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Education Update for AEA Members

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Member Benefits

[DOVE Program/Local Benefit](#)

Discounts on Vehicles for Educators (DOVE) is an AEA member benefit for members and their immediate family members. DOVE offers deals on new and pre-owned vehicles, all makes and models. For more information, please contact Larry Green at 602-290-6212 or visit www.doveprogram.org.

[NEA Click & Save "Buy-lights" for November 2013](#)

NEA Click & Save, the online discount buying service for NEA members, highlights select retailers and merchants each month. Check out these featured "Buy-lights" for November!

- Cooking.com: Save \$10 off purchases of \$100 or more, plus free shipping on orders over \$49
- Fresh Produce: Get 20% off sale items (women's apparel)
- PerfumeWorldwide.com: Get 10% off
- eWatches.com: Save \$30 off orders over \$150 site wide, plus free shipping!
- ONE90ONE: Save 30% (men's designer clothing)
- SmartBargains.com: Get \$10 off orders of \$50 or more site wide, plus free shipping and returns
- Zales: Save \$50 on orders over \$300

Join the 305,000 NEA members already registered for NEA Click & Save. Go to www.neamb.com/clickandsave and start shopping today!

Long-Term Care Insurance—Good for You, Good for Taxes

If you or a loved one need long-term care, you don't want a significant portion of your hard-earned savings to pay for your medical and living expenses. That's where long-

AEA News

[American Education Week – November 18 – 22](#)

American Education Week presents all Americans with a wonderful opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education. Check out NEA's online toolkit at www.nea.org/aew for ideas to celebrate American Education Week and National ESP Day. The weeklong celebration features a special observance each day of the week:

- Monday, November 18: Kickoff Day
- Tuesday, November 19: Parents Day
- Wednesday, November 20: Education Support Professionals Day
- Thursday, November 21: Educator for a Day
- Friday, November 22: Substitute Educators Day

[AEA President Comments on Common Core Symposium](#)

AEA President Andrew F. Morrill comments in the *Arizona Republic* on the hearing held by Arizona Senator Andy Biggs on the Arizona College and Career Ready Standards. "A symposium without debate ... without the input of educators, is questionable in its value and would appear to be more driven by a political agenda than an honest intent to learn more about an education issue." [Read article online.](#)

[Teacher of the Year: Why I support Common Core](#)

Read AEA member and 2013 Arizona Teacher of the Year, Nancie Lindblom's editorial in the *Arizona Republic* about why she supports Common core. [Read editorial online.](#)

[AEA Member Named One of PEOPLE's 2013 Teachers of the Year](#)

Kudos to Tucson Magnet High's drama teacher, Art Almquist. He was selected as the Readers' Choice winner online and featured in PEOPLE magazine this past month as one of their 2013 Teachers of the Year award winners. [Read article online.](#)

[Campaign to Protect Arizonans' Right to Vote Successfully Refers HB2305 to 2014 Ballot](#)

AEA was part of a coalition of groups fighting to protect Arizonan's voting rights and collecting petition signatures to refer HB2305 to the 2014 ballot. [Read](#)

term care insurance can help. Your premiums may even be deductible if you have a business, such as providing part-time tutoring. Read the recent article, LTC insurance and taxes, from the Wall Street Journal Market Watch. The NEA Long-Term Care Insurance Program offers discounts to NEA members and their families. Call 855-NEA-4LTC (855-632-4582) for a free long-term care planning consultation or email us at nea@ltcipartners.com.

Prepare for the Holidays with Savings from Costco

There's no better way to get set for Thanksgiving and the winter holidays than to take advantage of great savings from Costco! As a Costco member, you can save money on thousands of brand-name items every day including small appliances and electronics, furniture and home décor, blankets and towels, kitchen and dining essentials—plus fresh and prepared foods to make entertaining fun and economical.

To become a new member of Costco, simply login and register at www.neamb.com and find Costco at the Discounts tab under "Everyday Discounts." Complete and print the special Costco membership invitation and special offers page, and present them at any U.S. Costco location when you register to become a new member—it's that simple!

Delight Your Host or Hostess with a Lovely Gift from 1800FLOWERS.COM or 1800BASKETS.COM

With the holidays coming up, show appreciation to your host or hostess with a lush plant, gorgeous floral arrangement, or tantalizing gift basket from 1800Flowers.com or 1800Baskets.com. NEA members save 20%! For more information and to place your order, go to www.neamb.com and look for 1800Flowers.com under the "Discounts" and "Everyday Discounts" tabs.

Kids' Magazines Combo Offer—Great for Holiday Gifts

Delight the kids, grandkids or other special children in your life with an entertaining and educational holiday gift. The NEA Magazine Service® is offering a combo deal consisting of one-year subscriptions to Discovery Girls (6 issues) and Ranger Rick (10 issues)—both for \$35! That's a combined savings of almost \$8 off already discounted prices. To place your order, please visit www.neamag.com/kidsgifts. Happy

[article online.](#)

Education Grants and Resources

California Casualty's Thomas R. Brown Athletics Grant Program

California Casualty's Thomas R. Brown Athletics Grant program is accepting requests for grants from its \$100,000 pool of funding. The California Casualty Thomas R. Brown Athletics Grant program began three years ago, with \$25,000 in grants across four states. In 2012, 275 applications for assistance poured in from across the nation. Fifty-nine selected programs received grants totaling \$75,000. Over 450 grant applications were received in 2013. Eighty-five public high schools in 38 states received \$101,500 in assistance.

Applicants must be an active employee of the public high school for which funding is sought and a current member (or referred by a member) of the state affiliate of the National Education Association. The deadline is January 15, 2014. For more information and apply online, visit www.calcasathleticsgrant.com.

A trusted partner of the Arizona Education Association since 1982, California Casualty provides auto and home insurance for educators, peace officers, firefighters and nurses. To learn more about the AEA Auto and Home Insurance Program provided by California Casualty, please visit www.calcas.com/aea or call 1.800.800.9410.

Legendary Teacher Project

Dr. Nicholas Clement, former Flowing Wells Superintendent and recently appointed NAU Ernest W. McFarland Citizen's Chair in Education, is leading the newly-established [Legendary Teacher Project](#) by offering a website designed to promote Legendary Teacher story generation. It is a simple process which includes going to the website www.brainonschool.com, then click on The Legendary Teacher tab where he has provided five Legendary Teacher stories from his life. Readers are encouraged to write their own stories and submit them to be published on this site. The Legendary Teacher Project goal is to create a digital warehouse of hundreds of these stories which can be accessed by educators around the world.

Fund for Teachers Grant

National nonprofit tells preK-12 teachers "It's Your Turn to Learn" — Invites teachers to design unique fellowships that pursue new knowledge and hone skills to advance student achievement. Individuals eligible for grants up to \$5,000; teams \$10,000. [Apply online](#) by January 30, 2014.

Sodexo: Steven J. Brady STOP Hunger Scholarship

Holidays!

Buying a Car? Don't Pay More Than You Need To!

The NEA Auto Buying Program offers Guaranteed Savings and a no-hassle car buying experience. In fact, members have seen an average savings of \$2,973 off MSRP.*

With the NEA Auto Buying Program, it's easy to 1) See what others paid for the car you want, 2) Get an Estimated Price and your Guaranteed Savings,** and 3) Save time and money with a hassle-free deal!

You've got an advantage—now take it! Visit www.neamb.com/buyacar today!

* Between 04/01/13 and 04/30/13, the average estimated savings off MSRP presented by TrueCar Certified Dealers to users of TrueCar powered websites based on user new vehicle configurations was \$2,973, including applicable vehicle specific manufacturer incentives. Your actual savings may vary based on multiple factors including the vehicle you select, region, dealer, and applicable vehicle specific manufacturer incentives which are subject to change. The Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price ("MSRP") is determined by the manufacturer, and may not reflect the price at which vehicles are generally sold in the dealer's trade area as not all vehicles are sold at MSRP. Each dealer sets its own pricing. TrueCar does not sell or lease motor vehicles.

** Estimated Price and Savings currently not available in AR, CO, KS, LA, MD, NE, OR, TX, VA and WA. In these states a "Target Price" is presented, which is not an advertised price, but an example of what you can reasonably expect to pay.

Please note: While new Certified Dealers are continually being added to the NEA Auto Buying Program, the program is currently unavailable in certain areas of the U.S., including AK and HI.

The Sodexo Steven J. Brady STOP Hunger Scholarship program supports the education of young people working to end hunger in communities across the United States, and brings attention to the innovative and effective solutions they are implementing toward ending hunger in their lifetime. Winners will receive a \$5,000 scholarship award and a matching \$5,000 grant in their name for the hunger-related charity of their choice. Eligibility: students enrolled in an accredited education institution (kindergarten through graduate school) in the United States who can demonstrate an ongoing commitment to hunger-relief activities in their community. [Apply online](#) by December 5, 2013.

Captain Planet Foundation: Grants for the Environment

The Captain Planet Foundation funds hands-on environmental projects to encourage youth around the world to work individually and collectively to solve environmental problems in their neighborhoods and communities. Winners will receive a grant up to \$2,500. [Apply online](#) by January 31, 2014.

Jazz from A to Z Educator Workshops

Taking a note from the qualities of jazz and using the National Endowment for the Arts Jazz in the Schools Curriculum as a guide, this program provides opportunities for students and educators to improvise, analyze, synthesize, engage in group collaboration, develop an "individual voice", and broaden cultural perspectives. Workshops and classes are complemented by free tickets for students and educators to attend live performances by nationally acclaimed jazz artists at the Mesa Arts Center. The next workshops are scheduled January 14 – 15, 2014.

[Register online](#) or contact 480-644-6540 or outreach@mesaartscenter.com for more information.

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