It’s a “Capital” day

Every year around this time, we bring you an unparalleled chance to enhance your knowledge. CEA Capital Day this year is Friday, Oct. 21, at the Hyatt Regency Columbus located at 350 N. High St. Featured speakers are Crystal Kuykendall and Michael Wright.

Kuykendall is an educator and lawyer. She is the former Executive Director of the National Alliance of Black School Educators. She also served as Director of Urban and Minority Relations for the National School Boards Association and as Director of the Citizens Training Institute for the National Committee for Citizens in Education. Appointed by U.S. President Jimmy Carter to the National Advisory Council on Continuing Education, she served as Chairperson from 1979–1981. She was also chosen by the editors of Ebony Magazine as one of the “50 Leaders of the Future” in 1979. Her published work includes “Developing Leadership for Parent/Citizen Groups” and “Improving Black Student Achievement through Enhancing Self-Image” and From Rage to Hope: Reclaiming Black and Hispanic Students.

White is a licensed pediatric psychologist and Director of Educational Consulting Services in Cincinnati. He consults with school systems throughout the country on standards-based instruction, teacher training and assessment. A strong advocate of “assessment as instruction,” Dr. White is the author of four books, including Extraordinary Teachers: Teaching for Success, and numerous articles on standards, assessment and effective schools. His web-based teacher resource, “Learning Connection Online,” was the National Staff Development Council’s Technology of the Year award winner for 2003.

Capital Day activities will begin at 8:30 a.m., with registration and a continental breakfast beginning at 7:30 a.m. On-line registration opens on Oct. 4 and closes Oct. 18. The day features a morning and an afternoon learning session, as well as vendor exhibits throughout the day. The closing session will feature door-prize drawings.

New and improved copiers

Our schools are getting new copiers. Some are getting more or fewer units based on student population enrollment. Schools can purchase used copiers for $3,700 if they are able to pay for their maintenance.

CCS has appointed Key Operators for each location.

They will be responsible for remedial training, ordering supplies, requesting service, troubleshooting, assisting others and cooperating with technicians when a phone call might fix a problem as opposed to a regular service call.

Everyone who plans to use one of the new copiers should attend a training session to learn about the new features. You will learn how to reduce the number of service calls by:
- Contacting a Key Operator
- Reporting abuse or negligence
- Running construction paper through the bypass feeder
- Running thick card stock through the bypass feeder
- Ensuring that other appliances are not using the same electrical outlet
- Completing a service request immediately if the Key Operator cannot fix the problem
- Leaving the copy paper in the external wrapper until it is ready to be placed in the copier

Copiers will be delivered throughout the district during the next three weeks.

Also, it is never a good idea for your principal to ration paper to individual teachers in an attempt to control using the copier.

Change lives, strengthen our community

Last year, your United Way gift reached far and wide. Last year’s CCS campaign helped 485,000 people. This is because every dollar you give combines with donations from others to help build a stronger community. When you and nine other people give, you generate, providing building blocks for a better life: Education, Income, Health and Home. These building blocks insure that our school communities, neighborhoods, our students, families and those around us will be improved.

When you and nine others each give, here’s what your gift can do:

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Open enrollment awaits you

It's time to think about your insurance needs and register for an appointment with a counselor to talk about the various plans CCS offers. The open enrollment period is Sept. 28–Oct. 28.

You must meet with the counselor even if you plan to waive coverage. If you are adding dependents to your plan, bring:
- A copy of the first page of your most recent IRS Form 1040
- Applicable evidence, such as marriage certificate, birth certificate, adoption award letters, child-support orders or domestic-partner affidavit

Here are the voluntary benefits offered:
- Universal life insurance with living benefits
- Voluntary-term life insurance
- Long-term care insurance
- Short-term disability insurance
- Critical illness insurance offers
- Accident insurance
- Pet insurance

For questions, call the CCS Benefits office at 365-6475.

Learn about human trafficking

Don’t think it can’t happen in your school. Youngsters are lured into trafficking operations every day by adults. Many are picked up from school. Some are as young as 9 years old.

You can attend a seminar to help you learn more about this insidious industry and ways to recognize and report it. You will hear from investigators and survivors. You also will hear how to incorporate teaching about human slavery into your social studies lessons.

The session will be held from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 21, at the James G. Jackson Columbus Police Training Academy located at 1000 N. Hague Ave. Download the school training flyer at http://ahtschooltraining-auto.eventbrite.com/. For more information call 645-4800, ext. 118 or email nrussell@columbuspolice.org.

You must obtain permission from your principal/supervisor to attend this session.

Legislative Assembly commences

We thank everyone for attending the LA held at the Conference Park Restaurant on Sept. 15. The LA is the policy-making body of the Association. It sets our direction. It stays up to date on governmental affairs and school board discussions. It also formulates endorsements of election candidates up to date on governmental affairs and school board discussions. It also formulates endorsements of election candidates.

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For more information, please visit http://cawp.ehe.osu.edu/.

Writing our lives

The Columbus Area Writing Project (CAWP) will hold a conference, “Writing and Reading Our 21st Century Lives,” Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Quest Conference Center, 8405 Pulsar Place. The conference is from 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m., with registration from 7:30–8:30 a.m.

This intensive, professional development experience is designed for teachers at every grade level and in every subject area. The CAWP Institute builds on the principles of the National Writing Project: teachers teaching teachers and improving the teaching of writing by writing ourselves.


Special notes
- The deadline to check your voter registration is Oct. 11. Visit http://bit.ly/uaFro6 to check your name and address. Make changes in person or by U.S. mail using the form at http://1.usa.gov/neNJie.
- The CEA Members Scholarship Fund can help you get your college degree some last dollars. Application forms can be downloaded at http://bit.ly/qXnXfl or obtained from the CEA office. The completed application form and documents must be received at the CEA office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 18.
- If you participated in an out-of-district professional development activity over the past year (September 2010–August 2011) and have not yet applied for CEUs, your deadline to do so is Wednesday, Oct. 5. To assist with this process, download the PD Planner Guide entitled Submitting an Individual CEU Request from the LPDC webpage at http://www.columbus.k12.oh.us/staffdev/lpdc.html.

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