



# WAVELENGTHS

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## Support Special Olympics

# Jeans days raise \$20,000

Five years ago Wentzville NEA started Jeans Days for Missouri Special Olympics.

Since then, district employees have raised more than \$20,000 for this wonderful cause.

Missouri Special Olympics is a year-round program of sports training and competition for children and adults with mental disabilities. More than 15,000 athletes participate in 19

sports throughout the state.

Please continue to pay your \$2 and wear your jeans on the designated dates.

In addition, Wentzville NEA was able to raise enough money last year to sponsor Laura Bates, principal at Discovery Ridge Elementary School to go "Over the Edge." Laura will rappel down the side of the Lumiere Place Casino on October 1.



Monthly Jeans Days have raised over \$20,000 for the Special Olympics, earning a member the opportunity to rappel down the side of Lumiere Place.

We are excited that this will bring some positive publicity to Wentzville NEA's

### Calendar Items

- Sept. 22  
Early Release Day for Students
- Oct. 1  
Special Olympics  
*Over the Edge*
- Oct. 5  
World Teachers' Day
- Oct. 14  
End of 1st Quarter

## Remaining Jeans Day Dates



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| October 13  | February 16 |
| November 17 | March 16    |
| December 15 | April 13    |
| January 12  | May 18      |

## Are you a fan?

# Check out Wentzville NEA on Facebook

Wentzville NEA is now on Facebook. Search today and become a friend.

The organization will post important (and sometimes humorous) information here.

Sticking with the topic of Facebook, the Wentzville School District has now set up its own Facebook page.

Consider a word of caution before becoming a fan or friend. The moderator of page would then have access to your profile, pictures, postings, etc. Think

twice before clicking the “become a fan” button.



Keep in mind another piece of advice about social websites.

An education employee who is contemplating joining, or who has joined a social networking website, should keep one simple rule in mind: post anything you would not want your principal, superintendent, school board members, parents of your students, your students, your family or the public at large to see.

To read an article addressing social networking sites and educators by MNEA Attorney Jacquie Shipma, visit [www.mnea.org](http://www.mnea.org) and search “Social Networking”.

# Consider Attending the Fall RA in KC

November 12-13 is the Fall Representative Assembly and Conference. This year it will be held in the Kansas City area.

The Spring RA will be held at Tan Tar A April 9-10.

*The Fall Representative Assembly is Nov. 12-13 in Kansas City.*

It is at these meetings that the direction of the state association is determined – by you its members! Wentzville NEA is allotted 14 delegates to these RA’s (1 per

50 members).

If you would like to go, please email Sara St. Clair (WNEA VP) to let her know.

Bonus: If you are a first-time attendee, and you go to both conferences, you are eligible for a gift card drawing!

# Don't be Afraid to Ask for Help



If you need anything, please know WNEA is here to help. You can always e-mail a building representative or an officer, but now Wentzville NEA has more ways for you to get the information or assistance you need.

You can either visit us on Facebook (search Wentzville NEA) or go to the website [www.wnea.net](http://www.wnea.net) and click on the “Contact” button.

As always, your queries will remain confidential.

## From the President

# NEA Provides Representation for Members



A few weeks ago I received the call no educator wants to get: two of our members were the subjects of a DCFS (Division of Children's and Family Services) investigation.

I immediately called our UniServ Director Lori Roach. Lori then called our staff attorney, Jacquie Shipma.

Within an hour, our member was also in contact with the attorney. Jacquie was able to speak with the DCFS investiga-

tor, and our members had representation the next day.

The bottom line is that these two teachers never thought that something like this could happen to them. It did. And Wentzville NEA was on top of making sure they were supported, represented and had an advocate.

Everyone deserves due process and fair treatment. Wentzville NEA is here for all 704 of our members.

All you have to do is ask.

*Scott Kiehl*

# Don't Miss Out on Member Benefits



neamb.com

Go to [www.mnea.org](http://www.mnea.org) to register your new membership card (you should have received this in

August from a building representative).

The process is much simpler this year as you only enter the last 4 digits of your social security number and then create a log-in and a password. Members can take advantage of numerous

benefits and discounts through NEA.

While you are on the web site, please browse the many available listservs and find one that meets your needs. Listservs are a great way to stay in touch with educators from across the

# Visit NEA.ORG for Information about Grants

The NEA website has information about many grants—large and small—that could benefit your classroom. Here are a few to get you started.

**Healthy Living School Grants:** Cabot Creamery offers matching grants for supplies for exhibits, healthy snacks, printed materials, or whatever the pro-

ject needs.

**Kids In Need Teacher Grants:** These grants fund projects that make creative use of common teaching aids, approach curriculum from an imaginative angle or tie nontraditional concepts together for the purpose of illustrating commonalities.

**Fender Music Foundation**

**Awards:** These awards provide funding and resources for music programs.

**Pay It Forward Mini Grants:** These grants fund service-oriented projects identified by youth as activities they would like to perform to benefit their school, neighborhood or greater community.

# WNEA Officers 2010-2011

To join an MNEA Listserv, visit

[www.mnea.org/mnea\\_listservs.aspx](http://www.mnea.org/mnea_listservs.aspx)

From beginning teacher information to bully-free schools, choose from more than 10 different listservs to join. There is something for everyone.



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