

**STRONGER TOGETHER**



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## Friday Blast

### Contract Connections Volume 2 No. 3

As you are reading this, we are just about a month away from one of the most important events in bargaining our next contract: the 2022 election. You might be saying, “Not another political message. Just bargain the contract and get us a raise.” And that’s just it, we can look to our neighbors in Iowa and Wisconsin to see the consequences of electing officials that are not supporters of public education and collective bargaining and the effect that has on our ability to bargain a contract.

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### Belonging to Education Minnesota: Why it Matters

**Together we’re stronger. Together we’re heard.**

Being an educator is one of the hardest jobs — and it’s never been more difficult.

With more members like you, Education Minnesota will have a stronger collective voice to make meaningful and equitable improvements for students, our profession, public education and our communities

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## NOTIFICATION

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the ESA Arbitration Hearing that was scheduled for Thursday October 6, 2022, has been postponed, and will be rescheduled in the weeks ahead.

## Weekly Trivia

### Congratulations to the winners of last week's trivia question:

The answer to last week's question was:

The winner for the best political entry in the Ramsey Parade was:

a. *Betsy O'Berry*

### Congratulations to last week's winners:

Jordan Butler, Rum River Elem.  
Aaron Clark, Oak View Middle School  
Mike Johnson, Adams Elem



The first three people to get the correct answer will receive a coffee gift card.

Wisconsin's Act10 legislation became enacted in 2011, and collective bargaining was eliminated, making Wisconsin a "right to work" state. Within the next four years, how much did teacher compensation decrease on average?

- a. \$5,589
- b. \$7,945
- c. \$9,035
- d. \$10,483

Please email your answer to [Valerie.Holthus@EdMN.org](mailto:Valerie.Holthus@EdMN.org)

## Government Relations

from Aaron Balzer

## Voting Day is November 8th!

**Voting and Union Rights:** Members, the governor's race this fall is critical. When you vote pro-union, you vote to preserve our collective bargaining rights. In Wisconsin, unionized teachers lost 8,000-12,000 in wages and benefits in 1 year. They also lost...

- workday/hours
- paid and unpaid leave days
- insurance and other benefits
- discipline and just cause
- ability to fight a dress code
- rights to collect dues deductions
- automatic annual union membership
- loss of membership (Wisconsin lost over half their membership)

**Your #1 way to be heard is to Vote. Your essential voting resources:**

- [What you need to know to vote in Minnesota's November election](#)
- [Minnesota 2022 voter's guide: Who's running in the election, where they stand on the issues.](#)
- [MN Secretary of State website](#): voting info, applying for absentee ballot

**Door Knocking:** The Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation and AHEM are having a door knock for Zach Stephenson, Jerry Newton and EdMN endorsed local candidates.

Please join us on **Saturday, 10/15 at 10:00 a.m.**

For more information or to RSVP, email [volunteer@minneapolisunions.org](mailto:volunteer@minneapolisunions.org).

Please come and bring the kids!

## 2022-2023 Pension Advocacy Plan

All educators deserve the ability to retire with financial security.

Pensions provide educators with a guaranteed, reliable source of income in retirement. They are also a tool to attract and retain qualified, experienced educators to the profession.

[Read More](#)

[Click Here for the 3 Phases](#)

# 2022 MEA CONFERENCE

IN-PERSON  
AND VIRTUAL!

THURSDAY, OCT. 20  
8 A.M. - 4:45 P.M.  
SAINT PAUL RIVERCENTRE &  
ONLINE

REGISTER: [EDMN.ME/MEA2022](https://edmn.me/mea2022)



**Spreading the Word:  
MN Wild Educators Appreciation  
Night**



# EDUCATOR APPRECIATION NIGHT

THU, OCT 20 | 7:00 PM

PRESENTED BY



## PACKAGE INCLUDES

Game Ticket

Special Edition  
Wild-branded  
canvas tote

The Minnesota Wild is showing its appreciation for educators and their hard work and dedication to our youth by holding an Educator Appreciation Night on Thursday, October 20. Educators have the opportunity to purchase an exclusively-priced ticket package that includes a custom educator canvas tote. Enjoy this fun way to enjoy the MEA break by watching the Minnesota Wild take on the Vancouver Canucks. A portion of each ticket pack purchased will go to benefit the Education Minnesota Foundation.

VISIT  
WILD.COM/THEMENIGHTS  
OR SCAN THE CODE  
TO BUY



Actual item may vary from picture

For groups of eight or more, contact:  
Call or text: (651) 222-9453 | [group.tickets@wild.com](mailto:group.tickets@wild.com)

## Member-Only P.D. Opportunities

The following re-licensure classes will be available this trimester. The sign up window will open on **Friday October 7 at 7:15 a.m.** with links below and will also be sent to you from your building rep. All classes will be virtual.

[October 25, 2022 \(Tuesday\) ~ 4:30-6:30 pm ~ AHEM Best Practice for English Language Learners Class](#)

[October 27, 2022 \(Thursday\) ~ 4:30-5:30 pm ~ AHEM Suicide Prevention Class](#)

[November 1, 2022 \(Tuesday\) ~ 4:30-6:30 pm ~ AHEM Key Warning Signs - Mental Health Class](#)

[November 3, 2022 \(Thursday\) ~ 4:30-6:30 pm ~ AHEM Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies Class](#)

[November 10, 2022 \(Thursday\) ~ 4:30-6:30 pm ~ AHEM Reading Instruction Class](#)

[November 15, 2022 ~ Tuesday ~ 4:30-6:30 ~ Accommodation, Modification and Adaptation of Curriculum, Materials and Instruction](#)

## **Building Resiliency and Voice with Early Career Educators**

Are you within the first five years of your education career? Are you interested in strengthening your own resilience and professional voice alongside other early career educator members in Minnesota?

Join us for this free professional development opportunity!

*[Click to find out more and to register!](#)*

**Happy Birthday!!!**



## October 9 - October 15

**OCT 9TH:** Blake Nicols, Jessica Malm, Paula Johnson, Nicholas Riordan

**OCT 10TH:** Maureen Weishair, Kathleen Murphy, Kelly Camp, Rebecca Solee, David Bestul, Abby Wessel

**OCT 11TH:** Bonnie Walker, Emily Anderson, Diane Adair, Ashlea Garrison

**OCT 12TH:** Jeanne Leake, Duane Gast, Therese Cofrin, Nathan Ziemski, McKinzie Meichsner, Jennifer Thomas, Shawna Voigt, Hallie Jarchow

**OCT 13TH:** Stephanie Pogalz, Barry Boevers, Tehann Zelinski

**OCT 14TH:** Cassandra Alexis, Ann Vangheem, Christopher Bowman, Nathaniel Ballard

**OCT 15TH:** Daniel Ashburn, Joan Angell, Rachael Bauleke, Grace Zachman, Ann Berdahl, Tammi Hatch, Rochelle White, Jessica Higgins

\*If you don't see your name and you should, please email us to let us know!

## Coming Up

**Absentee Ballots can be requested at any time.**

- AHEM Rep. Assembly – Oct 10, 4:45pm
- Indigenous Peoples Day - Oct 10
- School Board Work Session - Oct 10, 5:30pm ESC
- Sweetest Day - Oct. 15
- Education Minnesota MEA Conference - Oct 20 & 21
- United Nations Day - Oct 24
- AHEM Exec. Board Meeting - Oct 24, 4:45p
- School Board Meeting - Oct 24, 6:30pm ESC
- Big Parade of Little People - Oct 28
- Anoka Halloween Grande Day Parade - Oct 29
- Anoka Grey Ghost 5K - Oct 29
- **Halloween** - Oct. 31



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