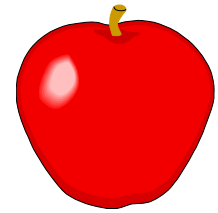


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## 2008-2009 NCOEA Leadership Team

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Jen Lepard	Recording Sec.
Brad Strong	OEA Director
Becky Mayer	NEA Director
Chris Swank	Executive Secretary-Treas.

## NCOEA 2008-2009 Calendar

March 2	"Read Across America"
March 5	*NCOEA Executive Com.
March 19	NCOEA Spring Workshop, Mansfield Sr. H.S., 4:45 pm
April 2	*NCOEA Executive Com.
April 27	NCOEA Spring RA, Mansfield Sr. H.S., 5:00 pm
April 30	NC Emerging Leaders, Mansfield Sr. H.S., 4:45 pm
May 8-9	OEA Spring RA, Schotten- stein Center (OSU), 9:00am
May 14	*NCOEA Executive Com.
May 18	NCOEA Awards Dinner, Troyer's Dutch Heritage, Bellville, 5:00 pm
May 21	NC Emerging Leaders, Mansfield Sr. H.S., 4:45 pm
June 6	NEA Delegate Briefing PTBD, 10:00 am
June 19-20	NCOEA Retreat, Mohican State Park
July 1-6	NEA Representative Assembly, San Diego, CA
August 3-5	OEA Leadership Academy Crown Plaza, Dublin
August 11	Treasurers' Workshop, Mansfield Sr. H.S.
September 3	*NCOEA Executive Com.
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
November 5	*NCOEA Executive Com.
November 14	NCOEA Fall RA Mansfield Sr. H.S., 8:00 am

\*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.

From your Vice-President:

## Take Time to Relax

- Patty Levingston

In this time of change we need to take time for ourselves. We need to take time to unwind, time to rejuvenate and time to enjoy the education profession so we can make it through the rest of the school year. It's that time of year when trying to relax is very difficult to do, especially with state testing taking place. We spend so much time trying to get students the extra help they need so that they will pass for the year, but we also need to spend some time relaxing, whether it is with a good book on the couch, or whatever you do to unwind. Just keep in mind that spring break is almost here.

There are many workshops available to help us rejuvenate our educational styles. You just need to find the right one for you. I get emails at least once a week from NCOCC or Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center (MOESC) informing me of a workshop they are offering. Many of you probably do too. NCOEA has a workshop on March 19 at Mansfield Senior High, which you probably read about in the last issue of the *Chalkdust*. There is also OEA's Summer Leadership Academy, August 3-5, to help during the summer if you can't make it to a workshop during the school year.

Don't forget we work with some of the most caring, fun-loving people there are. As educators we work with people who are in this profession because we care about kids and what we can do for them. We are willing to lend a hand or ear to help solve a problem, if we can, or we can connect you with someone who can. I know I have people I can turn to whenever there is a problem. I just need someone to vent to, or even make me laugh. I hope you have someone you can turn to as well. You have their names floating through your minds right now as you read this. It's that support system that helps us grow as professionals, plus keeping us as sane as possible, to make it through another year of change.

As the year winds down, do all you can to relax, rejuvenate and enjoy the rest of the year. I hope to see you around.



**Patty  
Levingston**  
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Local EA**