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## Let's Celebrate Read Across America is March 2!

Read Across America is a national day celebrating reading. Read Across America is sponsored by the National Education Association and the California Teachers Association along with many of the country's leading literacy and youth groups to motivate children to read and generate new enthusiasm for reading.

### Everyone is Celebrating

The theme for Read Across America 2011 is "Serve Up a Good Book!" Gobble up the spicy fun for some tasty reading and join Miss Billie Armadilly, Tex the tarantula, Mackie the bluebird and Taffy the horned toad – characters created by award-winning illustrator Will Terry. Get cookin' and be a part of the fun celebration! This year's activities include breakfast read-ins, book drives and chili cook-offs. These are examples of fun things you can do to share the joy of reading. Will Terry has illustrated 20 children's books — his lifelong dream after starting his art career illustrating for magazines and advertisements. He enjoys talking to kids of all ages – in fact, his studio is often overrun by one or more of his kids and their friends and is frequently open to school classes from elementary through college.



For more information and resources go to [CTA.org](http://CTA.org).

## CTA Backs Governor's Budget Plan

The governor's state budget plan – including his call for extending temporary taxes with a June ballot measure to help erase the state's \$25 billion budget deficit – was endorsed today by the governing council of the 325,000-member California Teachers Association.

Educators are alarmed that, without an extension of current revenues, public schools and colleges would lose at least another \$2.3 billion on top of the more than \$18 billion in devastating cuts they have suffered over the past three years. The vote to support Gov. Jerry Brown's budget plan came from the nearly 800 democratically elected teacher delegates on the CTA State Council of Education at their meeting in Los Angeles.

"Educators and all school employees are making a stand to protect our students and classrooms," said CTA President David A. Sanchez. "The governor's plan to extend temporary taxes for five years is a necessary and viable option to prevent further cuts to schools, public safety, health and other vital state programs. California voters must be allowed to decide whether they want to make our schools a priority and start rebuilding a world-class public education system or whether they want a world-class state budget catastrophe."

CTA emphasizes that the governor's plan will not restore all previous cuts to education and does not adequately meet the long-term funding needs of our schools and colleges. CTA supports changes to the state's tax system to provide ongoing funding for education. To start a public conversation about how unfair tax policies are hurting school funding, CTA has launched an online resource of research and studies at [www.cta.org/taxfairness](http://www.cta.org/taxfairness).

### CTA State Council Elects Next President



Dean Vogel was elected CTA President at State Council Saturday, February 5. President David Sanchez will term out of office June 25 after four years. Vogel's election was unanimous. His career as an educator spans 37 years in positions in elementary and higher education. He is a veteran teacher and counselor from Davis. Vogel states that he is hopeful for the future of education funding under Governor Jerry Brown.



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**Revenue & Expense**

**Report**

The Revenue & Expense Committee was created in February 1995 to cooperatively examine the District's finances. The Committee is comprised of members each from MTA, CSEA, and MUSD.

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- Lorraine Richards (MHS)
- Alma Orta (SUE)
- Ryan Rice (SHS)
- Guillermo Sandoval (MHS)
- Julian De La Torre, alt. (EAI)

Kathy Schlotz (ex-officio)

**REVENUE AND EXPENSE QUARTERLY REPORT**

**Revenues**

The month of December 2010.....	\$37,820,240.09
The month of December 2009.....	\$29,262,373.76
Year to date this year.....	\$88,057,379.12
Year to date last year.....	\$78,051,752.88

**Expenses**

The month of December 2010.....	\$14,443,967.39
The month of December 2009.....	\$17,292,122.86
Year to date this year.....	\$58,711,983.85
Year to date last year.....	\$64,395,210.83

**TOPICS OF INTEREST THIS QUARTER**

**Crime Report** (reported by Mike Cobarrubias and Captain John Ortega):

The report also included procedures/duties that the police department handles. Charts were distributed to show data for all schools regarding drugs, crime against a person or property, and other miscellaneous actions. The compiling of data just began recently therefore there are no other years to help compare the numbers. There is a School Resource Officer on each of the two high school campuses, SHS and MHS that also complete duties that are specific to the high school. Such as, a citation can be written by an SRO for disturbing the peace when fighting occurs on a campus. A student caught vandalizing on campus will be cited and remains on probation until restitution has been paid. The services from Interquest and Mia the drug dog has been successful, most of the finds have been paraphernalia. Other programs that the department handles are the Explorers. MUSD police has 25 students participating and half are female. The students have the opportunity of hearing presentations from probation officers, police officers and to visit the court. The Explorers are also at football games to shadow the officers for security. The Explorers also promoting Red Ribbon Week with a puppet show to students at three elementary schools. Parent workshops by Captain John Ortega are being provided regarding topics on bullying that include cyber bullying such as text messaging or social networking. The department will be sponsoring a program called "Every 15 Minutes" which is an educational experience that reminds us all of the dangers associated with driving while impaired and texting. The crash is staged, the emotions are real; someone dies from an alcohol related accident that will occur on April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at various sites.

**Facilities Update** (reported by Don Yamagata):

**JGE:** The project is 74% complete. The Facilities Department anticipates completion of the two-story building and site work in late June. This will be followed by the removal and return of the interim housing portables and restoration of the parking lot.

**SHS:** Contractor is scheduled start on the site Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Construction duration will be one year.

**Applied Technology Center (ATC):** The project is 58% complete. Scheduled completion is June 30<sup>th</sup>. Interior work is ongoing. The prep work for the parking lot has started. Update photos are posted on the MUSD web site.

**Energy:** The winter shut down went well. Large a/c units were shut off for most of the three weeks. Sites did a good job of unplugging electrical devices and refrigerators. District office will pass along savings information as soon as it is available.