Stafford Education Association presents

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Hello, Stafford educators! We're drafting this month's newsletter from our table at Mentor 360 prep for Success Week, where we've signed up over 140 new members in three days! Here are *just* a few of our talking points that you can share within your buildings to answer the question: Why join SEA?

- We advocate for raises, school funding, better working conditions, and so much more. For example, last year we secured three additional "mental health days" (PAID days off) for the entire division.
- SEA has your back in good times and bad. You can reach out with any individual or building level working concerns. Count on us to keep you informed about what is happening in the county, and how it will affect employees.
- ANY person who receives a paycheck from SCPS is eligible for membership. SEA advocates for all members. Should it become necessary, your membership includes liability coverage.
- Member benefits: shopping and services discounts (travel, insurance, amusement parks, events, and more)!

Welcome back, beautiful people! I hope that everyone has had a chance to rest, relax & unwind over the summer! I can hardly believe it's time to go back into buildings. I'm excited to welcome you all back. SEA has many exciting things on the horizon this year! We know the start of the year is both an invigorating and stressful time, and we encourage you to reach out to any member of the Executive Board with any questions or concerns. Once the dust settles a bit, we will send out a member survey to take the pulse of the county, address common concerns, and learn what member priorities are for this year. My wish this year is that we all have the most amazing year EVER!!! ~~SEA President Kathy Butler



August is New Member Month!

Join SEA during the month of August, and you'll be automatically entered into a drawing to win a \$100 gift card! We'll also be giving away free SEA shirts to FIVE alternate winners. Use the QR code to the left or visit <u>www.sea-vea.org</u> and click Join SEA!

HELPFUL LINKS

<u>SEA website</u> <u>Member benefits</u> <u>VEA latest updates</u> <u>Speak @ a School Board meeting!</u> <u>Speak @ a Board of Supervisors meeting!</u>

WHAT IS SEA DOING FOR YOU THIS MONTH?

August 9--SB Meeting, 6:30p.m August 16--BoS Meeting, 3p.m/7p.m August 20--Firefighters' muscular dystrophy fundraiser August 30--Executive Board meeting

Community Focus

Did you know that educators and firefighters have a lot in common? Stafford Education Association and Stafford Professional Firefighters Local 4012 have committed to supporting each other as community representatives. We're going to support our members, and our community, by staying informed and advocating for common goals--like retaining and recruiting county employees. We need some red shirts to mix with their yellow shirts at these meetings this month! Please join us to listen and learn.

> School Board Meeting: Tuesday, 8/9/22, 6:30p.m Alvin York Bandy Complex, Board Chambers

Board of Supervisors Meeting: Tuesday, 8/16/22, 3:00p.m/7:00p.m Stafford Courthouse, Board Chambers

You can help support Professional Firefighters Local 4012 by attending their fundraiser for Muscular Dystrophy. Details below!



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