

Read Across America

Friday, March 2, 2012

NEA Celebrates Reading with the Lorax in 2012

Green is the theme for a very special *Read Across America* celebration in 2012. NBC/Universal's "*The Lorax Movie*" (featuring the voices of Taylor Swift, Zach Efron, Danny Devito and Betty White) opens nationwide March 2, 2012 and



Universal, Dr. Seuss Enterprises, and Random House are joining NEA's Read Across America in a special Read Across America campaign featuring new

posters, teacher guides, events and activities on the RAA website.

Go to
<http://www.nea.org/grants/886.htm>
for activities and ideas for your celebration of reading!

Association Membership is the Key to Improving Our Schools

In spite of many things, the 2011-2012 school year has gotten off to a pretty great start for Wake NCAE. Thanks to the efforts of hundreds of members, all five of Wake NCAE's recommended candidates for the Wake School Board were elected on October 11 and November 8. Now, our association must turn its attention to helping the newly elected School Board majority improve learning and working conditions for all students and staff in the WCPSS.

SHARE THE GREAT REASONS WHY YOU JOINED WAKE NCAE.



And even larger tasks are looming. When the General Assembly returns in the spring, it will be up to NCAE members to protect our schools from further devastating cuts. To do this, we will have to build on the victories won in the fall and bring even more members into active participation in the work of our association. There is much to be

done but, as Wake NCAE has shown, educators are a strong force for positive change when we are organized and united around common goals.

In that spirit of strength in unity, Wake NCAE will begin its pro-rated membership campaign during the month of January. First-time members who sign up during January, February or March and commit to membership through 2012-2013 can simply join with the next payroll deduction.

There will be no back dues to pay and all of the regular perks of membership apply. There has seldom been a more important time to join your professional association; pro-rated dues make January a most convenient time to join as well.

Finally, a reminder: the annual open enrollment period for Wake

NCAE begins on July 1 and closes at 5:00 pm on September 15.

If you pay dues by way of payroll deduction, your membership will roll over unless you submit a written notice of cancellation during

this time. You can always find this information in the "Membership" page of our website, www.wake-ncae.org. Please contact Larry Nilles (wakevp@bellsouth.net) if you have questions about your membership status.



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From the President...

Just hear those sleigh bells jingling, ring ting tingling too, Come on, it's lovely weather for a sleigh ride together with you

The holidays are upon us and the sounds of familiar songs, that we hear only once a year, are in the air.

The upcoming holiday break will give many of us time to relax, rejuvenate and spend time with our families and friends. For at least 12 days, thoughts will drift away from work and take us to a 'Calgon take me away' place.

Of course, no matter what you have planned, your thoughts will periodically drift back to your work as



an educator and the students whose lives you touch each day. I have found, as you probably have, that I'm always in 'educator mode' regardless of where I am.

During this break, make the time to do some of the things that you enjoy.

Recharge, rejuvenate and relax.

Have a happy and safe holiday!

-Tama



Happy Holidays

Wake NCAE Retirement Workshop

Thursday, February 23, 2012

4:30 p.m.

NCAE Building
(700 S. Salisbury Street)

Call 782-8908 or email
wakeoffice@bellsouth.net to RSVP.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

- December 21 – Hanukkah Begins
First Day of Winter
- December 25 – Christmas Day
- December 26 – Kwanzaa begins
- December 31 – New Year’s Eve

JANUARY

- January 1 – New Year’s Day
- January 6 – NCAE and NEA Delegate Nomination Forms Due
- January 16 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observance
- February 1 – Wake NCAE Board of Directors
4:30 p.m., NCAE Building
- February 2 – Groundhog Day
- February 8 – Wake NCAE RA
4:45 p.m., NCAE Building

“There’s an App for That”

Members can now access NCAE on their Smartphones. If you own a Blackberry, iPhone or Droid, you have access to the free NCAE app. No matter your location, you can find information on the Association quickly and effortlessly. You can also contact NCAE leaders and staff, view a map for directions to the Center, link to social media sites such as the NCAE YouTube, Flickr and Facebook pages, and see a calendar of upcoming events.



NCAE is on Call

**Call 1-855-ASKNCAE (1-855-275-6223),
Monday through Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

for answers to your employment-related questions or visit us anytime at www.askncae.org



NCAE Convention • March 23-24, 2012 Winston-Salem

If you wish to be a delegate for the state convention, you must complete this nomination form and return it to the Wake NCAE Office. The convention opening session is 9:00 a.m. on Friday, March 23 and the convention closes at the end of business on Saturday afternoon. Wake NCAE delegates receive a stipend to help cover the cost of substitutes, travel, and meals. Delegates are required to be present for all sessions of the convention and must attend the **Cluster 6 Delegate Caucus on Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the NCAE Center**. Each delegate will be asked to donate, or solicit donations, for the NCAE PAC (Political Action).

Mail the nominations to 3900 Merton Dr. Ste. 100, Raleigh, NC 27609 or FAX to 919-782-8906. **Nominations must be received in the Wake NCAE office by 5:00 p.m. Friday, January 6, 2012.**

Name: _____ School _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Social Security Number (Last 5 digits) _____ Race _____
(needed to verify membership) (needed to ensure diversity)

NEA Convention • June 30 – July 5, 2012 Washington, DC



If you wish to be on the ballot for the NEA Convention, complete this form and return it to the Wake NCAE office. **You must be able to attend and be present for the entire convention** and attend the NCAE Caucuses. Wake NCAE will provide a stipend that will help cover the cost of your travel, hotel, and meals. In addition, each delegate will be asked to contribute or solicit contributions to the NEA Fund for Children and Public Education (Political Action).

In addition to the form, each nomination MUST be accompanied by a 25 to 50 word essay detailing the nominee's current and future contributions/activities in Wake NCAE. The essays will be printed AS WRITTEN in the *Wake Action* prior to the election. Nominees will also be asked to speak at the March Representative Assembly.

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