



PENFIELD EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
United in Excellence

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What is Success?

To laugh often and much;

*To win the respect of intelligent people
and the affection of children;*

*To earn the appreciation of honest critics
and endure the betrayal of false friends;*

*To appreciate beauty;
To find the best in others;*

*To leave the world a bit better, whether by
a healthy child, a garden patch
or a redeemed social condition;*

*To know even one life has breathed
easier because you have lived;*

This is to have succeeded.

Derived from an essay by Bessie A. Stanley (1905)

(Attributed to Ralph Waldo Emerson)



Congratulations to Our 2016 Retirees

Diane Abrahamian

Deb Bayley

Judith Bermudez

Alan Boardway

Rachel "Becky" Gnage

Kathryn McBride

Tracy Perkins

Jane Richards-Hyde

Paula Roberts

Donna Schwedfeger

Barbara Shields

Kathy Strickland

Mary Weiss

David Wiener





Congratulations to Teachers Receiving Tenure

Rebecca English

Sara Ertel

Elizabeth Federici

Melissa Gambino

Lisa Hryvniak

Leticia Kalweit

Christina Lenzo

Tara McManus

Lindsey Rivers

Ashley Socola

Jaclyn Suchanek

Rachael Wyman



President's Column

June 2016...another school year is in the books, leaving many of us wondering, "Where did the time go?" Whether you are a first year teacher or an upcoming retiree, time really does seem to fly by in the classroom. These last few weeks are especially hectic. With us preparing final exams, administering Regents, calculating grades, storing books, packing up materials, and cleaning classrooms, as we say good-bye to this year's students and prepare for next year's.

Sincere congratulations to our esteemed retirees of 2016! We will miss your leadership, your good counsel, and your presence in our buildings. Thank you for your countless contributions to the success of our district. We are in your debt. On behalf of the PEA, I wish you much good health and happiness as you look forward to a world of new adventures.

Congratulations, also, to our new teachers who were awarded tenure this year. May this be the first of many milestones in your Penfield career. In the words of Helen Caldicott, "Teachers, I believe, are the most important members of society because their professional efforts affect the fate of the earth." These are powerful words to live by and practice, for sure, and certainly words to take to heart as you begin your teaching careers. We are happy you are members of Team Penfield, and we stand ready to help you as you continue your journey with us.

Congratulations are also in order for our newly- elected building and committee representatives:

PHS: Dave King and Mark Vogt

Bay Trail: Kristin Keeley and Matt Vaccarella

Cobbles: Wayne Smith

Indian Landing: Steve Newman

Scribner: Carol Koncelik.

Newly – elected **PARC representatives** include Hope Vogel and Amy Wilson from Bay Trail, Kelly Limbeck from Cobbles, and Nancy Ryan from Indian Landing.

Scholarship Committee members include Colleen Callahan from Indian Landing and Christy Finke from Scribner.

Nomination Committee Chairperson: Stephanie Sonner from Scribner.

Thank you to all who threw their hats into the ring and ran for these positions. There will be many opportunities for union involvement next year. I invite all PEA members to consider joining a committee or running for office in the future.

As I reflect on my first year as PEA President, I am grateful for the opportunity you have given me to serve the membership, and I look ahead with optimism. I believe that we have made significant strides as a union in rebuilding solid relationships with the district and with the Board of Education. Working in concert with the entire TERT team, we drafted a fair APPR revised document for teacher evaluations which is now in the hands of the state. We have modeled a culture of transparency, and we have re-established our voice in the community. We continue to build a foundation for upcoming contract negotiations in January.

When this busy time is finished and the last paper has been corrected and the last shelf has been cleared, I hope that you, too, will take some time to reflect on the work you have done on behalf of Penfield students. In my visits to individual schools throughout this year, I was constantly in awe of the amazing work being done throughout the district. It is no wonder that Penfield receives so many local, state, and national accolades – all well deserved. You are the thinkers, the dreamers, the innovators, and the problem solvers. You foster optimism and confidence and challenge students to meet obstacles head-on, fearlessly and with determination. Your combined efforts from kindergarten through twelfth grade have helped our students flourish and grow one step closer to realizing their potential.

It is a humbling experience being your PEA President, and it is an honor to represent such a distinguished faculty. I hope your summer vacation is a time of rest, relaxation, and rejuvenation.

Thank you for all of your hard work.

Together, we remain UNION STRONG.

Bob Young

Important Note:

You are cordially invited to attend the annual **PEA General Meeting:**

When? **Wednesday, June 15, 2016**

Where? **Bay Trail Library**

Why? **Vote on Adoption of 2016-2017 PEA Budget**