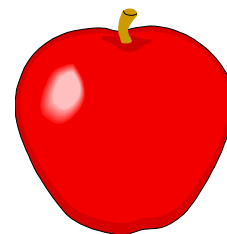


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President's Column:

Through the Eyes of a 3 Year Old

- Brad Strong



Brad Strong NCOEA Pres.

Welcome back to what I hope is going to be a great school year. I hope you rested, vacationed, relaxed, and enjoyed your summer break.

For the ESP staff who worked so hard to prepare the buildings for the return of teachers and students, thank you for your hard work.

I have spent a lot of time this summer looking at life through the eyes of a 3 year old. It has taught me some valuable lessons that I want to share with you.

Meijer's shopping cart story: On a shopping adventure to Meijer's with my 3 year old, I became a bit confused. She wanted me to get the TV cart for her. Since I do not do the grocery shopping (I spend too much money on useless stuff according to my wife) I did not know what she was talking about. She took me over to a cart where I had to put a dollar in and she could watch movies while I spent too much money. **Lesson:**

Enjoy life everywhere!

Meeting our neighbors: The window in my daughter's room looks out at our neighbors' driveway. On those nice days when the windows are open my daughter is often heard talking to our neighbor lady. She says hi and asks what she is doing and shows her the toy in her hand and tells my neighbor her entire name. I have lived next to this lady since 2003 and never knew her last name until my 3 year old introduced herself. **Lesson: In your life you will meet many people, all are important, they deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say hello!**

Going potty on the big potty: We have invested hours this summer learning to use the potty. My 3 year old never had much of a desire to use the potty; pull-ups served her nicely. We were beginning to look at sizes of Depends for when she got older. After trying everything, my wife talked to a friend who said to get her some panties and have her start wearing them. This idea sounded very bad, so I bought 3 miles of plastic drop cloth & agreed to this plan.

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NCOEA 2009-2010 Calendar

September 3	*NCOEA Executive Com.
September 15	NC Emerging Leaders, Mansfield Sr. H.S., 4:45 pm (Tentative for 09-10 group)
September 17	NC Emerging Leaders, Mansfield Sr. H.S., 4:45 pm
October 1	*NCOEA Executive Com.
October 13	NCOEA Fall Workshop, Mansfield Sr. H.S., 4:45 pm
October 24	State ESP Conference Mansfield Sr. H.S.
November 5	*NCOEA Executive Com.
November 14	NCOEA Fall RA, Mansfield Sr. H.S., 8:00 am
November 16-20	American Education Week
November 17	NC Emerging Leaders, Mansfield Sr. H.S., 4:45pm (Tentative for 09-10 group)
January 7, 2010	*NCOEA Executive Com.
January 19	NC Emerging Leaders, Mansfield Sr. H.S., 4:45pm (Tentative for 09-10 group)
February 4	*NCOEA Executive Com.
February 16	NC Emerging Leaders, Mansfield Sr. H.S., 4:45pm (Tentative for 09-10 group)
March 2	Read Across America
March 4	*NCOEA Executive Com.
March 18	NCOEA Spring Workshop, Mansfield Sr. H.S. 4:45 pm
April 8	*NCOEA Executive Com.
April 26	NCOEA Spring RA, Mansfield Sr. H.S., 5:00 pm
May 3-7	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 13	*NCOEA Executive Com.
June 5	NEA Delegate Briefing
June 18-20	NCOEA Retreat, Mohican
July 1-6	NEA Representative Assembly, New Orleans

*All NCOEA Executive Committee Meetings begin at 6:00 pm, at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, at Route 42 North and Route 30 East in Mansfield. All NCOEA members are welcome to attend. Pizza, salad and snacks are served at 5:15 pm.

Chalkdust Gets Facelift

Chalkdust, our NCOEA newsletter, is getting a facelift! Beginning this school year there will be four, instead of five, editions for you to enjoy. Mailings will arrive at your door in mid-August, late October, mid-January, and late April. These editions will have not only the usual updates and articles but new additions as well. What are those additions?

Contests! Each edition will contain one contest. All directions to complete the contest as well as a description of the prizes offered will be included in that edition. This month we have a contest called, "Where's Strong?" The write-up for this is on page 4. Try your luck and maybe you will be a winner!

Real or Rumor? Ever had a question you would like clarified about things associated with our union or current laws? Send them in! Our *Chalkdust* writers will look them over and answer some in upcoming editions. Where do you send them? Tina Adams and Brian Bazley will be gathering all questions at realorrumor@yahoo.com. Good luck! Hope to see your questions soon!

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