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**PVFA President reminds teachers,  
“Make sure you continue to take  
time for yourself.”**

## Teacher of the Year!

**Bravo! We're proud of you!  
Best wishes to the following teachers who are being awarded the prestigious title of *Teacher of the Year!***

**At the Elementary school level, we congratulate**

***Kathryn Burson,  
(Soleado)  
and  
Marilyn Craft  
(Point Vicente)!!***

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Welcome Back!

Hope you all had a restful, relaxing, and reenergizing summer. The first few weeks of the school are always a challenging time for teachers. We are just getting back into the groove of school, as well as getting to know our students. Now that those weeks are behind us, please make sure you continue to take time for yourself.

Walking, cycling, or reading a good book – do whatever helps you wind down and get ready for the next day. In the year ahead, teachers will face many challenges both in and out of the classroom. It is vital that we keep the lines of communication open. If you have any questions or concerns please email me at [pvfa.sbut@gmail.com](mailto:pvfa.sbut@gmail.com). My cell number is 1-310-561-5269, during school hours you can leave a message; no cell service at my site. After school hours, please do not call after 8:00 P. M. Take time to enjoy each day!

Kathy



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## Where Have Our 180 Days Gone?!?

From PVFA Bargaining Team

***“Why has the district not put instructional days back on the school***

***calendar?”*** This is the number one question asked by and to the members of the bargaining team. We have many concerns. Yes, enrollment is down about 80 students throughout the district. However, the funding for the district will be based on the higher ADA number from last year – essentially bringing in more dollars for our students.

Next, the federal jobs bill money (**\$2.2 million**) could have been used to add days back to calendar. (In fact, only \$880,000 is needed to bring back the four instructional days for students and teachers.) Additionally, PEF donated \$1.5 million to save teachers jobs and to keep class sizes small.

Lastly, in 2010 teachers agreed to take six (6) pay cut days, (four of which were instructional). This was to save teachers jobs and keep class sizes small. **So, why are class sizes bigger than ever and why do we have 13 fewer teaching positions?? NONE OF THIS ADDS UP!**

The mandatory 3% reserve is at 6%, in the general fund. When we add up all the other “funds” – they are **FAR** in excess of the required amounts. So, again – ***“Why has the district not put instructional days back on the school calendar?”*** **Where are the district’s priorities? And where is all the money going??**

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"The paper and ink content is within acceptable norms, but the contract itself appears to have too many clauses."

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## One good rule of thumb is to always look for CTA's endorsement.

School's back in session and as always, The Standard is available to answer any of your questions about coverage. Their dedicated CTA Customer Service Department can be reached at 800.522.0406 from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday – Friday, or write to them at [ctaservice@standard.com](mailto:ctaservice@standard.com) with any questions or concerns. You can also visit [www.cta.org/thestandard](http://www.cta.org/thestandard) for more information.

Don't get confused during the district's benefits enrollment season. To-do lists are always lengthy at this time of year, and enrolling in your benefits can be one of the most confusing tasks. With offers and information coming from every direction, it can be tough to tell who is offering what and why you should care. One good rule of thumb is to always look for CTA's endorsement. And **there is only one CTA-endorsed provider of Disability and Life Insurance – *The Standard*.**

## PVFA WANTS TO KNOW

*The Standard* is offering an exclusive to PVFA members. Normally only new hires (120 days or less with the district) can sign up for The Standard's disability, etc. NO QUESTIONS ASKED; NO CONCERN OF PREEXISTING CONDITIONS, but if PVFA has enough members interested, The Standard will make the offer open to everyone in PVFA. So, we need to know. Take a moment to send an email to your PVFA representative or to President Kathy Santarosa at [pvfa.sbut@gmail.com](mailto:pvfa.sbut@gmail.com) to say that you are interested in *The Standard* insurance. They will come and do a presentation if enough members are interested. Please let your representative, officer or PVFA president know by October 27<sup>th</sup>.

To teach is to touch  
a life forever

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Honoree *Kathryn Burson* sets an important foundation in the first grade, and Honoree *Marilyn Craft*, in the fifth grade, prepares her students for intermediate school.

At the Intermediate and high school level we congratulate Honoree *Paul Woodward*, of *Ridgecrest Intermediate School*, motivates his science students, while Honoree *Tecia Barton*, of *Palos Verdes High School*, connects her students with history and government then and now in her classes.

On behalf of all of your colleagues, the *Palos Verdes Faculty Association* congratulates you!

**Pier2Pier** register your school team  
[www.skechersfriendshipwalk.com/](http://www.skechersfriendshipwalk.com/)

**What:** Easy walk from Manhattan to Hermosa

**When:** Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

**Why:** Entire registration fee (\$25) goes to PVP Ed. Foundation! It is fun, and you will be glad you participated!

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**PVFA  
SUPPORTS  
MEASURE M**

**Educator of the  
Year Awards  
Dinner**

**When:** Wed., Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Palos Verdes Golf Club,  
3301 Via Campensina, PVE

**Why:** Honor Kathryn Burson,  
Marilyn Craft, Paul Woodward,  
and Tecia Barton

**Time:** 5:45 P.M.

**Cost:** \$50

**RSVP:** Oct. 20th