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Relaxation, Recuperation, and Registration

July 1. For most of the school year, that date seems very far away. Even at the beginning of June (*especially* at the beginning of June) when July is the very next month on the calendar, it may seem like summer will never arrive.

This year is a little different though: July doesn't just mean a reprieve from having to wake up at 5am to get to work and be a responsible adult for hours. It also means that New York State's new teacher certification and professional development regulations will take effect.

You need to know about this. Whether you have been certified to teach for three months or 30 years, the new regula-

tions affect you. Unfortunately, at press time few details are available.

It is my job to find out those details and communicate them. Here is your job:

Keep in touch. Check both your home and school email accounts over the summer. The ATA and the district will be working to get you information as soon as it is available.

1. Make sure that you have a TEACH account. You can do this right now. This is the system that will be used to keep track of compliance with the new regulations. Just go to www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/teach/ and follow the directions.

2. Keep in touch. Check both your home and school email accounts over the summer. The ATA and the district will be working to get you information as soon as it is available, but it is up to you to make sure to read any correspondence sent to you.

3. Read through the information on the next page of this newsletter. Hopefully some of your questions will be answered.

4. Don't panic! We're all in this together. Contact me at any time at ataupdate@gmail.com and I will do my best to get answers to your questions. You're not alone.

5. Enjoy your summer!

-Sam Falk,
Communications Chair

Log in to TEACH

Forgot your Username or Password? [Click Here](#)

OR

Create a NY.gov TEACH account	Add TEACH to a NY.gov account	Employer, Administrator & College Access
If you do not have a NY.gov TEACH account, create one here	If you have a NY.gov account with another State Agency, click here	Public School Districts, Private School Administrators, and new York College/University access to Ny.gov TEACH

TEACH Help

	Registration Requirement	CTLE Requirement	Hours required every 5 years
Permanent classroom teachers/educational leaders	✓	No	None
Professional classroom teachers/educational leaders	✓	✓	100
Teaching Assistant Level III	✓	✓	100
Teaching Assistant with a continuing certificate	No	No	None

* Requirements take effect July 1, 2016
Source: NYSUT Research and Educational Services, 6/3/16

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Trivia Challenge

Last month's winner, selected at random from among the correct responses received, was **Meghan Guzzo** from BES. She correctly identified **114** as the number of square miles that the ACS D covers. She will be the proud owner of ATA gear.

Be sure to look for the next trivia challenge in September and you could win ATA gear too!

Q&A: New Regulations

By this time all ATA members should be aware that there are new requirements taking affect on July 1 for registering your teaching certificate (for everyone) and for completing professional development (for those with professional certification, *not* permanent.) Here is a quick summary:

- Starting July 1 *all* teachers must register online through the TEACH system every five years. This must be done by the end of your birth month in order to maintain your certification. It may be done before your birth month as soon as the system is available. (See the front page of this newsletter for how to get a TEACH account.)
- Teachers with *professional* certification must complete 100 hours of Continuing Teacher and Leader Education (CTLE, a new acronym for professional development) every five years. This replaces the old 175 hour requirement and everyone starts anew at zero hours on July 1.

The following questions and answers are taken from the State Education Department's web page. No other

clarification is available at this time.

How will holders of multiple certificates be treated? Must they register and/or complete CTLE hours for both or multiple certificates?

No. An individual with multiple certificates registers only once. Similarly, there is only one 100 hour CTLE requirement per person.

More information can be found at
www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/resteachers/Registration_CTLE.html

Can professional development completed before registration be counted towards the 100 hours required during a five year period, or does the five years begin on the day you register?

CTLE completed on or after July 1, 2016, but before the individual's birth day month will be permissible. However, CTLE hours cannot be carried over from one five year registration period to a subsequent five year period.

How are the 100 hours tracked in the TEACH account?

The Department will ask that the certificate holder attest to his/her completion of the 100 hours prior to his/her re-

registration. He/she will also be responsible to retain a record of the CTLE programs attended and the number of hours completed. Certificate holders will attest that they have completed the 100 hours of required CTLE, must retain records of completed CTLE, and must provide documentation if requested showing that they have complied with the CTLE requirement.

What type of professional development will count toward the CTLE requirement?

The law requires the Department to approve all CTLE sponsors. NYS

school districts and BOCES will be required to submit their professional development plan.

If a CTLE certificate holder is contemplating taking CTLE from an organization that is not already incorporated into a school district or BOCES CTLE plan, the CTLE certificate holder will need to check the Office of Teaching website to confirm that the organization providing the CTLE has been approved by the Department.

Where can I find what year I was certified and what type of certificate I have?

A searchable database of individuals certified after 1983 can be found at eservices.nysed.gov/teach/certhelp/CpPersonSearchExternal.do.

Outgoing ATA Treasurer Reflects



Photo by Kathleen Vogt

Kathie Blank Cicala at the ATA mini-golf event with members of her family this year.

Much has happened since I started teaching only weeks after President Nixon resigned. I really knew nothing about Arlington when I came to interview at Central Office on Rte.44. I didn't even have a driver's license!

My Mom had been a teacher and NYSUT member who had survived a strike with no pay check until Christmas. I knew that I should seek out ATA membership that very first day. Unity is important. Wise choice.

Having the sense of belonging to something bigger than a classroom with the support and guidance that I received from the names many of you may never have even heard these days was immeasurable. It was mentoring long before it was a mandate. We did things for each other, our students and families because we had a sense of one big Arlington family.

As ATA members, we were strong, involved and trusted.

We were so strong that when the powers that were decided to create North and South Campus and Titusville Middle School, instead of weakening the ATA, more leadership evolved. Trans-

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fer language was developed that we still use today that benefits both the student and teacher.

Our contracts became stronger and phrases like Maternity Leave became Child Rearing, our women's rights expanded to men in that clause and adoptive parents finally were included.

Each round of negotiations helped to improved the quality of education and Arlington thrived. We took chances and if we didn't get the results we ex-

pected, we fine-tuned our plans and took a second chance in our classroom and our lives. It did not happen by itself.

Our members have been committed to Arlington excellence. Since that time, superintendents and administrators have come and gone. For years, most of our teachers have stayed. The continuity and integrity of our programs and reputation were maintained.

Things like time, laws, insurance coverage, and ridiculous mandates now have gotten in our way of really being with our students. We are becoming training grounds for some to work with us and then go for the better elsewhere and we have lost out there.

We need our members to remain and believe that the quality and reputation of Arlington can continue to thrive and maintain that excellence that we have demonstrated in our classroom and community. We, that

Arlington community of families, students, teachers and staff deserve the best. We certainly have earned it!

The ATA has been a family to me. We have shared joys and sorrows, laughter and tears, struggles and successes, sports, music, events, gatherings, sports, music and all that we identify in family life. It's who we are for each other and our students that matters. You have been and will continue to be the world to me.

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Chao for now.

-Kathie Blank Cicala, ATA Treasurer

Retirees Say Goodbye

The ATA's annual recognition dinner was held on Friday June 17 at Christos in Poughkeepsie. Twenty June retirees were honored. Many more photos of the event can be found at

Lorraine Almond– 24 yrs with Arlington Vail Farm, Art

Teaching in this district has been an honor and a privilege for me! I believe I have been among the brightest and the best educators anywhere and I wish you all continued success as the face of education continues to change.

Kathleen Blank Cicala– 42 yrs with Arlington LaGrange Middle, Foreign Lang.

Tina McKinney– 14 yrs with Arlington Arthur S. May, 3rd Grade

It takes a special type of person to be a teacher and you all are that and so much more. I wish everyone the best of luck. Even with everything going on right now, you continue to do an awesome job, with the kids. After all, it is suppose to be all about the kids! Good Luck!

Kathen Cowan– 12 yrs with Arlington West Road, Music

I know I will miss the children and my teacher friends very much after I go. I am looking forward to starting a bookkeeping business and visiting my two grown daughters (one in Greenwich, Ct and one in L.A. California).



Vail Farm Elementary's Recognition Dinner attendees

Take care everyone and may the force be with you!

Christine DeVries– 20 yrs with Arlington Vail Farm, Special Education

I have always been a SPED teacher and have been lucky enough to have co-taught with many masterful teachers in grades k-5 who helped me become a highly effective teacher.

Barbara Gibson– 21 yrs with Arlington Vail Farm, Music

Bill Hains– 19 yrs with Arlington Arlington High, Science

To My fellow ATA members thank you for your support and friendship.

Paul Hartmann– 17 yrs with Arlington Arlington High, Technology

Sandra Kaufman– 20 yrs with Arlington LaGrange Middle, Foreign Language

Nancy Kelly– 28 yrs with Arlington Arlington High, Physical Education

It's been a long enjoyable journey but I am happy it is over and looking forward to many more adventures.

Karin Komisky– 26 yrs with Arlington Titusville Intermediate, 5th Grade

Ed Meyer– 22 yrs with Arlington Arlington High, Art

I am retiring from teaching, but will continue working as an artist. I am in the process of converting my basement into a ceramics studio and I will be selling my work in galleries, at craft fairs and on the internet. I am currently building a website that will launch in the fall, flyingpotsstudio.com. I will be offering a 15% discount to all Arlington employees. If you are interested in purchasing finely crafted porcelain or stoneware pottery for wedding, birthday or anniversary presents, please give me a call.

As I enter this new phase of my life, I am very appreciative of the very generous pension that I am about to receive. I want



LeeAnn Vrablik (left) and Karin Komisky

to thank the ATA leadership for all the hard work that has been done over the years to secure the working conditions and benefits that I have enjoyed. I feel very lucky to have been a member of the Arlington community.

Valerie Patterson– 24 yrs with Arlington Titusville Intermediate, 4th Grade

Johanna Pungello– 32 yrs with Arlington Arthur S. May, 5th Grade

Thank you to my esteemed colleagues for their support and friendship during my tenure here.



Corinne Riley

Corinne Riley– 29 yrs with Arlington Arlington High, Math

Arlington High School has been a part of my life for so long, that although I am super excited to start the next chapter of my life, and see what adventures lie ahead, it's difficult for me to imagine my life without being there. I've taught thousands of students, and seen many teachers and administrators come and go. Throughout it all, I've always felt that everyone at Arlington takes so much pride in what they do, and shares a common goal of providing the best learning opportunities for all of the students that pass through it's doors. I've been inspired by that, and am very proud and grateful to have been a part of it. Thanks for the memories!

Anne Schillinger– 25 yrs with Arlington Beekman Elementary, 5th Grade

Virginia Seaman– 32 yrs with Arlington LaGrange Middle, Science

Arlington is an extraordinary district to work in. Looking back over my career I realize that a strong union helps all of us and that it is essential to stick together. Or as the mug I was given by my student teaching cooperating teacher says, "Don't let the turkey's get you down". Yes, I still have it!

Laura Taravella– 29 yrs with Arlington LaGrange Middle, Music

I'd like to remind my colleagues that we have a very strong and supportive union in the ATA. Be sure to ask your representatives and delegates about the future that is offered to you in our contract and always be mindful, as you negotiate, that your retired colleagues are part of your negotiation. Continue to be kind to one



Beekman Elementary's Recognition dinner attendees

another, we have a very demanding profession. I remain VERY grateful for the leadership and camaraderie of the ATA all these years..... please never take your union for granted.

LeeAnn Vrablik– 16 yrs with Arlington Titusville Intermediate, 5th Grade

Sali Wohlbach– 22 yrs with Arlington Arlington High, Art

I want to thank the ATA for their wisdom and support throughout my career. With all the constant changes, stay involved and keep your heart in teaching.

-All photos by Kathleen Vogt



LaGrange Middle School's Recognition dinner attendees

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NES — Nicolle McMorris

VFES — Pam Goetz

OPS — Nancy Thomas

Traver — Diana Judge

JDWR — Chris Greco

TIS — Sue Ramsden

LMS — shared

UVMS — Jim DeBonis

AHS — John Filor

AHS — Noreen Mills Martin

What's Going On?

"What's Going on" is a monthly feature of The Educator. It highlights noteworthy accomplishments by ATA members. Do you know of a colleague who deserves recognition? Let The Educator know by emailing sfalk@acsdny.org. We can't know what's going on at all of your schools without your help!

Congratulations to the following ATA members for their contributions to the Arlington community and beyond.

Arlington High

Art teacher Cori Apler recently received the Taconic Region PTA's Teacher of the Year Award in honor of Helen Marchese. This award is to recognize a teacher who displays a commitment to the welfare of children and youth, strives to obtain a better relationship between the home and school, and is committed to the purposes of PTA.

Arthur S. May

Special Education teacher Michele Anderson will begin her Yoga Teacher Training this summer. She is working toward her 200 hour RYT certification so that she may more fully incorporate yoga and stress reduction to students and staff at ASM, and eventually, the district at large.

Union Vale Middle

This spring, Mrs. Sheri Altieri's 6th grade Art



Photo courtesy of Jill Silter

Union Vale Middle

On Friday June 3, UVMS Team 5 teachers Brenda Walbiling, Kat Spinelli, Jill Silter, Christa Connors and Jessica Waldorf sponsored a 5K run/walk in honor of their 7th grade student, Charlie Peyton. Approximately 150 students and staff participated to raise over \$2000 for Garden of Dreams, which is a non-profit organization that works with the Madison Square Garden Company and MSG Networks Inc. to positively impact the lives of children facing obstacles. Charlie sustained a serious injury last year, so Team 5 chose Garden of Dreams to give back for the wonderful support that was given to their student and his family during a very difficult time.

classes at Union Vale Middle School created a collaborative painting entitled "Birds on a Wire." They decided to donate their painting to the 2016 Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse Gala and Auction. They were shocked when they discovered that their painting sold for \$25,000 at the auction! 100% of the money earned goes right back to the Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse in Arlington to help children in our

community. Go 6th Grade Artists!



Birds on a Wire

PR Update: Worthy Causes Benefit

There are few professions I can think of where employees give as much as they do both at their job, as well as outside of it, as teaching. This year, our members have given their time, resources, and talents to support local, worthy causes, many of which are right here in our own community.

On June 4, we held our 12th annual mini-golf outing at the Overlook Golf Center. We were treated to a beautiful, sunny day, and many volunteers came together to make the event a success. Approximately 100 golfers had a wonderful time golfing, crafting,

The 12th Annual Mini-Golf event raised over \$1500 for the Arlington Education Foundation.

and eating. Our generous PTA and local establishments donated good to raffle off. Overall, we were able to raise over \$1,500 to donate to the Arlington Education Foundation.

As a membership, we have helped support the Grace Smith House, Dutchess Outreach, Rebuilding Together, the Highway Department, the DCSPCA, and the Arlington Education Foundation. I am proud to work with such a dedicated group of people as the ATA. Thank you for continuing to say "yes!" when I ask!

-Kristine Jackson, PR Chair

Find these photos and more by ATA photographer Kathleen Vogt on the ATA's web page at www.arlingtonteachers.com!



Traver Road 2nd grade teacher Barbara Simone brought along her children (both Arlington graduates) to help out at the registration table.



Along with mini-golf there were raffle baskets donated by local businesses and school PTAs. A craft table for children to do sand art at was a popular addition to the day also.

Dates to Remember



JUNE

22nd—Last Day of Classes (Half Day), All Elementary and Middle Schools

23rd—Superintendent's Conference Day

24th—Superintendent's Conference Day

25th—High School Graduation, Dutchess Stadium

28th—Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m., CAO



JULY

30th—ATA Night at the Renegades, 5:30 p.m., Dutchess Stadium

2016-2017 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SCHEDULE

September 20

October 18

November 15

December (no meeting)

January 17

February 21

March 21

April 18

May 9

June 6



Announcements

Thank you to the ATA's Communications Committee for all of their help with The Educator this year!

Erica Dunn - ASM

Laura Griffone - BES

Chris Greco - JDWR

Sharon Mosden - NOX

Jayne Pugnali- OPS

Amanda Buhler- TIS

Tara Paradise Dwyer - TRS

Katherine Falcone - UVMS

Alison Durkin - VF

Don't miss ATA Night at the Renegades on July 30! The registration form can be found under the "Special Announcements" section of the ATA web page.

Stay in touch over the summer! Like us on Facebook or check out www.arlingtonteachers.com for forms, photos, calendars, and more.