Cowles of Green Bay in the recall elections, will have her house removed from Senate District 2 by a half a block; Senator Bob Wirch (D-Kenosha) has his home and neighborhood removed from the Senate district he currently represents. A lawsuit against the rigged Republican redistricting maps has been filed in federal court.

**2. Attacks on Worker Freedom and Protections.** Loss of Freedom to Bargain. Approximately 175,000 public employees at the state and local level have lost their fundamental freedom to collectively bargain.

**3. Waiting Period for Unemployment Insurance.** Effective January, 2012, as the result of a change made by all Republicans in the Legislature, there will be a one-week waiting period before unemployment benefits can be collected. The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) estimates workers will lose \$41 million to \$56 million in benefits, depending on the unemployment rate.

**4. Child Labor Law Weakened.** Child labor law protections have been severely weakened. Minors under age 18 can be forced to work longer hours each day and more days per week. The DWD, which enforces child labor regulations, is prohibited from improving protections.

**5. The Green to Gold Fund.** The fund, which offered \$100 million in lower cost loans to manufacturers, was to encourage new manufacturing and technology related to the development of clean energy. It also required specific wage standards as well as job creation and retention targets. The Office of Energy Independence is abolished as well.

**6. Sick Day Benefit Prohibited.** Local communities are prohibited from passing any ordinance that will improve the benefits of the state Family & Medical Leave Act, such as requiring employers in their local jurisdiction to provide paid sick days. The city of Milwaukee passed such an ordinance, which is now repealed by state law.

**7. Apprenticeship Opportunities Limited.** The enforcement of Executive Order #108 was suspended by Governor Walker as of March. The Order was signed by Governor Doyle in 2005 to encourage the employment of apprentices on construction projects for the State of Wisconsin. The intent was for the state to help create opportunities for younger workers to learn skills needed for employment in the building and construction trades.

**8. Obstacles to Voter Participation.** New obstacles include a photo ID requirement beginning with the 2012 elections, a more difficult voter registration process, and cutting in half the time allowed for early voting. This is part of a coordinated effort by the Republican Party nationwide to frustrate and discourage voters who tend to vote Democratic, suppress their votes and solidify Republican control.

**9. Corporate Liability Limited.** There are new limits on corporate liability for injury done to workers or other victims by defective products or by outright corporate negligence. Some changes include (1) Nursing homes and health care facilities can deny families certain reports about the neglect and abuse of patients, (2) The amount of punitive damages a jury can award to victims in cases of gross negligence or egregious conduct by corporations is capped at one of the lowest amounts in the country. (3) Victims severely injured by defective products are allowed to sue the seller of the product only if the manufacturer cannot be found, even if the company is in a remote country. (4) Corporations are not liable for products that cause injury if the company followed current regulations, even if their own research indicated a serious problem, or current regulations are out of date.

**10. Transfer of More Wealth to Corporations & Rich Investors.** The loss of revenue to state government calculated over the next 10 years totals \$2.3 billion from massive tax breaks for corporations and wealthy investors passed so far during the Walker Administration. Some examples are listed below.

**11. Re-opening a Corporate Tax Loophole.** Governor Doyle changed the way the corporate income tax is calculated. Combined reporting prevents multi-state firms from hiding profits in subsidiaries in states with no corporate income tax, like Nevada. Governor Walker is modifying combined reporting to partially reopen the loophole. This will cost taxpayers \$46.4 million in fiscal years 2011-13 alone. This corporate tax loophole does not require that a company create a single new job, or even maintain the current level of employment, in order to qualify.

**12. Breaks for Wealthy Investors.** There is a new exclusion from the income tax for capital gains reinvested in Wisconsin businesses within 180 days. (Most capital gains tax breaks benefit those with \$200,000 or more in income.) This will cost taxpayers \$36.3 million in fiscal years 2011-13 alone. This tax break does not require that a company or investor create a single new job, or maintain the current level of employment to qualify.

**13. Manufacturer & Agribusiness Income Tax Phased Out.** When fully phased in, a new production activities tax credit will wipe out the corporate income tax on manufacturing and agribusiness in Wisconsin. It represents a loss to taxpayers of \$359.7 million over the years 2012-2017 and will cost \$128.7 million each year after that. Wisconsin already has the lowest taxes in the country for business expansion.

**14. Earned Income Tax Credit.** Taxes are increased on 145,000 low-wage workers with children by cutting \$55.6 million from the Earned Income Tax Credit. The EITC is an anti-poverty program rewards work, supplements a minimum wage that is inadequate for survival and helps families stay off welfare. Republicans cut the credit, but oppose an increase in the minimum wage.

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**15. Homestead Tax Credit.** The Homestead Tax Credit is reduced by \$13.6 million which results in a tax increase on 247,000 low-income homeowners and renters. This credit was pioneered in Wisconsin in 1964 to target property tax relief to working class homeowners and renters.

**16. Cut in Direct Aid for Public Schools.** Nearly \$800 million in state aid to public schools is slashed, the most ever. Additional revenue cuts to schools will strip K-12 education of \$1.6 billion total over the next two years.

**17. Increased Funds for Private Schools.** Private schools will receive more than \$20 million. Taxpayers pay \$6,442 per voucher for a child to attend a private school, including religious schools. A family of four can earn up to \$67,937 or \$74,957 (depending on marital status) and receive taxpayer-funded vouchers. The program is also expanded to Racine and that will cost taxpayers nearly \$5 million, but much more after the enrollment cap is lifted.

**18. Cut for Technical College System.** 30% cut (\$71.6 million) in funding for the system that serves 400,000 students.

**19. UW System Cut.** State aid to the University of Wisconsin System is cut by \$250 million and tuition increases of 5.5% in each of the next two years are authorized. The current level of financial aid is frozen.

**20. Access to Education.** Children of undocumented immigrants will no longer be allowed to pay the resident tuition rate to attend the UW System or a technical college unless they are graduates of a Wisconsin high school, have lived in the state for at least three years and have proof they are applying for a visa.

**21. BadgerCare & Medicaid.** There will be additional unspecified cuts of approximately \$467 million made to the Medicaid program and BadgerCare health coverage. The Walker Administration has the sweeping authority to make cuts to these programs with no legislative involvement, unless a proposed cut conflicts with state statutes, and there will be no public hearings. Some 775,000 Wisconsinites rely on BadgerCare for their health coverage, either because their employer does not provide insurance or their wages are too low to afford it. Nearly two-thirds of the Medicaid budget covers care for the elderly and disabled.

**22. Family Care.** Enrollment in the popular Family Care program is capped, despite thousands who are on waiting lists. The program serves about 35,000 people who need long-term care in 53 counties. The cap will block an estimated 16,900 enrollments over the next two years. Family Care offers an alternative to nursing home care for seniors and younger adults with disabilities so they can receive assistance in their homes.

**23. Women's Health Care.** State aid to women's healthcare centers run by Planned Parenthood is effectively prohibited. Over 12,000 uninsured women in small communities across the state receive their preventive care from these centers.

**24. Funds Cut to Communities.** Local communities will see huge cuts of \$76.8 million in state aid provided through the Shared Revenue Program. For decades this program has helped local governments provide quality community services while holding down property taxes.

**25. Recycling Program.** State aid for recycling programs run by local communities will be cut \$24.2 million over two years.

**26. Regional Transit Authorities.** All of the Regional Transit Authorities are repealed.

**27. Transportation Aid.** General transportation aid to local government is cut by \$10 million over two years, plus a \$10 million reduction for county road improvement projects. Aid for local mass transit is also cut by \$9.6 million.

**28. Governor Walker has concentrated more power in his executive branch than any governor before him.** The system of checks and balances, on which our democratic system relies for fairness, no longer exists in Wisconsin state government. The Governor has removed at least 37 key state agency positions from civil service protection and will fill them with his political appointees. The general counsel to the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission has been removed from civil service protection and made a political appointment. This agency oversees state labor laws and decides on labor disputes in public employment. Now this position will not be insulated from political influence. Governor Walker and his appointed head of the Department of Health Services, Dennis Smith, will have the sweeping authority to rewrite all the Medicaid health programs and BadgerCare, without a single public hearing and minimal legislative oversight.

**29. A Return to Government for Sale.** All support for the public financing of elections for Supreme Court justices and other state offices is eliminated. The Wisconsin Election Campaign Fund and Democracy Trust Fund, which helped reduce the influence of corporate special interests on Wisconsin elections and encouraged ordinary people who are not wealthy to be able to afford to run for office, are repealed.

**30. Governor Walker rejected \$810 million in federal funds for construction of a passenger rail system between Milwaukee and Madison,** with expectation that it would be expanded to other cities in the future. The Wisconsin DOT estimated that the following number of construction and engineering workers would be employed to build the high-speed rail network: (2011) 2,792; (2012) 3,794; and (2013) 1,231. In addition, Governor Doyle recruited the Spanish manufacturing firm Talgo Inc. to establish open a plant in Milwaukee to produce passenger cars for the new Wisconsin rail service, as well as other states. Talgo will now shut down its Milwaukee train manufacturing operations in 2012, laying off more than half of the 125 workers it expects to have on the payroll at that time. All of this job loss does not include the additional jobs that would have been created in the vendor supply chain, by the operation of the rail service, and from the economic development that would have resulted along the rail line.

**ECAE STANDING STRONG!!**

**This is an 11.29 Communications with ECAE/WEAC Members.**

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.

**Sell:** Graco High Chair and Graco Pack 'N Play for sale. Both are very clean and in great condition. \$30/ea. Contact Matt [mkulasiewicz@ecasd.k12.wi.us](mailto:mkulasiewicz@ecasd.k12.wi.us) or call/text at 715-579-4035.

**Experienced house cleaning** by retired teacher who understands your stress. Enjoy more time with your family and friends. Nine or twelve months per year. Reasonable rate. Call Sybelle at 715-832-0829.

**Need Painting done?** Call the women who paint! Interior/exterior. Experienced. Efficient. Call Gretchen at 715-833-8089 or email [gbeckstrom@ecasd.k12.wi.us](mailto:gbeckstrom@ecasd.k12.wi.us)

**Sell:** Landscape block and bricks: asst sizes, colors and prices. Call Jim @ 715-579-3830.

**Want:** Red Pyrex bowl; number 402 located on the bottom of the bowl. Contact Carol at [cam621@gmail.com](mailto:cam621@gmail.com)



**Sell:** Walkout ranch with large bonus room on 100ft. of lake frontage with low bank and sandy beach. Screen porch, hardwood floors, first floor laundry with heated tile floor, exercise room, 2 fireplaces (one gas), gentle sloping yard to lake front. 3 car garage. Majority of home was updated between 2007 and 2009. Four bedrooms, 3 baths, Eau Claire Schools. Contact: [mcfarlane@charter.net](mailto:mcfarlane@charter.net)



**Sell:** 2851 Neptune Court, Eau Claire, Wisconsin 4-bedroom, 1 ¼ bath home on cul-de-sac with two connecting decks. Roof with 30-year shingles was replaced in 2007 and concrete driveway with side pad in 2008. The four-season room has a built in sound system, can lighting, gas fireplace, wood floors and cathedral wood ceiling with French doors to access room from kitchen area. There is also a built-in wood fireplace in the lower-level 24'x12'4" family room. Gas forced air furnace and Central air conditioning. Included with house: refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, washer, dryer, garage heater, leather furniture (lower level), two stereo systems and a 60" TV. Asking \$169,000 Contact: Gary, Cell: (715) 864-1900, Home: (715)832-9448

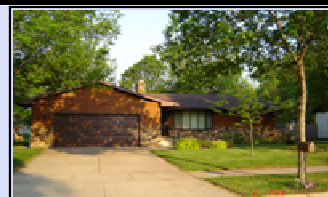


**Offering:** private lessons to a small number of students this school year (maximum of 5). If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Bruce at home email: [heringba@gmail.com](mailto:heringba@gmail.com)

**Sell:** Things Bruce Hering has that he doesn't need anymore: 6' Halex Air Hockey Table (with paddles and 6 pucks) Craigslist price: \$50. ECASD price \$35. E-Swat Cyber Police 6' Tall by 3' wide vintage old-school stand-up arcade game. Ebay price: \$300. ECASD price: \$99. "American Idol" style microphone, used TWICE, like new. Online price (new): \$179. Craigslist: \$99. ECASD price: \$79. Contact via email at [heringba@gmail.com](mailto:heringba@gmail.com)

**Offering:** Yoga by a retired Eau Claire teacher at The Yoga Center. This fall I will be teaching a beginning class after school hours & would like you for my students. Contact Donna Wagner Backus at [wags@uwalumni.com](mailto:wags@uwalumni.com) Home: 715 835 3257 \* cell: 715 577 8102 \*

**Sell:** Three bedroom ranch on the Northside of Eau Claire. Two baths, gas fireplace, hardwood floors in kitchen and dining rooms. \$132,500. Call 715-497-9525.



**Want:** A used BOB single jogging stroller in good condition. If you have one you would like to sell, call Sally Meyer at 715-828-6457.

**For Sale:** 2007 Kymco Agility 50. 49CC Moped. Regularly maintained, runs excellent, underseat storage, amazing gas mileage. You do NOT need a cycle license to drive this. \$1100. Email Teya McRaven at [tmcraven@ecasd.k12.wi.us](mailto:tmcraven@ecasd.k12.wi.us)



**For Rent:** Three bedroom furnished cabin for rent on Potato Lake near Chetek, WI. Fish on the Class A Musky lake or just relax and listen to the loons. Enjoy low bank, dock, water sports and fishing. Call Chris at 715-829-0983



**Sell:** Do you have a new middle school band student who needs a trumpet? If so, contact [jbollinger@ecasd.k12.wi.us](mailto:jbollinger@ecasd.k12.wi.us) Trumpet is in good shape, includes mouthpiece and hard case. Reasonably priced \$200 or best offer.

**Sell:** 2001 Ford Taurus. \$4500 or best offer. 150,000 miles but well-maintained. Recently updated: AC, 4 tires, spark plugs, brake work. We must sell because we are buying a newer vehicle from Mom who is in nursing home & needs quick sale. Contact Janet at (715)225-9418 or [jkrause@ecasd.k12.wi.us](mailto:jkrause@ecasd.k12.wi.us).



**Cottage for rent:** Two bedroom furnished cottage for rent, Upper Long Lake near Birchwood, WI. Rent by day, weekend or week. Spring fed, clear lake, good fishing and water sports, docks, low bank and nice surrounding area. Contact Elaine Stelter, 715-834-5264 or [elainestelter@aol.com](mailto:elainestelter@aol.com)

**Sell:** Is your son or daughter starting band next year? Don't miss out on this great deal: a saxophone in excellent condition. \$300. For more information contact Laura Nicolet [lnicolet@ecasd.k12.wi.us](mailto:lnicolet@ecasd.k12.wi.us)

**Free:** Ever bearing raspberries for you to dig. Call Mary Stoflet at 715-878-4415.

**High School Position:** Need executive board person to take the place of Brent Bergstrom from MHS. He took a full time job with the Peshtigo School District. Submit your name and a brief statement as to why you are interested in the high school representative position. You **must be a high school teacher**. Applications will be reviewed at the Sept. 7 meeting. The procedure for filling a vacancy on the Executive Board is found in our Constitution and Bylaws: Bylaw I, section 8. Contact Duff for more information if you have any questions. Submit name to Duff ([martnr@weac.org](mailto:martnr@weac.org)) by Sept. 6, 2011.