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Happy November!

This time of year makes me think of many things, but mainly thankfulness and gratitude. To me, gratitude helps us to see what is present instead of what is missing. Oftentimes, as educational professionals in Oklahoma, it is common for us to see what is missing: funding, not enough time, not enough supplies, energy for all the things that we need to complete. During this time of thanksgiving I encourage us all to be grateful for this amazing responsibility we have to educate, love, and care for each student. To be mentors, friends, and cheerleaders for our co-workers is also extremely important.

Personally, I am grateful to all of our members for their support for our organization, our building reps and officers that work so hard to make sure you feel supported and heard, and my family who doesn't mind the extra time and hours I spend working at school and for the BEA.

Hang in there, that wonderful week long Thanksgiving Break is just around the corner. Make sure to take time to be thankful for all of your blessings, and to take care of yourself to refresh and renew to finish out this semester strong.

Our next BEA meeting is Wednesday, November 16 at the Madison Library at 4:15.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Rachel Hough
BEA President

BEA Rep Meeting

All members are invited to attend the next BEA meeting.

When: November 16

Location: Madison Library

Time: 4:15

NEA's Substitute Voting

In honor of NEA's 95 annual American Education Week, we're asking educators from across the country to vote for whom they'd like to see substituting for them. Choose your favorite TV personality from below. NEA will reveal the results on Substitute Educators Day, Friday, November 18. Which TV Personality should substitute in your class?

- a) Ellen DeGeneres
- b) Al Roker
- c) Kelly Ripa
- d) Julie Chen
- e) Anderson Cooper
- f) Wendy Williams

[VOTE TODAY!](#) Scroll down when the page opens.

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NEA's American Education Week

What is American Education Week? American Education Week (Nov. 14-18) presents all Americans with a wonderful opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education. Did you know? The National Education Association was one of the creators and original sponsors of American Education Week. Distressed that 25 percent of the country's World War I draftees were illiterate and 9 percent were physically unfit, representatives of the NEA and the American Legion met in 1919 to seek ways to generate public support for education. The conventions of both organizations subsequently adopted resolutions of support for a national effort to raise public awareness of the importance of education. In 1921, the NEA Representative Assembly called for designation of one week each year to spotlight education. In its resolution, the NEA called for: "An educational week ... observed in all communities annually for the purpose of informing the public of the accomplishments and needs of the public schools and to secure the cooperation and support of the public in meeting those needs." The first observance of American Education Week occurred December 4-10, 1921, with the NEA and American Legion as the cosponsors. A year later, the then U.S. Office of Education joined the effort as a cosponsor, and the PTA followed in 1938. Other co-sponsors are the U.S. Department of Education and national organizations including the National PTA, the American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, the American Association of School Administrators, the National School Boards Association, the American Federation of Teachers, the American School Counselor Association, the Council of Chief State School Officers, the National School Public Relations Association, the National Association of State Boards of Education, the National Association of Elementary School Principals, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals. This year's theme is "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility," American Education Week is always celebrated the week prior to the week of Thanksgiving.