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For your Consideration!

We have a number of excellent items for you in this issue. First, the response to the Common Core Survey was excellent. We had private bloggers requesting access to it as well as superb member responses and comments. You can still access the results.

It seems that a couple of very controversial topics are being carefully scrutinized. Both are major game changers for the way our state and nation does business. We have to decide how controlled we want our educational systems and our health care.

While the debate and the battles continue, may we as individuals, school systems, and your organization do what we can in the best interest of our students of all levels. This newsletter issue contains teacher success stories, a great informational publication by the Board of Educational Examiners, and a super opportunity for professional development in the hot-button area of bullying. Reading the details of them all will be time well spent.



Jim Hawkins, State Director



Rachel's Challenge Professional Development Director, Gene Bedley is offering a new program that equips teachers and changes students forever! For more information go to the links below for the [course flyer](#).

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Swat Team to the Rescue

by Linda Mensen, retired West-Delaware Teacher

Last spring it was suggested to our elementary reading literacy coach that maybe we could pt together a "swat" team in the fall to help with all the testing that needed to be done. If we could get 6-8 retired teachers to come in and pull kids from the classrooms one-on-one to do F&P testing (which homeroom teachers had done previously whenever they could find time), then the regular teachers could stay in the classroom and better utilize their time to teach the academics, start on consistent classroom routines and get a better handle on classroom behaviors. This way the teachers would not have to plan for a sub to teach for them, but rather continue with their regular routines.



Thanks to our wonderful literacy coach, at West Delaware School District, who organized this new adventure, it was a success and very helpful to all our staff and over 400 students who were tested. The homeroom teachers still did the 3-minute DIBELS test with their students so they knew how well they could read and the SWAT team supplied them with the data needed to level each student's reading ability. This really helped to get the school year off to a good start.

They are making plans to use the "swat" team again in January (midyear) and in the spring.

Did you recently get email? If so, please forward your address so that you can get the entire newsletter with the links. In this issue there was a great attachment from the Board of Educational Examiners. It was too lengthy for us to publish in this format.



Mark Felderman Attends the National Humanities Conference

Mark Felderman, PEI member from Chariton, Iowa was selected to attend the National Humanities Conference November 14-17 in Birmingham, Alabama. Delegates from all 50 states, DC, and 5 territories attended including 8 representatives from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The conference representatives were exposed to much civil rights materials and were given the opportunity to visit several civil rights sites including the Sixteenth-Street Baptist Church where a bomb was planted in the women's restroom prior to the church service killing 4 young girls on September 15, 1963.

Felderman remarked that he especially enjoyed some of the NEH's programs helping K-12. For more information to use in your classroom, go to <http://edsitement.neh.gov/>

Coach Whims to be inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association (NHSACA) National Coaches Hall of Fame

PEI congratulates the All-Time most winning volleyball coach, **Dave Whims**. Coach Whims will be inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association (NHSACA) National Coaches Hall of Fame this summer in Wyoming and is also the Iowa nominee for Volleyball National Coach of the Year. Congratulations Coach Whims!

Some of the highlights from Coach Whims' now 35-year career include:

- An overall record of 940 wins and 158 losses (85.6% winning record)
 - State appearances by the Ankeny High School volleyball team in 12 of his 13 years with the program
 - Four State Championships (2004, 2005, 2008, 2009)
 - Four State Runner-Up finishes (1999, 2002, 2003, 2010)
 - 21 Conference Championships
 - 19 Regional Championships
 - Four-time State Coach of the Year (2004, 2005, 2008, 2009)
 - Six-time Regional Coach of the Year
 - Coached two Iowa Volleyball Players of the Year
- More than 50 volleyball players under Coach Whims have gone on to play college volleyball



About the NHSACA

The National High School Athletic Coaches Association is dedicated to serving high school coaches and athletic directors throughout the United States through education, recognition and support. The NHSACA provides resources to promote professional growth, an attitude of teamwork, sportsmanship and healthy lifestyles for athletes, coaches and athletic directors.

The NHSACA recognizes coaches not just for a season of coaching, but for their "lifetime achievements." The NHSACA Coach of the Year awards are some of the most prestigious awards given to high school coaches in America.

We Need to Know! Well, We Would Really Like to Know!

If you will let us know who has served on a committee, been to a convention, received an award or any other news, we will love to be able to tell other members. We know that we sometimes think this type of news is immodest, but others really want to know, so please share your stories. Just contact us at the office.

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