

MTA NEWS

Representative

Murrieta Teachers Association

Council Highlights

President's Message from Kathy Ericson

- **PAC:** Kim Chevin, Kathy Ericson, Michelle Freiberg, and Lucy Blumenshine attended a San Geronio Council School Board dinner in Corona. Thoma-sian and Crist are up for re-election.
- **Bargaining:** Still in Ad-Hoc, which means bargaining has not yet begun. The delay is due to un-certainty about dis-trict revenue.
- **Organizing:** An-thony Blount and Kyle Garrity met to share ideas.
- **Insurance:** Prelimi-nary renewals will be announced at a meeting on February 11th.

Winter has arrived with over-night lows bringing the leaves tumbling down! That means our winter break is almost upon us. It certainly doesn't mean things have slowed down. In addition to all of the wonderful things that occur in classrooms every day, the first semester is coming to an end, grades are due, holiday pro-grams, plays, and readings are bringing smiles to the faces of students across our district, teacher trainings are continuing, and common core work teams are being estab-lished. I'm so proud to work alongside teachers that can pull all of this off and more. You are all truly incredi-ble.

In an effort to keep this article short, please look to your site reps for updates after our Rep Council meeting on Wednes-day. They will be able to pro-vide updates on our new MTA tech committee's survey, Ad-Hoc, bargaining, PLCs, leader-ship teams, common core work teams and more.

I want to wish each of you a rejuvenating winter break filled with traditions, celebrations, and family times that create cherished memories.

Warmly,
Kathy

Director Reports

Elementary Director/ CTA State Council Representative

Kim Chevlin

- Nothing to report in regard to elementary site issues
- State Council is a governing body of CTA— a business meeting.
- State Council creates policy, decides budgets and action items— it is NOT a conference.
- In addition, there are four meetings with the Service Center Council. The first meeting was on October 5th in Corona.
- Kathy has been hearing from two sites' teachers that they are unhappy with their new administrators.

Middle School Director

Beth Szabo

- Beth Szabo and Kathy Ericson visited Warm Springs and McElhenney. They met a number of teachers. They visited classrooms and were impressed with the activities they observed in the classrooms.
- They learned a lot about issues affecting these sites during their visit.

High School Director

Anthony Blount

- Teachers have been told that aer-ies.net should be up and running for second semester.
- Teachers do have to be given feed-

back from administrator walk-throughs. The purpose of the walk-throughs is to give teachers feedback.

Special Education

Director

Matt Johnson

- If not enough days have been scheduled for teachers to hold IEP meetings, teachers are unable to meet IEP timelines, which will lead to the teacher being out of compliance. This is an issue at one site, at least. MTA is in the process of resolving this issue.

MTA Technology Committee

256 teachers have responded to the MTA Technology Survey— at last report. This information will be compiled and shared with the district to provide them with teacher input about spending priorities.

SmileMakers, a school supply company is offering up to 20% discount to NEA members, and free shipping with an order of \$25 or more. NEAMB: promo code

PLC Notes

- PLC meetings are teacher-driven and should be held in a location that facilitates this purpose.
- Guy Romero is training sites to use PLCs for Common Core and other issues.