

VEA Update

Commitment and Integrity

VEA is proud of the high expectations and show of integrity our members have exhibited through this crisis. Serving students and families and collaborating with colleagues remotely has not been easy, but we appreciate the hard work and acknowledge the extra hours so many of you continue to put forth in support of the VPS community!

Our community counts on us, as do our colleagues. With under four weeks remaining this school year, **please help us maintain high levels of commitment and integrity** by:

- remaining available and ready to work during contract hours
- continuing to find creative ways to connect with students and families, especially those who have been less active during distance learning
- supporting colleagues who may be juggling family responsibilities in addition to work responsibilities
- avoiding social media during the contract day.

Thank you for the amazing work you do as educators and for maintaining a **positive public image** for all of us in the process!

Best Use of your Kaiser Plan Webinar: TODAY!

VEA is proud to partner with the Labor-Management Partnership at Kaiser Permanente to offer a free webinar to help members make the most of their Kaiser health care plan and save money too! **On Wednesday, May 27th, starting at 4:30 PM**, learn about a variety of services and programs at Kaiser Permanente, all dedicated to helping you discover your total health and thrive. To better understand your health plan and all the benefits available to you, please [register here](#) for the free webinar. Even if Kaiser isn't your current health care provider, you're welcome to attend to learn more about what is available!



Face Mask Drive for Essential Workers



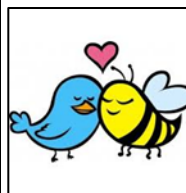
Through our partnership with SW WA Works Together, VEA is collaborating with other local unions to assemble, collect, and distribute face masks to essential workers in Southwest Washington! **If you, or someone you know, has already assembled or would be willing to assemble and donate home-made masks, please encourage them to email kvannostran@washingtonea.org to support this cause!**

Donors can drop homemade face masks through the mail slot at the VEA Office (2509 Broadway Street Vancouver, WA 98663) and VEA leadership will coordinate a socially-distanced pick up/drop of masks for essential workers in need! Thank you in advance for your support of this meaningful show of gratitude!

Planning to Start a Family Workshop

Monday, June 1st from 4:30-6:30 PM, VEA is excited to host a free workshop for members and their significant other on how to prepare and plan for pregnancy and maternity/paternity related leaves. This will also cover information about other available resources you may want to consider when starting a family!

Workshop Topics: Maternity, Paternity, and Adoption Leave; FMLA Benefits; SEBB/Insurance Changes; Standard Insurance Extended Leave; VEA Contract and Shared Leave Provisions; Counseling Resources for your Transition; Financial Planning Member Benefit; VEA Member-to-Member Shared Experience; NEA Member Benefits.



If you plan to start a family, don't miss this workshop! **Please [RSVP](#) by May 29th to receive the zoom link.** Contact Cindy Brown at 360-607-7697 or cbrown@washingtonea.org with any questions.