



NEWSLETTER

Beaverton Chapter #48

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The month of March will bring some changes that will benefit all active members of OSEA. The membership state-wide voted last month to affiliate with AFT (American Federation of Teachers). The affiliation is effective this month. I have been told that the state office of OSEA will be sending out information about AFT and the benefits sometime this month. Once again, I encourage all of you to make sure that you are a card signed member (not Fair Share) so that you are eligible to receive all of the wonderful new benefits through AFT. If you are not sure of your status, please contact me or Shawna Harris through e-mail or contact Salem directly at 1-800-252-OSEA (6732). All of us will be happy to check your membership status.

This first week of March is **Classified Employee Appreciation Week**. It has been my honor to represent this chapter for the past two years. I will be out of town representing our classified members through our AACSE (American Association of Classified School Employees). In my travels as a delegate for AACSE I have had the opportunity to see many school districts throughout the United States first hand. I have to say we have some of the most professional and dedicated classified folks right here in the Beaverton School District. **"We are all educators"** and that is what stands out when I look at the folks we have working here in our district.

Enjoy Classified Employee Appreciation Week; remember to let your fellow co-workers know that you enjoy working with them and appreciate the work that they do.

Sincerely,

Steve Specht
OSEA Chapter 48 President
Beaverton High

Sympathy...

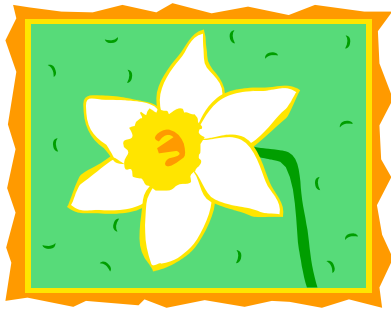
Sorrow...

Thoughts...

Memories...

Sharing....

In remembrance of Heidi Johnson, IA, William Walker. Heidi leaves a one-year old son, Kaidyn Spike Johnson, and mother, Pam Johnson. Staff at Wm. Walker, AHS and Merlo have started to collect donations for a college savings bond for Kaidyn.



If you know of an OSEA member or members family who could use a card letting them know we're thinking of them, then please contact Kirk Wilkins through district e-mail, with contact info, so we can let them know they're in our thoughts.

ROSE/AFT Retiree Program

If retirement is in your near future, please watch for our OSEA Chapter 48 April newsletter where information will appear regarding ROSE (Retired Oregon Employees) and AFT Retiree Programs.

Kristi Crooks, ROSE Zone 1 Coordinator

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March Calendar of Events

- 3 Chapter 48 GENERAL MEETING @ Sunset, 5pm
- 1 Guy Davis Scholarships Due
- 3-7 Classified Employees Week
- 7 Winterhawks vs. Everett, 7:30 p.m.
- 10 BSD School Board Business Mtg @ Elmonica, 6:30 pm
- 15 Employee of the Year Applications Due
- 18 Chapter 48 Executive Board Meeting
- 24-28 SPRING BREAK - No School
- 28 Newsy Award Submissions due (Chapter Newsletters)
- 28 Life Membership Applications

Calendar provided by Kathleen Juskowiak/ERROL HASSELL
Secretary II/OSEA Chapter 48 Secretary

OSEA Delegates

It is time once again to start thinking about delegates to OSEA's annual summer conference and officers for next year.

If you are interested in being an officer or a delegate OR you have a suggestion of someone you think would do a great job, please forward your ideas to a member of the Executive Board. We will accept nominations from now until our general meeting on April 7th. Ballots will go out the week of April 7th!

The OSEA state conference will be held at the Portland Airport Holiday Inn. For more information, please visit osea.org.

OSEA Chapter President Term Limits

At our January OSEA General Meeting, Member Terry Graham made a motion to amend our current bylaws. Currently, there is a term limit for the chapter President of three (3) consecutive terms in office.

Terry's motion was to remove the term limits from the bylaws. The motion was seconded by Member Jim Campbell.

The OSEA Executive Board will submit the question to the membership for a vote. There will be an opportunity to discuss the issue at our next OSEA General Meeting on March 3rd at Sunset High School.

During the week of March 3rd, ballots will be mailed to all Beaverton members. Ballots will need to be returned to the Portland OSEA office via US Mail by March 18th. In order for the amendment to pass, it must be accepted by 2/3 of those returning ballots.

If you have any questions, please direct them to an Executive Board member or to Shawna Harris, OSEA Field Rep.