

## Winter Update

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Complete the VEA Survey!</b></p> <p>Thank you to the 500+ VEA members who have already responded to <a href="#">the survey</a> sent out via home email yesterday afternoon! <b>If you haven't yet, please provide your input and complete <a href="#">the survey</a> by noon on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.</b> We appreciate you updating us on your experience and perspective since the last VEA survey in November.</p> <p>As we continue to collaborate with VPS around Dept. of Health, Labor and Industries, and OSPI guidance for reopening schools, VEA wants to ensure our advocacy represents your most up-to-date needs and interests. Your feedback will continue to help guide subsequent agreements or actions and responses will remain anonymous.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Goodbye January, Hello Giveaway\$!</b></p> <p>VEA is grateful to all members for the time and effort you continue to put in to support VPS students and their families! Congratulations to the following members (names drawn at random) on your forthcoming \$25 gift card to a local Vancouver restaurant - #TreatYourself on us! Please email <a href="mailto:kvannostran@washingtonea.org">kvannostran@washingtonea.org</a> to confirm you'd like it interofficed to your worksite or please confirm your home mailing address if you'd prefer to receive it via US mail!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <a href="#">Joe Balin (Bay)</a>, <a href="#">Kristen Briem (Washington)</a>,  <a href="#">Dianna Chou (Hough)</a>, <a href="#">Denise Choate (Felida)</a>,  <a href="#">Michelle DeJesus (Anderson)</a>, <a href="#">Joyell Divall-Rayan (King)</a>, <a href="#">Magda Fong (Fort)</a>, <a href="#">Kathleen Goss (Sacajawea)</a>,  <a href="#">Steven Jones (Bay)</a>, <a href="#">Halie Marsh (Anderson)</a>,  <a href="#">Sara Molyneux (Gaiser)</a>, <a href="#">Patrick Mongrain (Gaiser)</a>,  <a href="#">Lou River-Nystrom (MAC)</a>, <a href="#">Dana Schnell (MAC)</a>,  <a href="#">Travis Volk (Felida)</a> </p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>VPS &amp; CCPH COVID Case Updates</b></p> <p>Since CPH no longer has the capacity to post positive cases in schools (now only posting outbreaks), VEA will attempt to provide at least a weekly update to members to include VPS cases as well as the weekly case count for Clark County as a whole.</p> <p><b>Since January 1, 2021, VPS has reported:</b></p> <p><b>NEW! Tuesday, 1/26:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2 positive cases at King ES, close contacts</b></li> </ul> <p>Tuesday, 1/19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• positive case at Chinook, close contacts</li> </ul> <p>Monday, 1/18:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• positive case at Lake Shore, close contacts</li> </ul> <p>Wednesday, 1/13:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• positive case at JPC, close contacts with staff</li> <li>• <i>presumed</i> positive case at Chinook ES, close contacts with students</li> </ul> <p>Sunday, 1/10:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>presumed</i> positive at Truman ES from 1/8 was confirmed negative</li> </ul> <p>Friday, 1/8:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• positive case at Jefferson MS, no close contacts;</li> <li>• positive case at Skyview HS, no close contacts;</li> <li>• positive case at Truman ES, close contacts with staff and students, one class will learn remotely</li> </ul> <p>Thursday, 1/7:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• positive case at Hudson's Bay HS, no close contacts</li> <li>• positive case at Columbia River HS, no close contacts</li> <li>• positive case at Fort Vancouver HS, close contact with staff (no students)</li> </ul> <p>Saturday, 1/2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 positive cases at Washington ES, no close contacts</li> </ul> <p><b>Since January 1, 2021, CPH has reported:</b></p> <p><b>NEW! Jan 26: 401.23 cases per 100,000 * <a href="#">May not include all cases</a></b></p> <p>Jan 19: <b>473.69</b> cases per 100,000  Jan 11: <b>397.95</b> cases per 100,000  Jan 4: <b>324.87</b> cases per 100,000</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Step Up to VEA Leader Positions!</b></p> <p>Nominations for several VEA positions will <b>close at our next Rep Council meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup>.</b> VEA encourages current and emerging leaders to consider requesting/completing/returning a <a href="#">nomination form</a> to <a href="mailto:cbrown@washingtonea.org">cbrown@washingtonea.org</a> for the VEA positions of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President (2-yr term),</li> <li>• 1st VP (2-yr term),</li> <li>• 3rd VP in Charge of Member Engagement (2-yr term),</li> <li>• Treasurer (2-yr term),</li> <li>• Intermediate Trustee, (3-yr term) and</li> <li>• Middle School Trustee (3-yr term).</li> </ul> <p>Details pertaining to each position can be found in VEA Bylaws and Standing Rules/Procedures under the Documents tab of <a href="#">the VEA website</a>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p>VEA also encourages current and emerging leaders <b>as well as rank and file members</b> to consider requesting/completing/returning a nomination form to <a href="mailto:cbrown@washingtonea.org">cbrown@washingtonea.org</a> for the positions of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VEA Delegates to the <a href="#">WEA Rep Assembly</a> (virtual). This one-time event is currently scheduled for April 15-17. Details from past Rep Assemblies can be <a href="#">found here</a>.</li> <li>• VEA Delegates to the <a href="#">NEA Rep Assembly</a> (Denver CO – a virtual option has not yet been determined) This one-time event is July 2-6. Details from past Rep Assemblies can be <a href="#">found here</a>.</li> </ul> <p>VEA will provide a voucher for participation in either Rep Assembly to reimburse members for any applicable meal purchases.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rally to Support Safe Schools for Everyone</b></p> <p>VEA members are invited to join SW WA Educators United, fellow educators and community members for a "<a href="#">Rally to Support Safe Schools for Everyone</a>," with an emphasis on returning to/expanding in-person learning only when it's safe.</p> <p>Report to the Clark County Public health building on Friday, 1/29 at 10:30am to finish sign painting before moving on to VPS District Office beginning at 11am, followed by EPS District Office (route map coming soon).</p> <p>This is a socially-distanced and family-friendly event. Please wear masks and socially distance when outside of your car; be kind, respectful and patient. See the Facebook event linked above for further details.</p>