

## **SCTA News Messenger for August 11, 2010**

### **Professional Development Update**

As a reminder, the emphasis for Professional Development will be through Common Planning Time at school sites. The general expectations to complete the 18 hours is still the same. The Common Planning hours will count toward the 18 hours. The contract rules for Professional Development are still the same and hours and programs that are to take place in the summer must be approved by SCTA and the District. Last week SCTA sent out to members the memo that was sent to principals that gives them guidance.

### **School Calendar**

Another reminder, school starts the day after Labor Day, the full week of Thanksgiving will be holidays, Lincoln's Holiday is eliminated, and the last teaching day will be on Friday, June 17, 2011.

### **Benefits Fair On Friday, September 24 at the SCTA**

Join your friends and talk with the reps from your insurance programs starting at about 3:45 pm. Get answers regarding the benefit improvements and changes. Make open enrollment changes.

Health Net reps will explain the 5/15/35 program, Kaiser will have information on the new chiropractic offering, and Premier Access Dental will have information on that program that offers a higher annual dental maximum, higher orthodontic coverage, implant coverage and fully paid premiums.

### **More Laid Off Teachers and Counselors Returning**

On Friday, August 13 SCTA and the District are placing another 9 elementary teachers in classroom positions in addition to the 27 placed two weeks ago. Also, SCTA expects that most of the counselors will be placed as part of our process with the District sometime next week.

### **Staples Teacher Appreciation Day**

Staples is offering a free gift to the first 100 teachers at each Staples and information about the enhanced Teacher Rewards program on Saturday, August 14 from 9am to 12 noon.