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**Calendar of  
Events**



**May 3 National Teacher  
Day**

**May 10 Executive  
Board Meeting**

**May 12 Governing  
Board Meeting**

**May 17 Executive  
Board Meeting  
with the  
Superintendent**

**May 25 Last Day  
Students**

**May 26 Governing  
Board Meeting**

**May 26 Last Day for  
Teachers**

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# The Voice

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## What has the WDEA done for you lately?

- WDEA assisted in successfully passing WESD's M & O Override . This funding will allow us to continue providing some very important services to our children!
- WDEA , WEF and WESD partner to provide another hugely successful Read Across America!
- WDEA's 4th Annual Literacy Night again was a fun-filled evening. WDEA partners with Phoenix Public Libraries to encourage literacy. WESD employees and governing board members read to students while signing up for the summer reading program.
- We have established a new Partnership with Henry's Hope, a non-profit group that assists families in need with medical issues.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> annual WDEA Picnic was held . We had a great time hiking and visiting with other leaders, members, and governing board members!
- 1<sup>st</sup> annual WDEA Membership Pizza Night helped us to build our capacity and meet new faces!
- WDEA returned to offering professional development to our members. We offered a classroom management class for all WESD employees already and there is more to come thanks to the new AEA Priority Learning Program being offered by our own NBC Teachers!
- WDEA serves on many committees: Planning and Steering, Trust Board, Health Insurance Committee, Wellness Committee, Teacher Evaluation Committee, Principal Evaluation Committee, IBN, Working Conditions Subcommittee, Salary Subcommittee, Advocacy Committee, Washington Education Foundation, Support Our Schools, RIF Subcommittee, Site Councils , WDEA Representative Committee, WDEA Executive Board, Solving Employee Concerns (monthly meeting with the District Leadership), Political Action Committee, Support Our Schools, Invest in Education Committee and AEA State Committees. . Submitted by Mindy Whalen, WDEA President

## 4th Annual Literacy Night

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Literacy Night sponsored by WDEA and WESD was a big success. There were about 170 children and 77 adults in attendance at the Cholla branch of the Phoenix Public Library. Donna Maese from Ocotillo organized a whole bus full of students and parents and brought them to the event. The library issued 22 new library cards. The children heard stories read by our Superintendent, Dr. Susie Cook, Assistant Superintendents Dr. Lyn Bailey and Janet Sullivan, Governing

Board members Clorinda Graziano, Aaron Jahneke, Tee Lambert and Bill Adams. Marijo Kist from the library also read a story. A snack of Keebler Gramahms were donated by WESD Nutrition Services. Students learned about the public library's summer reading program which features Diamondback tickets!

Submitted by Caren Oliver

At Right: Clorinda Graziano, Governing Board Member, reading at Cholla Library.



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## Ways to pay your WDEA/AEA/NEA dues

Our profession and future is at risk. AEA, in a proactive approach to SB1365, is moving all members away from payroll deduction to other forms of dues payments. It is the desire of AEA to make the transition as easy as possible with the least effect on individual finances.

When meeting with AEA staff you will have an opportunity to update your personal information and make the change from payroll deduction to the choices below:

- **EFT** – 20 deductions on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of each month starting in September (bring a voided check)
- credit card/debit card – Visa or MasterCard (one time charge or 10 payments on the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month),

- check (post-dated for September 1, 2011)

The AEA staff was out in the Washington District May 2-11, 2011. For anyone who was unable to meet with the AEA staff during the site visit or needs to return his/her form, we will have another opportunity on May 16-17, 2011 when AEA does a follow-up.

Please contact our AEA Organizational Consultant Karen Duncan at [karen.duncan@arizonaaea.org](mailto:karen.duncan@arizonaaea.org) to make arrangements to have your form completed. This is a great opportunity to renew now and talk to AEA one-on-one.

Submitted by Karen Duncan, AEA Organizational Consultant

## Enacted Bills– Passed & Signed into Law 2011

*\*\*\*July 20, 2011 is the general effective date for these bills to*

*become law.*

**HB2001** Arizona commerce authority; business incentives (Adams) **OPPOSE**

**HB2002** school district monies; associations; elections (Kavanagh) **OPPOSE**

**HB2219** study committee; unification; consolidation (Fillmore) (no position taken)

**HB2237** JTEDs; ADM; student count (Goodale) (no position taken) (no position taken)

**HB2301** soft capital; uses (Mesnard) (no position taken)

**HB2415** schools; bullying policies (Yee) **SUPPORT**

**HB2421** school districts; budgets; financial reports (Yee) (no position taken)

**HB2565** postsecondary education; students’ rights (Court) **OPPOSE**

**HB2587** high schools; military recruiting; form (Proud) (no position taken)

**HB2646** JTEDs; adult students (Gowan) (no position taken)

**HB2706** supplementary reading instruction; teachers (Lesko) **NEUTRAL**

**HB2710** study committee; outcome-based funding (C. Crandall) (no position taken)

**SB1141** schools; residency requirements (Smith) (no position taken)

**SB1256** education; omnibus (R. Crandall) (no position taken)

**SB1263** schools; administrative tasks; reduction (R. Crandall) **SUPPORT**

**SB1303** schools; dropout recov-

ery programs (R. Crandall) (no position taken)

**SB1363** employer protections; labor relations (Antenori) **OPPOSE**

**SB1365** paycheck deductions; political purposes (Antenori) **OPPOSE**

**SB1451** high schools; board examination systems (R. Crandall) **SUPPORT**

**SB1453** parents’ rights; schools (R. Crandall) **OPPOSE**

**SB1521** schools; head injury policies; athletics (R. Crandall) **SUPPORT**

**SB1553** education; Arizona empowerment accounts (Murphy) **OPPOSE**

**SB1609** retirement systems; plans; plan design (Yarbrough) **OPPOSE**

Submitted by Karen Duncan, AEA Organizational Consultant