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Insurance "Contribution Holiday" Set for July 1 Pay Warrant

The Association members of the Insurance Committee have reviewed the insurance pool ledgers. Since the employee insurance contributions for 2014 were set prior to the ratification of our Contract, the pool is better funded than initially calculated. In other words, the pool can afford a "skip" in employee contributions for one month thanks to the work of the Bargaining Team last fall. The "CALPERS" pre-tax reduction will not be deducted from your July 1 pay warrant. The agreed upon 2014 contributions will resume on your October 1 pay warrant.

The members of the Insurance Committee are Ron Ceballos (Retiree), Gloria Cunningham (WIE), and Sandra De La Cruz (DO).

Meeting and Information Available for Non-Returning Employees

Human Resources, Payroll and Benefits, along with the Association will come together to present information to non-returning certificated employees. The workshop will cover health insurance benefits, CO-BRA, and unemployment insurance benefits. The workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, May 27 at 3:30 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

Temporary contract teachers, non re-elected probationary teachers, and all other interested certificated employees are encouraged to attend.

District Bestows Above and Beyond Awards to Jimenez and Akiyama

The Districts recognized Patricia Jimenez for her efforts in Environmental Awareness at Bell Gardens High School. Patricia was nominated by fellow BGH

teacher Jan Barber-Doyle.



Schurr High School ROP teacher Kevin Akiyama was recognized for providing holiday meals for needy families with the "Dollars for Scholars" program. He was nominated by Macy Intermediate Principal Frank Arregui.

Both teachers were presented the Above and Beyond Award at the meeting of the Board of Education Thursday, March 20.

MTA Office Hours and Schedule

The MTA office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday -Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and the day before a holiday.

Voice mail will take your call if no one is available to answer the phone. Call before coming by as the office is not always staffed.

The MTA office will be closed:

April 14-18

The MTA office can be reached via montebelloteachers.org and Montebello teachers@earthlink.net.

The office extensions are as follows:

President Lorraine Richards Ext. 1002 **Executive Director Kathy Schlotz** Ext. 1001 Admin. Assistant Alonso Ibanez Ext. 1000

MTA Nominations Close Tuesday, April 22

Nominations for Executive Committee and CTA State Council will close Tuesday, April 22. The members of the Nominating Committee are Rey Vogel (MHS), Donna Drayman (EAI), and Lisa Navarro-Gutierrez (BGE). More information regarding the offices can be found in the Bylaws. The MTA bylaws are available on our website at montebelloteachers.org.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SCHOLARS OF MONTEBELLO

Eighth Annual Scholarship Fundraiser & Silent Art Auction

Thursday, May 1, 2014 4:00-7:30 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: Graciela Limón, Ph.D.

Professor Emerita, Loyola Marymount University & Author

TAMAYO RESTAURANT 5300 OLYMPIC AVENUE Los Angeles, CA 9022 (323) 260-4700

Appetizers will be served. Music by the Montebello High School Jazz Group.

Silent art auction will feature the works of local artists.

Tickets \$15. Ticket donation will offset cost of food only.

Program

4:00 p.m. Social Hour, Art Auction Opens 5:00 p.m. Welcome & Introductions 6:00 p.m. Featured Speaker 7:00 p.m. Auction Closes

This is an adult event.

Contact the following board members for information of pre-sale tickets:

María Barillas (626) 482-4195 BGI
Griselda Benitez (213) 220-9187 WGE
Norma A. Velasco-Aceves (626) 232-0114 CCE
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