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November 5 Matters

Big-ticket races like those for the President, Governor, and even state-wide offices get more press, but really, local government can have more of an impact on our daily lives, and it is your vote that determines who will serve. Races that will be decided this year include those for city councils, town boards, and county legislators.

If you don't think that your vote matters, consider this — in 2017, the election for District 14 Dutchess County Legislator was decided by just one vote! That vote could be yours.

At the county level, elected officials vote regularly on matters such as funding to combat prob-

lems like Lyme disease and opioid addiction. On the town or city level areas like zoning laws covering the establishment of new businesses are decided. These are just a few

Look past the party labels and vote for candidates that you think will be best for your profession and your community. On November 5 make sure you exercise your right to help choose those who will represent your views, and those of the people you care about.

examples of topics that local elected officials vote on that affect you and your students.

It is easy to take sides regarding Washington D.C. politics, but when it comes to local elections you must consider yourself an educator and com-

munity member foremost, not a Republican or a Democrat. No one candidate is going to hold the same beliefs as you on every single issue, so you must vote based on those

areas that will have the most direct impact on the lives of you and your family.

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community. On November 5 make sure you exercise your right to help choose those who will represent your views, and those of the people you care about.

-Sam Falk, editor



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Political Action Update: Elections

Although there are no candidates for statewide elections this November for NYSUT to endorse, the Dutchess County Central Labor Council, an affiliate of the AFL-CIO, has endorsed candidates for local elections. The endorsements, which are non-partisan, are based on the candidates' positions on labor issues. **Please remember to vote on November 5!**

Trivia Challenge

Answer the question below correctly and you could be the proud winner of ATA gear!

Who was the first female county executive in New York?

Last month's winner, selected at random from among the correct responses received, was Samantha Rymer from ASM. Approximately **1200** local unions are a part of NYSUT. Answer this month's question and you could win ATA gear!

Submit your answer to the above trivia question to sfalk@acsdny.org by **November 8**. The winner will be randomly selected from the correct submissions.

Dutchess County Central Labor Council 2019 Endorsed Candidates

Dutchess County Executive	Joseph Ruggiero
Dutchess County District Attorney	Richard Allen Berube
Dutchess County Clerk	Kenya Gadsden
County Legislator-District 2	Ranald Adams
County Legislator-District 3	Juliette Landi
County Legislator-District 4	Hannah Black
County Legislator-District 6	Rebecca Edwards
County Legislator-District 7	Megan D'Alessandro
County Legislator-District 9	Kari Rieser
County Legislator-District 14	Francena Amparo
County Legislator-District 15	Philip Du
County Legislator-District 16	Frits Zernike
County Legislator-District 18	Nick Page
County Legislator-District 20	Kristofer Munn
City of Beacon Mayor	Lee Kyriacou
Beacon City Council	Air Rhodes, Dan Aymar-Blair
Beacon Highway Supervisor	Ed Tucker
Beekman Town Council	Barbara Walsh
LaGrange Town Council	Corinna L. Kelly
City of Poughkeepsie Mayor	Joash Ward
Poughkeepsie City Council	Sarah Brannen, Sarah Salem, Evan Menist
Poughkeepsie Town Supervisor	Michael Treybich
Poughkeepsie Town Justice	Donald Brown
Poughkeepsie Town Council	Elysia Roman, Ann Shershin
Red Hook Town Justice	Jonah Triebwasser
Red Hook Town Council	Jacob Testa
Wappingers Town Supervisor	Richard L. Thurston
Wappingers Town Council	John Tyliszczak, John Licari

Inktober Inspires Art Teachers



Drawing by Michelle Klass

Arlington’s elementary art teachers draw all day, every day. You might find us drawing during a demonstration, or sketching next to a struggling student. But have you ever seen an elementary art teacher



Drawing by Kate Thyberg

make time to draw for themselves? The annual observation of Inktober has inspired art teachers Lauren Boland (TRP/JDWR), Linda Delaguerra (VF), Michelle Klass (NOX/TIS), Jason Kolachik (ASM), Aimee Nyarady (OPS/TIS) and Kate Thyberg (BES) to develop their own craft.

The illustrator Jake

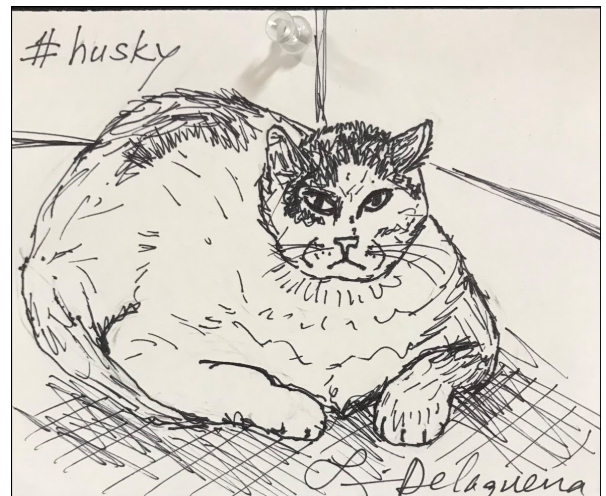
Parker invented Inktober in 2009 as a way to improve his drawing skills and to develop positive drawing habits. According to Nyarady, it is having

the same impact on her: “I rarely have time outside of school to make art, that’s why I love Inktober. I feel motivated to participate and draw daily, just like my students. I consider this time I set aside as a commitment for me to grow as an artist.”

To participate, artists create one drawing every day for the month of October. They are encouraged to use black ink and the Inktober official prompt list, a list of inspirational words. “I absolutely love using the word prompts. Thinking about the definition and possible meanings of the word and how to visually communicate it is a

whole brain activity,” says Delaguerra.

Inktober has spread worldwide and artists share drawings on social media with #inktober and #inktober2019. Inktober is also catching on in our elementary schools. Principals, custodians, teaching assistants, students, and families have been encouraged to join the drawing challenge. Kindergarten teacher Xiang’e Bove (BES) comments, “The Inktober challenge “forced” me to be in a creative state of mind. The process is therapeutic!” Whether you are looking to reignite your passion for drawing, or you do not



Drawing by Linda Delaguerra

know where to start in art, Inktober can open your mind and let your ideas flow through ink.

-Kate Thyberg, BES



ATA Members Run For Office

While most of the population merely has to be informed about their voting options when preparing for Election Day, two ATA members have taken on a bigger challenge this year—they are running for office themselves. The Educator recently interviewed AHS social studies teachers Margaret Fallon (MF) and Noreen Mills Martin (NMM) about their campaigns.

What office are you running for?

MF: Town Council, Town of Stanford

NMM: Dutchess County Legislature, District 8, City and Town of Poughkeepsie

citizens for 20 years. It was time to practice what I've been preaching. I was also inspired by some of my former students who are politically active.

NMM: When I was a senior in high school, the

ing how much our county has changed for the better because of things that were put in place during my time as an intern. I have wanted to run for the Dutchess County Legislature ever since. When elected I would like to promote youth programs – perhaps reinstitute the Intern Program for high school students interested in government.

How long have you spent campaigning?

MF: I have been campaigning since June. I went from grading the Regents exam to prepping for the local Democratic caucus.

NMM: I began with the interview process in February and petitions were in April. I was endorsed by four parties at that time. I was challenged to two primaries; the Independence and Green Parties. In May, I began campaigning daily for the Independence and Green Primaries which were held on June 25. I won the Independence Primary and lost the Green line by 1 vote. Since June 26, I have been campaigning for the November 5 Election.

Do you think that there are particular qualities that teachers have that make them well-suited to be an elected officials? Is there overlap with the skills needed for both jobs?

MF: There is definitely an overlap of skills. Both politicians and teachers need

*** ELECT ***
Noreen Mills Martin

 Dutchess County Legislature
 District 8
 City and Town of Poughkeepsie

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 ★ MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS
 ★ ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS IN DUTCHESS COUNTY PARKS

I've lived in the City of Poughkeepsie for over 37 years where my husband Keith & I raised our son.
 Throughout my adult life I have served my community.

***** VOLUNTEER *****
 ★ Hudson Valley Honor Flight
 ★ City of Poughkeepsie Little League 12 yrs
 ★ Boy Scout Leader 16 years
 ★ Adult Advisor for Holy Trinity & Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church Youth Groups
 ★ Eucharistic Minister at Mt. Carmel 29 years

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Dutchess County Legislature created a program called the Legislative Intern Program. I was very excited and applied. Since I lived in LaGrange, I was assigned my local legislator from LaGrange, Joe Lombardi, who, by the way, taught social studies at AHS. I loved the program. I learned so much about government with this firsthand

experience. As a result, I have always wanted to be a Dutchess County Legislator. I want to impact the future of our county in a positive way. It is amaz-

What led to your decision to run?

MF: I've been encouraging students to be engaged

AHS social studies teacher Noreen Mills Martin gives out this palm card when campaigning.

to be able to communicate with people who come from all walks of life and who have very different experiences. Teachers are experts in juggling the needs and demands of diverse groups of people — elected officials need to be able to do the same. But the most important connection is the motivation. Most educators became teachers to make a positive impact on young people and I believe most people run for office because they believe they can make a positive difference in their local communities.

NMM: Teachers are well suited to be elected officials. Each day we meet and interact with a microcosm of the general population. We have an interesting perspective on the community because we are a part of the community. We have great people skills, great organizational skills and the ability to multitask. We listen and reflect. As a result of this, teachers have the skill set for both jobs.

What has been the most challenging part of running for office?

MF: Time management! There are so many meetings with voters, party officials, community members and potential donors.

NMM: When I look back over the last eight months of my candidacy, the most challenging part has been time. Frequently

when going door to door, people want to engage. They invite you in to speak. I enjoy the interaction and often learn about issues that are important to these constituents. I have been campaigning door to door for the November election since June and still have not been able to meet with every voter. Despite the fact that I was diagnosed with cancer in September, I still get out to campaign at least five days a week, but days are getting shorter and the election is less than a month away.

What advice do you have for ATA members who are thinking of running for office in the future?


MF: Do it! Every September teachers are met with a new group of strangers but by June those strangers have transitioned into a team working towards a common goal. Those classroom skills that teachers hone every school year are crucial in this time when Americans feel so divided from one another.

NMM: ATA members who wish to seek public office in the future should follow

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- Stimulate Our Town Economy
- Strengthen Our Community

To learn more about us, our qualifications, and our plans for Stanford, please visit stanfordnydems.org.

We are ready to **Stand for Stanford**.

Yours,
Wendy, Margaret, and Frank



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their dreams. Running for office is hard work. You are constantly running – physically and mentally. However, it is worthwhile work. The future of our community, the students we teach, will reap the benefits of our work both in the classroom and in public office.



AHS social studies teacher Margaret Fallon is running for office on a ticket that includes former Arlington Superintendent Frank Pepe.

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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

Science teachers Cindy Binnie, Sam Falk, and Stephanie Marden were recently selected to be part of the NY State Master Teachers' Program (NYSMTP). As part of this program they will join the newest cohort of 228 STEM teachers from across the state in collaborating at nine SUNY host campuses in professional development and regional meetings. NYSMTP participants receive a stipend of \$15,000 a year for four years.

Arthur S. May School

5th grade teacher Andrew Stock taught a class titled "Writing To Learn About Climate Change" as part of the Hudson Valley Writing Project at SUNY New Paltz on October 5. He lead participants in identifying trends and patterns in three sets of data on atmospheric carbon



Photo Courtesy of Debbie Pollack

Highway Clean-Up

The following ATA members (along with superintendent Brendan Lyons) participated in the ATA's annual fall highway clean-up on Saturday, October 5: Retirees Kathy Peifer, Marion Quinn, Mike O'Neil, and Nancy Diehl, and current teachers Kristine Jackson, Chris Hopper and her husband John, Joe Healy, Andy Franks, Mindy Grey and her son Caleb, Megan McGinnis, Wendy and Abbie Rave, Regina Godfrey and her daughter Olivia, and Debbie Pollack (clean-up organizer) and her husband John. Because of them, Route 55 near AHS has a lot less trash along it. The annual spring highway clean-up will be held in April.

dioxide levels.

Beekman Elementary

Reading teacher Patie Malone and 1st grade teacher Caroline Ferrieri submitted a grant to the PTA last fall in the hopes of adding positive messages and affirmations in and around the bathrooms, sinks etc. The grant was approved, and they met several times with PTA president Jess Schleicher and a first grade mom to plan and design artwork for the primary bathrooms/sinks. The work was completed over the summer by Schleicher, Ferrieri and her children, the

first grade parent and her children, and kindergarten teacher Meredith Schwarze. There are plans to expand the project to other sections of the school.

Overlook Primary

ENL teacher Sucheta Baichwal participated in the NYSESLAT alignment study on July 22 and July 23 in Troy, NY. Teachers from all across NY state were there to look at past NYSESLAT tests to see if they were aligned to the targets of measure and to see if the performance level descriptors were See Educators on Page 7

Arlington Educators Do Great Things

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accurate. Baichwal was assigned the grade band Kindergarten and worked with 3 other educators. They were able to give feedback and make suggestions for future tests. Baichwal also presented at the Tech it Up Institute at Dutchess BOCES on July 31 and Aug 1. Her presentation was about the use of technology in an ENL classroom.

West Road Intermediate

Stephanie Deickler's 3rd and Theresa Renzo's 5th grade classes are collecting bottles every other week to help 4th grade teacher Jen Rock's local organization called Rocky Strong. All money raised from bottle returns will go to this cause. Christine "Rocky" Ault was a lifelong Hyde Park resident who passed away

in August 2014 after a seven year battle with colon cancer. She battled courageously with dignity and grace. West Road is now giving back to the community to support this wonderful organization. More information can be found at www.rockystrong.org.

Arlington Librarians

Librarians Hilda Cioffi (JDWR) and Mindy Grey (OPS) traveled to Syracuse in August to attend the two day New York Library Association Section of School Librarians Carol A. Kearney Educational Leadership Institute: Transform Learning with the Reimagined Empire State Information Fluency Continuum (ESFIC) with Barbara Stripling. On October 2 they then joined a team at Ulster BO-

CES to teach the reimagined ESIFC to Dutchess and Ulster County school librarians.

On October 15 Grey and fellow librarians Jaclyn Heeney (AHS) and Lucy Miller (AHS) were the keynote speakers at the 21st Annual Fall Into Books Conference held in Kingston. Their talk was titled "Auditing Your Library Collection For Diversity".

The opening meeting of the year for the Mid-Hudson Reading Council was held on October 17 at Locust Grove. Grey and Miller gave a talk titled "Improving Your Classroom Collection With a Diversity Audit (and New Books)". They demonstrated what a diversity audit looks like and discussed several current books that can enhance the diversity of classroom collections.

Introducing: Sick Bank Chair Regina Godfrey

My name is Regina Godfrey and I teach Global Studies to Freshmen and Economics to Seniors at AHS. I graduated from Arlington High School in 1994 and this is my 20th year teaching here. I live in Pleasant Valley with my husband and two daughters.

I recently took over the position of Sick Bank Chairperson for the ATA when Debbie Fealey retired. My position is to enroll new members and review Sick Bank applications, along with the district, to ensure adherence to the Sick Bank guidelines.

All ATA members in their second year are eligible to be part of the Sick Bank. Each new member to the ATA Sick Bank donates one of their accrued sick days. The district will match these donated days up to 200. When the bank is depleted, all members must donate another of their accrued sick days.

Members who are planning to use the Sick Bank can do so for a long term personal illness. There are two forms which need to be completed - one by the ATA member and the other by the member's physician. Both applications should be submitted to the district's representative, currently Margaret Muenkel at Central Office, or me at the high school.

My advice to anyone who is looking to use the Sick Bank, don't wait until the last minute! Applications should be submitted about 10 days before your sick days are used up.

If you have questions, I can be reached via email rgodfrey@acsdny.org or via my cell phone, 845-625-3199. My hope is that you will never need the Sick Bank, but if you do, I'm here.



Photo Courtesy of Regina Godfrey

Regina Godfrey has taken over the ATA position of Sick Bank Chairperson from retiree Debbie Fealey.

Dates to Remember



NOVEMBER

5th—**Election Day**

Superintendent's Conference Day

Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m., ASM

11th—No School—Veterans' Day

19th—ATA Executive Council Meeting, 4 p.m., AHS room 1432

Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m., CAO

26th—Dress Down Day to benefit Grace Smith House

27-29th—No School—Thanksgiving



DECEMBER

5th—Elementary Parent/Teacher Conference Day (Snow Date 12/6)

10th—Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m., TIS

12th—Elementary School Half Day (Snow Date 12/13)

13th—Children's Holiday Party, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Titusville

17th—Children's Holiday Party Snow Date



Announcements

Dress Down Day

On Tuesday, November 26, the ATA will be participating in a dress down day to support the Grace Smith House. Established in 1981, Grace Smith House is a private not-for-profit domestic violence agency, which provides both residential and non-residential services to victims of domestic violence and their children.

CAC Co-Chair Needed

Community Action Committee Co-Chair Betsy Marshall is stepping down as she nears retirement and is looking for someone to replace her. Please contact Marshall at JDWR or Co-Chair Brendan Lawler at AHS to learn more about the position.

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