

# AEA NEWS



## Food Drive

The AEA is sponsoring a food drive to benefit the Abington Food Pantry on November 1st.

Boxes will be provided at each school. See your Building Reps for additional information. Please donate what you can to help those in our community.

## BJ's Wholesale Club

Buy in bulk! You can get a BJ's membership at 50% off the regular rate by joining as part of the AEA. Send your name to Steve Shannon at the High School or print the form linked on our website.

## Scholarship Fund

Please continue to purchase your 50/50 Raffle tickets to support our AEA Scholarship Fund. The AEA awards two \$750 scholarships annually. Let's keep this way of supporting our graduates going! Congrats to Mary Lou Wales, our October winner!

## Contracts

Up to date copies of contracts are posted on the AEA website. Printed Unit B contracts will be available soon.

## Teacher Evaluation

The new Teacher Evaluation System is up and running. Please remain vigilant as we continue to experience glitches with the Baseline Edge (BLE) software. If you are not sure how something is supposed to play out, please don't hesitate to ask questions. In addition to the copy of the Evaluation Handbook passed out on opening day, support documents are being added to the school network drive. Consult these often.

Thanks to those who are serving on the Joint Labor/Management Team: Karen Bonner, Andrea Doyle, Jessica Kinsman, Diane Salvetti and Steve Shannon.

If you have questions, comments, concerns or suggestions for improvements to the process, please forward them through one of these people so that your voice can be represented at our next meeting on November 18th.

### *Evaluation Tips:*

- Keep an evidence binder or folder handy to keep track of evidence as it becomes available
- Have a smart phone? There are document scanner apps that will convert pictures into PDF files that you can email to yourself and then uploaded
- Create a folder on your computer desktop or in your email to keep track of handouts, tests or communications with parents and colleagues
- Remember that you only need 2 pieces of evidence per standard. Collect more than you might need, then choose the best examples to submit
- Educator comments are optional. However, if you feel you need to discuss any part of an observation, you may request a face to face meeting with your evaluator at any time.

*Have an idea to share related to the new system or a helpful "teacher tip"?*

Email Steve Shannon to have it included in our next newsletter and on our website.

## KUDOS

Congratulations are in order for:

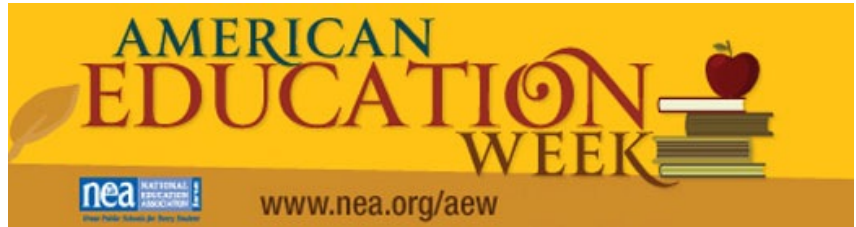
- Mike Lodge, Woodsdale
- Robin Gilpatrick, Woodsdale
- Tim Hill, Frolio
- Patricia Pflaumer, High School
- Amy Lewis, High School
- Karen Kitterick, High School
- Matt Holzman, High School

All were recognized at the halftime show on October 25th as part of "Teacher Appreciation Night" during the home game against East Bridgewater.

Nominated by former and current students who are part of the Student Athlete Advisory Council, this is just another example of the positive impact a teacher can have on the lives of their students. Congrats!!!

**Not receiving AEA emails?  
Email Jessica Kinsman at  
[aea02351@gmail.com](mailto:aea02351@gmail.com)  
to be added to our  
mailing list**

**Next E-Board Meeting:  
November 25th, 3:30  
Room 207 @ AHS  
All are welcome!**



### *Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility*

**American Education Week—November 18-22, 2013**—presents all Americans with a wonderful opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education. The weeklong celebration features a special observance each day of the week. They include:

Monday, November 18: Kickoff Day

Tuesday, November 19: Parents Day

**Wednesday, November 20: Education Support Professionals Day**

***Education Support Professionals keep schools running and students safe, healthy and ready to learn.***

***We will celebrate our own ESP Staff on November 26th!***

Thursday, November 21: Educator for a Day

Friday, November 22: Substitute Educators Day

Go to [www.nea.org/aew](http://www.nea.org/aew) for resources, artwork and to learn more about what you can do to celebrate American Education Week.

***Have questions or concerns about  
something in your building?***

Try following these steps:

- Check your contract
- Ask a colleague
- Check out our website
- Have a conversation with your principal
- Speak with your building rep

If you still have questions or concerns after following the above, contact us at [aea02351@gmail.com](mailto:aea02351@gmail.com) or in case of an emergency, contact Jessica Kinsman at AHS.