



MBTA Monthly

March 2021

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President's Note

You know the old saying, "March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb"? It seems to be true for MBTA as well, at least the "comes in like a lion" part. Our incredible phase one SPED teams have returned to in-person instruction with phase two slated for March 8th. We have been working with the district since early October on this plan and while it is certainly not ideal, we know that we didn't have the right to refuse. Remember we can negotiate HOW we go back, not WHEN. Plans are underway to bring our TK-5th teams back to in-person instruction early next month as well as secondary teams once we are less than 8:100K cases. If you are interested in getting vaccinated, **PLEASE BE PRO-ACTIVE!** There aren't any plans to have MPUSD roll out a schedule.

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Sign up for ANY available slot and let your admin know. If it is during the work day, plan on providing asynchronous work. Please allot travel time as well as time to get vaccinated. Some places are really quick, some larger sites may take 45 minutes. Spring break is just around the corner! If you are still looking for an appointment to be vaccinated, please reach out and I can connect you with some resources. Just a reminder that being vaccinated is NOT a condition of employment, we are just trying to make sure that people who are choosing to be vaccinated, can be! In Solidarity, Lauren

Scholarships

20-21 MBTA Service Recognition

Due Date: Wednesday April 7th
[Link](#) to application.

Dependent Scholarships

Due Date: Wednesday April 7th
[Link](#) to application.

The Standard Insurance



Starting on March 15th
Open Enrollment for MPUSD: **To be able start coverage without a background health check we need 25 sign ups. Right now we have 9.** Not only do they provide disability insurance but you can also qualify for a \$50,000 no cost life insurance policy.
Top 3 reasons to have separate disability insurance: Maternity Leave Sick/ Injured Unable to work
Monthly fee depends on your step and column and averages less than \$30 a month!

Member of the Month

Meet Paige Peck!



School: Monterey High School
What I teach: High school math
I like: Bread from Pavel's and riding my bike after a long day.
I don't like: When people choose to be unkind or refuse to consider others.

Why you value the union: **I value the union because I value teachers.** Collective organizing in the workplace is a rare privilege these days, so I am very grateful to be able to organize with all of you and feel power through our collective voices, even as a 2nd year teacher.

If you'd like to nominate a MBTA member. Click [Here](#)

Calendar Update!!

The district approved the calendar that our members voted on. Our Spring Break was pushed back for both years. 21-22 March 21st - April 1st. 22-23 March 20th -31st. Click [here](#) to view the 2021-2022 calendar.

MBTA ELECTIONS

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MBTA Elections Open 3/10

Member Survey!

For your chance to win a giftcard



This month we are asking for your input on the proposed models for returning to school. At the last meeting, board members asked how many of our members answered the previous survey - we have never had over 40% - let's change that and show them we are ONE united voice!

Click [here](#) for this week's short survey!



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Upcoming Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 Schedule Survey Sent out to Members	5	6
7	8 SPED Phase 2 Returns in person Schedule Survey Due 6pm	9 General Membership Meeting 4pm via Zoom ID: 833 6858 5132 MPUSD School Board Meeting @ 6:30 via Zoom	10 MBTA Elections Open	11 CTA Conference 3/11- 3/14	12 "Good Teaching" Online	13
14 Daylight Savings Time	15	16 MPUSD School Board Meeting @ 6:30 via Zoom	17 MPUSD H.R. Office Hours 4pm via Zoom MBTA Elections Close	18 MPUSD Cabinet Chat 4pm Register Here	19 MBTA Elections Announced	20
21	22 SPRING	23	24 BREAK	25	26 WEEK	27
28	29 SPRING	30	31 BREAK		WEEK	

*If you would like to come to an MBTA meeting, please email mbtahelp@gmail.com

MBTA ELECTIONS

Click [HERE](#) to
meet the
Candidates

- President:** Nicky Williams (Monterey High School)
Amy Ross (Ord Terrace Elementary)
- Vice President:** Sara Prather (Olson Elementary)
- Sec/ Treasurer:** Linnea Hoffman Kwasny (Crumpton Elementary)
- Zone 1 Rep:** Karin Zandakis (Olson Elementary)
Jason Ahmadi (Marina High)
- Zone 3 Rep:** Ashley Siemensma (Ord Terrace Elementary)
- Zone 5 Rep:** Samuel Pereira (Central Coast High)