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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!**



**5/6-12 National Nurses Week**

**5/9 Mother's Day**

**5/10 R&E Count Ballots for GGEA General Elections**

**5/11 Segments**

**5/12 California's Day of the Teacher**

**6/2 GGEA Retirement Tribute**



We will be using Survey Monkey for GGEA's 2021-22 bargaining survey. A link will be sent out through Constant Contact **the week of May 17**. Your input determines the priority of items to be bargained.

### **Tentative Agreement Voting Results**

GGEA's Rules & Elections Committee counted the ballots on Monday, May 3rd. A Special Rep Council was held to ratify the election results which are as follows

- Electronic votes - 1302 Yes, 64 No
- Paper Ballots - 50 Yes, 2 No
- Subtotal - 1352 Yes, 66 No
- Total Ballots Cast - 1418

### **When Will I See the 2% On Schedule & the 1.75% Off Schedule?**

You will see the 2% on schedule increase in your May paycheck. The 2% Retro on schedule and the 1.75% off schedule will be seen in your June check

### **National Nurses Week/National School Nurse Day**

National Nurses Week takes place from Thursday, May 6 to Wednesday, May 12.

It's a week each year to honor the commitment, dedication, and hard work of those in the nursing profession. This year, honoring our nurses is more important than ever

On May 12, educators also celebrate National School Nurse Day. School nurses help keep our community safe and have been the champions for a safe return to in-person instruction.

They are essential to the school community.

*Source: NEA.org*

### **California Educators: Cultivating Minds and Healing Hearts**

May 12 is the California Day of the Teacher and this year's theme is Cultivating Minds & Healing Hearts. The power of public education is something we have always known is key to the prosperity of our state and our students. Never has that been more evident than last year. Amid a stressful and unprecedented time in history, we never failed to raise our voices for critical resources that are needed to keep our students, peers, and communities safe, including many that were needed even before the pandemic

Source: <https://www.cta.org/for-educators/meet-cta/classroom-teachers/dayoftheteacher>

### **Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month**

May is Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month. AAPIs are the fastest-growing racial and ethnic group in the country, consisting of 20 million people with roots in more than 20 countries, and 30 ethnic groups who speak more than 300 languages and dialects. Find AAPI lesson plans and classroom resources here:

<https://www.cta.org/awareness-events/aapi-heritage-month>

Source: CTA.org

## **Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation (PCRF)**

For the past thirteen years GGEA member Terry Shepard would have spoken at our Rep Council Meetings and handed out flyers looking for participants for her team, Running With Todd, for the annual PCRF Run.

However, due to COVID-19, the run itself last year was canceled and this year's will be virtual

**Team Running With Todd** is going Virtual, **May 16th**. The new PCRF app is available until May 30th if you can't walk or run on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

To register, please go to [www.reachingforthecure.com](http://www.reachingforthecure.com) and click "Register" and "Join a team."

All money raised goes to Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation. We are all helping to find a cure for childhood cancer with every dollar raised.

Every participant will receive a t-shirt, medal, face mask, and goodie bag. Terry Shepard will personally deliver these to each of you that signs up in memory of her son, Todd.

## **The NEA Foundation is offering NEW Envision Equity Grants for Educators!!**

*Easy application process! Deadline June 1!!!*

The widespread and disparate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the need to reimagine education in ways that will transform inequities, meet the needs of the whole child, and prepare all students to thrive in an ever-changing world.

This new grant program will enable educators across the country to build on their knowledge of what works to bring out every student's best.

Envision Equity Grants will enable educators to test creative new ideas and innovations, demonstrating exemplary teaching and learning. They will support students' project-based learning, advancing cultural understanding and appreciation, anti-racism commitments, and students' understanding of civic engagement and democracy

Envision Equity Grants will primarily support projects that serve the students most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic: students of color, students from low-income families, English language learners, students with disabilities, and students experiencing homelessness. <https://www.neafoundation.org/for-educators/envision-equity-grants/>

Note: Sharing from NEA Foundation

## **Retiring This Year?**

A memo was sent out to the list of members that are retiring this year asking them to RSVP as to whether or not they would be participating in the GGEA Retirement Tribute. If you are one of those members, have you RSVPd? Susan has extended the deadline as many didn't respond. The Retirement Committee has been working hard to make this a special occasion for your well-deserved retirement. Please check your emails and RSVP with a yes or no so the committee can get an accurate attendee count.

**Helpful Tax Information**

Remember, ask your tax advisor if your professional association dues are tax deductible. Click on the link for your GGEA/CTA/NEA dues for the 2020 tax year.

- <https://files.constantcontact.com/ea1a5c0d001/2b4023dd-1dc5-4029-85e2-59974d18d34c.png>

**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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