

The Tell Tale

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Navigating the Waters

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Today I wish to send a message to members who had the courage to pick up the phone to contact the RNEA in the past few weeks. A few called to ask relatively simple questions, but in seeking answers they avoided future problems. A couple needed support in opening the lines of communication with administrators or colleagues. One just needed someone to listen. A teacher in a new position wanted information on setting up an observation of master teacher to help her continue to provide even better instruction for her students. Another needed assistance working with PSRS on retirement. The list goes on....

Whether I have one brief conversation with a member, respond to a handful of emails from a member or spend weeks or even months working with a member, one thing remains constant - Rockwood teachers set the bar for professionalism and dedication to their students.

Dates to Remember

April 4 Election day

**Endorsed candidates: Bill Adams/Peggy Devoy*

April 5 AR meeting 4:30 Crestview

April 19 Exec Board 4:30 RNEA office

New Teacher Garage Sale

Retiring? Changing grade levels? Maybe you just need to downsize a bit?

Support new teachers in the fall by donating instructional supplies to our annual New Teacher Garage Sale in August. As you spring clean your classroom just box up what you don't use that's still in pretty good shape, then either have your AR bring it our April or May meetings or email nea@surfbest.net and Erik or Allison will stop by to pick up your collection.

Absentee Ballots

Will your friends or family be out of town on April 4th? If so, share this information with them, so they can cast their votes.

<http://www.co.st-louis.mo.us/elections/ABSENTEEFAQ.html>

Absentee voters will need to complete the application and return it by snail mail to the Board of Election Commissioners who will then send them the ballot. They will then need to complete and get the ballot notarized before returning by snail mail.

Do you know a non-member who benefits from your dues dollars?

There are about 200 of them out there....

If so, have a conversation about why you're an RNEA member – a great place to start is the bargaining package the membership just ratified that benefits **all** Rockwood teachers.

When you've made your case, those non-members can sign-up beginning April 1st, but their dues won't be deducted until August. See your AR or contact rnea@surfbest.net with questions.

Warmer weather is just around the corner! Put your MNEA membership card to good use at the following vendors to receive MNEA discounts:

Riverside Golf Club, Paradise Valley Golf, Sugar Creek Country Club, Pomme Creek Golf Course, Pro Am Golf Center, The Touring Cyclist, River City Rascals Baseball

Visit MNEA.org for more information and to print coupons

