

VTSA Offers Instructional Assistance to Veteran Teachers

The Veteran Teacher Support and Assistance (VTSA) program is available to permanent teachers. Contact the Instructional Division at District Office if you would benefit from informal, confidential support from colleagues. Support may be in lesson plans, curriculum, classroom environment, and more!

The PAR Joint Panel Invites You To Be A Consulting Teacher

The Peer Assistance and Review (PAR) Joint Panel has distributed Rules and Procedures for the program. The Consulting Teacher Application and the Voluntary Participating Teachers Application are included in the packet.

Consulting Teachers

- Earn \$500 for being selected and participating in the • initial training.
- Will be selected by the Joint Panel to work with permanent teachers who received an unsatisfactory on a Stull Evaluation.
- Will also work with those teachers who volunteer for assistance in the PAR program.
- Applications are due Friday, February 23.

CTA Scholarship Applications Are Available

CTA has recently announced that applications are now being accepted for 2007 scholarships for members and their children. There are three categories of scholarships.

1. CTA Scholarships for Members - Five \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded.

2. CTA Scholarships for Dependent Children (includes D. A. Weber Scholarship for students attending continuation and alternative education high schools that plan to continue their education in a higher education institution) -Twenty-five \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded.

3. L. Gordon Bittle Memorial Scholarship - Three \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to Student CTA members. Each scholarship requires a separate application, letters of recommendation and verification of membership. In order to be eligible for consideration, all forms must be postmarked by Friday, January 26. Applications and additional information are available at the MTA office or cta.org.

Enter the Cesar E. Chavez Memorial Education Program

The CTA Cesar E. Chavez Memorial Education Program will provide recognition for students and their teachers who demonstrate an understanding of the vision and guiding principles by which Cesar E. Chavez lived his life. The Awards Program will honor the memory of this great man and ensure that the spirit of his work continues in the classrooms of California. Entries are due Friday, March 23. Applications are available at the MTA office and at www.cta.org. over, please...

NEA RA Will Be in Philadelphia this Summer

The National Education Association (NEA) Representative Assembly (RA) will be in Philadelphia, PA Friday, June 29 through Thursday, July 5?

The State Declaration of Candidacy is in the December issue of the California Educator, posted on (Due to CTA Friday, February 2.)

The local Declarations of Candidacy is on the reverse side of this Contact and available at the MTA office. (Due to the MTA office Tuesday, February 27.)

All members of the Association are eligible to

submit Declarations.

Retro Checks due to you no later than Wednesday, February 28!