

February 2019

SANTA ROSA PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS



February Calendar

- 5th School Board Meeting
6:30 PM Canal St.
- 12th Executive Board Mtg.
4:30 SRPE Office
- 13th PD/Early Release
- 18th President's Day
- 19th District Rep Noms Due
AR Meeting 4:15 PM
All Members Encouraged to Attend
- 21st School Board Meeting
6:30 PM WBMS



Our labor unions are not narrow, self-seeking groups. They have raised wages, shortened hours, and provided supplemental benefits. Through collective bargaining and grievance procedures, they have brought justice and democracy to the shop floor.

John F. Kennedy

Attention SRPE Facebook Members:

Stay informed of education issues with daily updates on our SRPE FB page. Become a contributor on our private FB group page for educational and local school updates.



Association Update

We ARE growing. You've been asking your coworkers to support you as you've supported them. Keep asking and we'll keep growing! Bring SRPE membership into your conversations.

You have the right to work in a safe environment. We are appreciative of the District's efforts in providing school resource officers on each campus. We also have received employee identification cards for greater entrance security. These measures add to our sense of wellbeing. Please remain vigilant with your social media accounts. Recently, students threatened employees' safety via social media. The situation was addressed by both administration and SRPE. Our safety and wellbeing are primary!

[SRCSD Safety Director, Daniel Hahn speaks with SR Sheriff's Office](#)

The State Board of Education met for the first time this year in Pensacola. Channel 3 News was there with questions. School safety was an issue brought up several times during its meeting, yet there was no time for observers to ask questions. Channel 3 News gave the Commissioner the opportunity to speak on school safety anyway, approaching him after the meeting ended, but he told us he had no time for any questions and walked out of the building. Channel 3's article is linked below.

[State Board of Education meets in Pensacola, commissioner avoiding Channel 3's questions](#)

The Big Red Bus is coming soon to Central, Holley Navarre Primary, and Gulf Breeze Schools on March 25th, planning day. If you're at one of these worksites, please consider donating. It takes approximately 20 minutes. One Blood donates \$10.00 to our high schools' student scholarships for each donor who contributes. We're saving lives and continuing our students' higher educations.

Our winter social is February 9th. Ice Flyer hockey tickets flew out of our office quickly. All tickets sold and we're looking forward to a bit of competition and fellowship. Our spring social is coming soon!

In Unity

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School Board Elections

Is it that time again already?! Our next school district election is slated for 2020, and two candidates have already thrown their hats into the ring. Elizabeth Hewey has prefiled for District 2 Board Member, and David Gunter has prefiled for Superintendent.



CONGRATULATIONS to SRCSD
TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Caroline Buechner

Navarre High School



SRPE Intervenes for Members

SRPE formed an ESE task force which has clearly defined impacts on educator working conditions. The ESE department has begun and will continue to review its bank of forms. To date, 26 forms have been purged.

Damages resulting from allegations of a professional practice nature were reduced from a teaching certificate revocation to a letter of reprimand.

Member cleared of a DCF allegation as reported by a coworker.

Students threaten teachers via social media.

After denying an employee pay for qualified years of experience, through SRPE intervention experience pay was awarded.

And more...

Santa Rosa Kids' House WISH LIST

These are our current **MOST NEED** items:

- Toothbrushes (INDIVIDUAL)
- Small microwaveable ravioli
- Ramen noodles
- Individually wrapped snacks (crackers, snack cakes, gummies)
- Girls and Boys 3T & 4T
- Boys 7/8, 8/10, 10/12
- Pouch drinks / boxed juice
- Gallon Bleach
- Laundry Detergent
- Girls Open Cardigans (All Sizes)

ITEMS WE ALWAYS NEED

Paper Towels
Cookie Dough
Toothpaste
Hair Brushes/ Combs
Deoderant
Parchment Paper
Disinfectant Wipes



Save Money with My Education Discount

MyEducationDiscount had a link to an online questionnaire a lot like Progressive does, and it compared prices on several different companies. Think Travelocity for insurance. All coverages staying equal, the difference between quotes I'd gotten on my own versus using the education discount website was about \$600 annually. We're adding a 3rd driver to our family. Even with the new driver added, the 6 month cost was below the lowest price I'd found for myself and my husband prior to this. It was well worth researching.

GBES SRPE Member Jennifer Day was able to save an amount greater than her annual membership dues and then some. You, too, can save your dues while having peace of mind knowing you are supported with SRPE!

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