

NOME EA NEWSLETTER

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NEA Delegate Assembly 2017:

Delegate Assembly (DA) is the annual meeting where elected NEA-Alaska members gather together in Anchorage to introduce new business items, create resolutions, and decide on legislative priorities for the following year. There was even time for state Senator, Lisa Murkowski to stop by in a show of solidarity and appreciation for Alaska's teachers.

Your Nome delegates for this year were Kent Runion and Jill Peters. Kent attended the Government Relations and Community Outreach Session while Jill went to Building Local Capacity and Member Engagement focus group. They spent the weekend listening to debates and voting on a variety of issues.

It was voted that the top three legislative priorities for the year would be: restoring and maintaining a defined benefit and retirement system, lobbying against legislation that negatively impacts public education and collective bargaining rights, and to advocate for full funding for public education to be consistent with Base Student Allocation in state law with annual increases to offset inflation.



READ ACROSS AMERICA

March 2nd is Dr. Seuss's birthday. But more importantly, it is also NEA's nationwide celebration of reading.

This year will be the second year that Nome EA organizes a huge Seuss themed birthday bash that the whole town is invited to.

We will make Oobleck, Truffula Trees, and Lorax Cookies. There will be Seuss trivia games and puzzles. We will have "selfie" props and a storyteller too! This is a fun and exciting event. But in order to pull it off we will need volunteers. Please contact Jill if you are interested in helping out.



JANUARY 10TH: Congratulations to January's Teacher of the Month- Josie Bourdon



JANUARY 13 & 14TH: Your Nome delegate and other NEA members from around the state hold up their red cards to vote in favor of a new business item during Delegate Assembly, 2017.



SPRING BREAK: Wondering when the next NEA social event will happen? Keep an eye on your email in the next month. We will be assembling another fierce team of sculptors for the snow sculpting competition in March.