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Words from the Prez:

Welcome to 2017! I hope that your break was restful and that you feel renewed to tackle the new year. I know that this stretch can be difficult, but take time to be willing this month. Be willing to give your all every day to those children that depend on us. Be willing to extend extra care and understanding to your colleagues who may need it. Be willing to take time for yourself and to practice self-care. Finally, be willing....to wash your hands a lot, use hand sanitizer, and pop vitamin C like candy in this beginning of the flu season! Happy New Year!

Rachel Hough
BEA President



Special BEA Meeting

All members are invited to attend the next BEA meeting.

When: January 18

Location: Madison Library

Guest: Kim Littrell, OEA

Time: 4:15

BEA Scholarship

Each year BEA awards \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors. If you are a parent of a senior student here or elsewhere, your child is eligible for the BEA scholarship. Applications will be on file at the Bartlesville High School and on the BEA website. Application form will be due April 1st (no joke).

Special BEA Meeting

Have you been feeling a little over stressed lately? Dealing day in and day out with high-maintenance students, data team cycles, or testing results can put a spike in anyone's stress level. Kim Littrell from OEA will be joining us at our next meeting on Jan. 18th. Her topic will be on "Stress Management Techniques".

Building Reps

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Fund for Children & Public Education

One of the requirements for 5 STAR is to the **Fund for Children & Public Education (FCPE)**. At our next meeting on the 18th, a container will be available for members to donate. It's always helpful to know why you are donating and what your will be used for. Did you know that every decision made for education is made by a politician? As teachers I'm sure you do! These politicians determine how our schools are run. Many OEA members select to make voluntary contributions to this nonpartisan OEA FCPE. OEA is very much aware that the political environment is a significant factor affecting our jobs on a daily basis.

The voluntary OEA FCPE contributions are designed to help elect friends of education to political office. **Dues dollars** are **never** used to support political candidates. In the last election, the FCPE handed out funds to pro-education candidates that qualified. We need to replenish the funds used this year. So, when you come to the January meeting, please something for FCPE container. Thank you.

NEA Foundation Grants for Teachers

NEA supports new ideas and practices that strengthen teaching and learning. Their goal is to fund and share successful strategies to educate and prepare students for bright and rewarding futures. The best teaching ideas and practices come from our country's greatest asset: classroom teachers. Over the last 10 years, NEA has awarded more than \$7.1 million to fund grants to public school educators which inspire students. NEA invites all eligible educational professionals to apply for these grants. What are you waiting for?

[Application](#) deadlines are February 1, June 1, and October 15. [Need more info?](#)