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**ANOKA HENNEPIN**

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# Friday Blast

## GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

from Aaron Balzer

**Remember**, 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](#)

**Get out the Vote:** We're asking our Worksite Action Leaders and/or Building Reps to hold 2 voting activities this fall, including a 10-minute members meeting to talk about voting and the governor's race and at least 1 more activity of each building's choice. Tune in to your lead building rep and WALs in October!

# WEEKLY TRIVIA

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

The answer to last week's question was:

The state that requires a two-thirds vote in a joint meeting of both chambers, House and Senate is:

**Alaska!**

Congratulations to last week's winners:

Betsy Nordin, Oakview Middle School  
Sarah Valley, Oakview Middle School  
Jessica Wang, Jackson Middle School



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

What AHEM endorsed candidate won first prize in the political entry category at the Ramsey Happy Days Parade?

- a. Betsy O'Berry
- b. Matt Norris
- c. Bill Fisher
- d. Ashton Ramsammy

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

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

The first AHEM dues deduction will come out of the October 21st paycheck.

## SEED

### **Meet our new SEED Co-coordinator, Beth Lynn Heimerl**

A huge thanks goes out to the AHEM Union for helping keep our SEED (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity) program



alive here in Anoka-Hennepin! I'm Beth Lynn Heimerl, middle level educator at OVMS who has taught in many, many subject areas over the past 28 years. One thing I have found is that no matter the curriculum, building relationships with your students must precede learning! I have been a SEED participant and now facilitator for over 20 years. Each journey brings new insight into my students' experiences and challenges my own hidden biases. I am honored to be working as one of the co-coordinators of this transformative work centered around Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. We still have a few spots open at the moment, if you are interested in joining one of our sessions at the Union Site, CPHS or OVMS Online Hybrid. The cost is free, books are included, and you can earn 27 CEUs. There's also the option to take it for up to 6 quarter credits through St. Kate's University for a very affordable fee.



**Registration for SEED is still open.** To register, visit the learning management system (**LMS**) in A-H Connect on the district's website.

Please reach out if you have any questions:

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Thanks!

~Beth Lynn

## MEMEBER-ONLY P.D. OPPORTUNITIES

The following re-licensure classes will be available this trimester.

The sign up window will open on October 7 with links posted [HERE](#) and will also be sent to you from your building rep.

All classes will be virtual.

October 25 - English Learners  
October 27- Suicide Prevention  
November 1 - Mental Health  
November 3 - Positive Intervention  
November 10 - Reading  
November 15 - Modifications

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!



## October 2nd - October 8th

**Oct 2:** Teriann Anderson, Kristin Shively, Kelly Wuollet, Anne Pottinger, Laurie Erickson, Jamie Olson, Lindsay Paulson.

**Oct 3:** Joleen Lundin, Jessica Shreve, Gina Carlson, Traci Chur, Abigail Rice

**Oct 4:** Kristi Armstrong, Sara Welu, Lawrence Osmeck, Matthew Wilson, Victoria Portner, Janelle Moore, Leslie Blue, Allison Stephens, Austin Stephenson, Erica Wheeler, Kaitlin Hill.

**Oct 5:** Kristi Harms, Emily Depies, Stephanie Killian, Angela Groebner, Steven Lyons, Chad Fellows, Michael Comer, Erika Berg, Amy Mess, Anne Stauffcher, David Paddock, Ashley De Greeff, Holly Johnson, Joshua Clausen.

**Oct 6:** Jennifer Clark, Kristina Noel, Robyn Hjorth Martin, Julie Jensen, Courtney Cardinal

**Oct 7:** Michelle Hobbs, Shannon Vetsch, Sonja Hughes, Paige Warner

**OCT 8:** Theresa Bates, Dean Joslin, Douglas Moen, Elizabeth Ellis, Michael Hilber, Lacie Peterson.

\*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 4:45pm
- School Board Meeting - Oct. 24 6:30pm ESC
- Big Parade for Little People - Oct. 28
- Anoka Halloween Grande Day Parade - Oct. 29
- Anoka Grey Ghost 5K - Oct. 29

- **Halloween** - Oct. 31



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