



# PEI

## PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS OF IOWA

January 30, 2019

### NEW!

#### Health Club Benefit!



Four Seasons Health Club in Sioux City, Iowa is offering 50% off regular rates for PEI members and their immediate family.

Contact the PEI office for more information!

### Legislative Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2019 Legislative survey! We are grateful for the time you spent on the survey and appreciate your feedback.

Over 75% of our members spend over \$100 annually on classroom supplies! PEI would like to see these expenses used as tax credits instead of tax deductions!

Over 61% of our members feel ill-prepared when it comes to meeting the needs of students with Adverse Childhood Experiences. Our staff is reviewing this information and formulating license renewal classes this summer to help meet the needs of our members.

Teacher workload has been at the top of the list as the most pressing issue for two straight years. As we move through the legislative session and the proposed education bills, this survey stands as a reminder of the increased pressure on our teachers and the need to advocate for you!

To request the overall responses to the survey, email [info@peiowa.org](mailto:info@peiowa.org). Our \$25 recipients are Tony Stewart, Kyle Leonard, Bradley Bridgewater, and Dave Bouska. Congratulations!

### Paying Monthly?

Even though **PEI dues are by far the most affordable career protection you can purchase**, some people still find it difficult to come up with \$240 at one time. The alternative is to pay your dues in monthly installments.



The option of paying for dues via ACH is open to all our members.

Contact the office for more information!

We will keep you updated as education bills emerge throughout the session.

### From the Hill



The 88th General Assembly has been in session for nearly 2 weeks. PEI is well-represented at the Capitol this year, as 4 staff members are sharing the responsibilities once held by Mark Felderman. Or, as Mark likes to put it, "...it took 4 people to replace me..."

The early highlight of this session was PEI's 5th Annual Legislative Reception. While a blast of snow kept some inside that evening, many lawmakers found their way to our home office in West Des Moines, and it was our privilege reconnecting with those who have served for multiple terms, as-well-as welcoming our "freshmen" legislators. The event allowed us the opportunity to learn more about legislative priorities, and it provided us the opportunity to share priority issues from you, our members. We shared results from our annual survey, and answered individual questions. Representatives appreciate our limited, student-focused advocacy on behalf of our members.

**NEW BENEFIT!**  
**HEARING AID DISCOUNT**



Free no-obligation hearing screening

35% off Concept C series smart hearing devices

40% off Concept M series devices

45% off Concept 2 series devices

Plus much more! Your membership in PEI allows for children, spouse, parents and grandparents to access these benefits. Call the PEI office at 515-221-2330 for your discount card today!

**Quick Links...**  
**PEI**

[peiowa.org](http://peiowa.org)  
[info@peiowa.org](mailto:info@peiowa.org)

**BOEE**  
[boee.iowa.gov/](http://boee.iowa.gov/)

**DOE**  
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There are a number of educational bills under consideration this session. Following are a few bills which should survive the initial funnel week, typically in mid-February.

**SF74** – Both the Senate and the House have introduced legislation designed to extend the penny sales tax in our state. You may hear people reference this legislation as “SAVE” which stands for Secure an Advanced Vision for Education. The dollars generated by this tax are limited in use. Local school districts may use these funds on infrastructure

**HF43** – Both the Senate and the House have introduced legislation addressing the use of the PRAXIS test. There are differences in the proposed legislation; however, both bills provide a beginning teacher the opportunity to successfully complete the PRAXIS during his/her first year in the classroom.

**HF6** – Both the Senate and the House have introduced legislation designed to eliminate the implementation of a voluntary diversity plan as a reason to deny open enrollment of a pupil.

If you would like to learn more about these bills, please see the following link.

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/billTracking>

Finally, please remember your voice makes a difference! When you receive a constituent survey from your representative, please take a moment to complete it. If you do not receive a survey, please contact your representative and ask when you should expect one! Ours is a representative form of government. If you need to confirm who is representing your interests at the State House, please see the following link.

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators/find>

Stay Warm!

The Etiquette Tip of the Week is shared with the consent of the author, Callista Gould. For more on Callista's work please visit

[www.cultureandmanners.com](http://www.cultureandmanners.com).

## Civility

Dr. P.M. Forni was a professor of early Italian literature at Johns Hopkins University and also author of the New York Times bestseller,

***Choosing Civility: The Twenty-five Rules of Considerate Conduct.*** According to Dr. Forni:

- \* "Good manners are the training wheels of altruism."
- \* "'Regard' and 'Respect' both come from the words meaning, 'to look again.' When we are civil, we treat that person as if they are worth another look."
- \* "When we are insecure about ourselves, we shift the burden of insecurity onto others in the form of hostility."
- \* "Listening is a fundamental form of validation."

For more information on the late Dr. Forni, please visit

<https://hub.jhu.edu/2018/12/04/pm-forni-johns-hopkins-obituary/>

## NEW Scholarship Offerings!

**2019 scholarship awards** are posted on our website! Changes include:

Child of PEI Member has been renamed to the **College Book Award**. Ten \$100 awards will be granted to high school seniors continuing their education. This award continues as a drawing.

**PEI License Renewal Credit Class Half Price Award** was formerly our Professional Development Scholarship. This year up to \$1000 will be granted to attendees applying for the scholarship.

Over \$5000 is offered in scholarship for the 2019 scholarship awards. Details can be found on our website at [www.peiowa.org/about/peif-scholarships/](http://www.peiowa.org/about/peif-scholarships/)

# Cognitive Strategies to Fuel Mastery of Math Facts, Algorithms, and Concepts

License Renewal Class

February 21/22

8:00am-4:30pm

Taught by Elizabeth Hoksbergen

\$40 PEI member, \$60 non-member



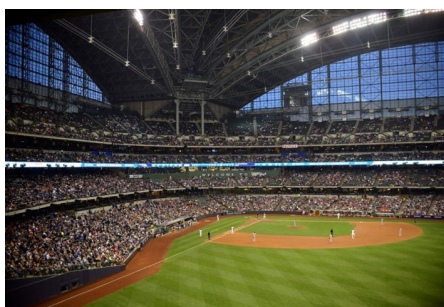
Math can be painfully difficult for some students with dyslexia. They frequently struggle with the mechanics of math, including fact retrieval and remembering the sequence of steps in long division or the order of operations. Is it possible to foster math fact fluency, propel procedural memory, and reinforce conceptual learning without undue psychological angst? Yes, it is not only possible, it is achievable! By engaging the channels of implicit, informal, and formal learning, we can create a path for student success in mathematics. Learn specific strategies to cultivate calculation skills, fuel fact fluency, and automate algorithms while deepening students' conceptual understanding of the underlying math processes and numeric relationships.

Register online at [www.peiowa.org/news/course-registration/](http://www.peiowa.org/news/course-registration/)

## PEI Summer Baseball Trip

Wednesday July 17, 2019

Milwaukee Brewers vs. Atlanta Braves



The PEI Summer Baseball Bus Trip is BACK! Come one, come all, to see one of the great rivalries in Major League Baseball. The Atlanta Braves are coming to Milwaukee to face the Brewers for a day contest on Wednesday July 17, 2019. **Order your tickets before March 1, to secure tickets at the discounted price of \$110.** The price includes transportation, wonderful infield loge seats, and great fellowship with other PEI members and friends. Start time for the game is 1 pm. Since beautiful Miller Park has a retractable roof, there is no possibility of a rain out. You can order your tickets by calling the PEI office at (515) 221-2330.

## PEI BENEFITS



Daniel Tiger - Saturday February 2, 2019

Men are from Mars Women are from Venus- March 26 - April 14, 2019

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