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NOME EA NEWSLETTER

TO PROMOTE EXCELLENT EDUCATION FOR NOME'S STUDENTS BY SUPPORTING TEACHERS

Nome EA in a Nutshell

As it says in the byline above, the Nome Education Association exists to promote an excellent education for students by supporting teachers. But what does that mean and what does the association do? First, Nome EA is all of us, we are all part of this group and we should all have the same goal: a quality education for every student in the district. But sometimes we need help with that goal and that is where Nome EA can help.

TEACHER SUPPORT

One of the main functions of the association is to make sure the Negotiated Agreement is being followed. We can all take part in this by reading the agreement and knowing what our rights are. When there is an issue where the agreement is being violated, that is when Nome EA can get involved. We exist to help teachers when they feel they are being treated unfairly. Any member can help with an issue, but members of the Executive Committee have training to help with issues.



Nome EA Executive Committee

President: Kent Runion
(Nome-Beltz High School)

Secretary: Rachel Ventress
(Nome-Beltz Junior High)

Vice-President: Meghan Ten Eyck
(Nome Elementary- Kindergarten)

NES Building Representative:
Jennifer Shreve (6th Grade)

Treasurer: Mary Jo Hazel
(Nome Elementary- 1st Grade)

Nome-Beltz Building Representative:
Jill Peters (Special Education)



AUGUST 21 Nome Public Schools will be sponsoring an all staff barbecue at East End Park. Come celebrate the start of a new school year.



AUGUST 29 Blueberry picking is one of everyone's favorite things to do. Nome EA is sponsoring a picking excursion, so save the date and look for more details in the future.



SEPTEMBER 5 Take a break and relax after the first weeks of school. Join Nome EA for a hike to Dorothy Falls. Dorothy Falls is 25 miles north of Nome and a favorite landmark.

Nome EA in a Nutshell (continued)

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Another aspect of teacher support is negotiating with the district. This year the Nome EA will begin meeting with the district to discuss our next Negotiated Agreement. You will be seeing more information about this as the time gets closer. Be thinking about changes you would like to see.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Teachers are an important part of the Nome community and Nome EA has made community engagement a priority for the upcoming year. We want to make Nome Public Schools and its teachers a positive force in the community. With that goal in mind, we will be planning events that make a positive outreach in the community.

Some of this has already begun. So far we have made donations to the Nome Food Bank, the Bering Sea Women's Group and the Nome Boys and Girls Club. We will be partnering with Nome Public Schools in their community outreach nights the first week of the school year. Nome EA will also be sponsoring a night in September

specifically for outreach to the community. This is just the beginning, there will be many more community activities you can take part in throughout the year.

NEA-ALASKA

Being part of the local association also connects you to the statewide body. All Nome EA members are also

members of NEA-Alaska. NEA-AK provides support to local associations with their expertise in contract issues, legal matters and statewide affairs. They also sponsor fall and spring conferences which are open to Nome EA members. The fall conference is October 16-18 in Anchorage. More information will be coming in the next few weeks.

NEA-AK BENEFITS



The NEA-AK website gives a lot of information about statewide issues and how NEA-AK is advocating for education at the state level. Visit www.nealaska.org to find out more.

* NEA Member Benefits provides services and discounts to NEA members. To sign up, visit www.neamb.com.



PICTURES OF SUMMER



Students measuring for a mock musk ox survey while at Expeditions Math Camp sponsored by Nome Public Schools, Bering Straits School District and UAF-Northwest Campus.



Nome and the surrounding areas have some of the most picturesque landscapes. They look even better at sunset.



A herd of reindeer on the road to Teller.