

# THE ADVOCATE

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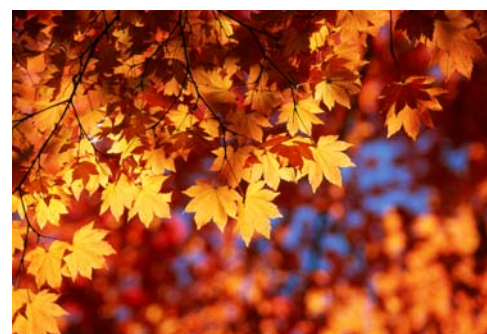
## Welcome Back and Issue Updates

*Dear Association Members: Congratulations! You have made it through the first few weeks. By now you have established routines which I hope include reading Tuesday Talk. Each week I will highlight upcoming meetings, workshops and events. This year PWEA will try some new things. Don't miss out on becoming a more engaged and active member! In case you didn't read the Tuesday Talk, you can also check our website at [www.pweaveanea.org](http://www.pweaveanea.org) to pre-*

*view the year and save dates. The PWEA Board of Directors, the Meet and Confer Team, and the "Merit Pay/Pay for Performance" team are already meeting, and acting, on your behalf. Some difficult and challenging conversations are taking place. This is precisely the reason I am committed to developing a culture of member engagement. PWEA needs your participation so we can have the strongest voice possible when addressing issues and concerns. In last year's first Advocate, I pointed out*

## PWEA Fall Workshops Announced

*PWEA is excited to announce our fall Instruction and Professional Development Workshops. Registration forms are available via the PWEA website or from your Association representative. Dinner, materials, and a certificate of participation will be included. Upon successful completion of each workshop, members will be reimbursed their registration fee [\$20-25/workshop] that evening. Please place forms in the*



- 1. Instructional Strategies for Special Education Students: Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 5-7 PM, PWEA Office [\$20]*
- 2. MODEL Teacher: Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 5-8 PM, Kelly Leadership Center [\$25]*
- 3. Professional Educator Performance Review Process (PPP) Overview: Expectations and Positive Practices: Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 5-7 PM, PWEA Office [\$20]*
- 4. MODEL Teacher: Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 5-8 PM, Kelly Leadership Center [\$25]*
- 5. Stress & Time Management: Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 5-7 PM, PWEA Office [\$20]*

## Rep Training Scheduled for October

*Do you want to do something to improve your life and the lives of other people at your worksite? Would you like to learn more about organizing principles and apply those to your worksite? Do you believe that organizing is people working together to get things done? If so, attend the PWEA Rep Training on Tues-*



*day, October 6 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the PWEA office. Learn how to identify, recruit, and retain member volunteers, to create Building Association Teams and to conduct a ten-minute Association meeting. Regulations relating to your role as a Rep will also be reviewed. You are the vital link to the PWEA! Please email*

## PWEA/Apple Grant

*Two \$500 grants were awarded to PWEA members from Alvey Elementary School and Gar-field High School. The recipients of the PWEA grants were selected because their proposals demonstrated a commitment to improving students' achievement, inte-*



*grating technology, involving the community in their school, and encouraging staff collaboration. Leslie Harper and Toni Verastegui, Alvey Elementary School, won a grant that will enable students to work on the Study*

*Island remediation program during school, as well as at home. Study Island is a computer-based program that allows students to receive extra assistance on SOL related materials. James Nolen, Gar-Field High School, earned a "Biology in the Bahamas" grant to participate in an immersive professional development program for educators designed to incorporate scientific research and practical strategies. Sponsored by the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago, the content focused on applying marine and biological concepts to the classroom over the course of three trips*

### Please Notify the PWEA Office of Changes!

*In order for PWEA to maintain accurate records, please contact Kim Davis at the PWEA office at 703.361.2444 or via e-mail at kdavis@pweaveanea.org to update your information in the event you have experienced any of the following changes:*

- Name change
- Address change
- Phone number
- Email address
- Work location
- Employment status (i.e. full to part-time)

*scheduled from June-August 2009 at both the aquarium and the Bahamian island of Bimini.*

## Kristen Hamilton Wins NEA

*PWEA is pleased to announce that Kristen Hamilton, language arts teacher at Battlefield High School, has been chosen as the 2009-2010 NEA Teaching Fellows Program*

*recipient and the first teacher selected from Prince William County Schools. NEA established its Teaching Fellows Program in 2005 to add practicing classroom teacher*

*"voice" and expertise to its work in the teaching and learning arena. The Teaching Fellows are selected from Washington-area National Board Certified*



## PWEA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### September

29 All-Member Meeting, 4:30 PM, PWEA office

### October

1 PWEA Board Meeting, 4:45 PM, PWEA office

6 Rep Training, 5-7 PM, PWEA office

8 "Instructional Strategies for Special Education Students" Workshop, 5-7 PM, PWEA office

15 All-Member Meeting, 4:30 PM, Penn ES

19 MODEL Teacher Workshop, 5-8 PM, Kelly Leadership Center

27 "PPP Overview" Workshop, 5-7 PM, PWEA office

30-31 Virginia Association of Nurses Conference, Westfields Marriot

### November

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