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# Garden Grove Education Association

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GGEA Mission Statement: GGEA is an association of educators who advocate for the well-being of our membership and the students we serve.

GGEA 2019-20 Goal: Engage membership through internal organizing to build a stronger union.

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**Wear your GGEA Blue on Tuesdays to show your support of GGEA. Your support is what makes us strong!**

**Upcoming Events**

**5/25 Memorial Day**  
**5/26 Rep Council**



## **Memorial Day - May 25, 2020**

While I have never actively served in the U.S. military, I am considered to be a military brat, wife, niece, and mom. I am a daughter to a Retired Navy Chief, my dad, and an ex-wife of a Retired USMC Gunnery Sergeant. Both of my uncles served in the military as well, one as a Corpsman in the Navy, and the other as an Army infantry man. Fortunately, they are all currently alive and I can thank them personally for their service. I am also very proud to be a mom of a USAF Lt. Colonel in the Air Force. I've been honored to walk through Arlington National Cemetery, lay hands on the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, DC, be part of a wreath laying ceremony at Normandy American Cemetery and walk the grounds in the American Military Cemetery in Saint Avoird, France. For these many reasons I remember and honor those that served.

"Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices." -President Harry S. Truman

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YChfpVD5xpk&list=RDNOcl17HIa7c&index=8>

## Site Reps for 2020-21

According to GGEA Bylaw 3.4: "Association Representatives shall be elected by and from the membership for each Local Faculty Unity by June 1 of each year. In the event of a vacancy, an election may be held to fill the vacant position for the remainder of the term. Association Representatives serve a two-year term and shall take office on July 1, following their election. Such election shall be by open nomination and written ballot."

Please find the reporting sheet link below. Email it to [jennyq@ggea.org](mailto:jennyq@ggea.org) by June 1, 2020. Thank You.

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## Students Share Their Coronavirus Diaries: 'I'm Really Missing School' (Video)

Some school-aged children are keeping a record of what it's like to live through the Coronavirus pandemic.

"Education Week Video asked two groups of students who had been given this assignment—a 5th grade class in Springboro, Ohio, and a 7th grade class in Summerville, S.C.—to record themselves reading some of their entries."

[http://blogs.edweek.org/teachers/teaching\\_now/2020/05/students\\_share\\_their\\_coronavirus\\_diaries\\_im\\_really\\_missing\\_school\\_video.html](http://blogs.edweek.org/teachers/teaching_now/2020/05/students_share_their_coronavirus_diaries_im_really_missing_school_video.html)

## Feeling Cranky?

Angela Duckworth, along with other behavioral-science experts offer advice to teachers based on scientific research. Angela is the founder and CEO of [Character Lab](#), a nonprofit organization advancing scientific insights that help kids thrive. She is also the Christopher H. Browne Distinguished Professor of Psychology at the University of Pennsylvania.

In a May 18th EdWeek blog, Angela writes: "With my husband and kids at home all day, I find we're getting on each other's nerves. What can we do to be less cranky living in close quarters."

Read on:

[http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/ask\\_a\\_psychologist/2020/05/feeling\\_cranky\\_how\\_to\\_regulate\\_your\\_emotions\\_when\\_teaching\\_under\\_quarantine.html?cmp=eml-enl-eu-news2-rm&M=59577204&U=&UID=bc17aad54a7bd180b311dfe2ee7d41f6](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/ask_a_psychologist/2020/05/feeling_cranky_how_to_regulate_your_emotions_when_teaching_under_quarantine.html?cmp=eml-enl-eu-news2-rm&M=59577204&U=&UID=bc17aad54a7bd180b311dfe2ee7d41f6)

## Release Days

Per the office of personnel, "teachers can change their scheduled release day by coordinating/communicating/recording their release day with their principal/secretary."

## Are You Retiring?

If you are retiring this year GGEA would like to know so that we can honor you. While there might not be an in person celebration, we are working on some alternate plans. Please click on the link below and return via email to [membership@ggea.org](mailto:membership@ggea.org). by May 22nd.

<https://files.constantcontact.com/ea1a5c0d001/8b17a453-eb0a-4410-b7d8-411d636550fc.png>

***If you are retiring this year, and haven't turned in your retirement form, the district is asking that you consider doing so to alleviate any unnecessary stress to those teachers who will be excessed for 2020-21 school year.***

I have attached the district's retirement form in the link below.

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## 5 Important Things to Know: Closing Classrooms this Summer

The district was in the process of finalizing the above mentioned document which is intended to provide helpful direction for school administrators and teachers at all levels in order to work together to ensure health and safety for all. At this time, it has now been finalized, emailed from the district and is also attached below.

<https://files.constantcontact.com/ea1a5c0d001/371c07e7-f423-4756-b9af-e5c7b9ee719e.pdf>

**Cal Casualty's Summer Skip Program**

The CTA Auto & Home Insurance Program provided by California Casualty has enhanced their "Summer Skip" policy benefit to include two consecutive months between May and September. With an average savings of \$423/year, each policy includes Educator specific benefits, free ID Theft Protection, Pet Injury Coverage and Exclusive member-only rates.

For a limited time, they are offering a **\$25 Amazon.com gift card** for completing an auto quote via the link below. [Get your quote today!](#)

**CTA Member Benefits - Important Reminder for All Members**

CTA understands the concern and uncertainty you may be experiencing surrounding the coronavirus (COVID-19). The health and well-being of their members and communities is their top priority and in this uncertain time, they want to provide a reminder to regularly ensure all your account beneficiaries are up to date.

*Whether it's your district benefits, CTA-endorsed [voluntary life through The Standard](#), [CTA Retirement Savings Plan](#), [STRS](#), [PERS](#), [CTA Death and Dismemberment Plan](#) or [NEA Complimentary Life](#), we encourage you to make sure your beneficiary information is accurate.*

*At [www.CTAMemberBenefits.org/dd](http://www.CTAMemberBenefits.org/dd), you can update your CTA Death and Dismemberment beneficiary online at your convenience. If you haven't enrolled in online access, it only takes a few minutes. [Enroll here](#) (be sure to have your CTA Individual member ID number handy or contact [membership@cta.org](mailto:membership@cta.org) to access your member number.)*

**REMINDERS:**

**Attorney Consultation Available**

The opportunity to speak with an attorney for 30 minutes on non-work related issues has resumed. Please call the GGEA office for more information.

**Join the GGEA Facebook Page - Connect with other members!**

Search for "Garden Grove Education Association" and ask to join the group. Allow our admin 24-48 hours to accept your request. If you are concerned about privacy, please make sure your own Facebook page has privacy settings adjusted before joining GGEA Facebook. Here you can read education articles, see GGEA activities, and share your ideas.

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**Together Everyone Achieves More**  
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