



September 2018 Newsletter

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Fall Event:

Interested in Attending Fall
Event Oct. 19-21?

www.neaalaska.org/fallevent

Please see the information on
Page 2 for more information.

Recruiting:

New Members should submit
membership applications to
Site Reps by Oct. 15 in order
to avoid higher dues
deductions.

Member Benefits:

Check out the benefits that
teachers receive when they
become members!

[http://www.neaalaska.org/
benefits/](http://www.neaalaska.org/benefits/)



Letter from the President

Dear Northwest Arctic Education Association Members,

What a busy start to the school year it has been! Our membership is currently at 63%, which is amazing! Thank you all so much for your help in recruiting new members this year!

We have quite a few things going on in the association at the moment. On September 22nd, we have a team of three attending Rights Training 101 in Anchorage; our Constitution and Bylaws Committee is currently looking over the current Constitution and Bylaws to make sure that everything is still up to date; and a Bargaining Team is currently being put together for the upcoming bargain in early 2019. Looking ahead, we will have Fall Event in Anchorage at the end of October and Bargaining Training in early November.

I hope everyone has had a good start to the year. Here in Kotzebue, both staff and students have had to be strong with all that has been going on in town, but it has been so good to see the community and region coming together to support one another at such a time. It is so encouraging to know that so many have been thinking of and praying for the family here.

Thank you again for your continued support and commitment to the Northwest Arctic Education Association.

Sincerely,
Samantha Dutton



Fall Event

We will be sending 4 people to Fall Event this year! Please check out the NEA-Alaska website for more information about the event:

www.neaalaska.org/fallevent

If you are interested in attending the event, please email Samantha Dutton with the following information:

- Name
- Site
- Number of years teaching in the district
- Number of years teaching anywhere
- Why you are interested in attending

Please email your interest by September 21st in order to be considered.

Certification

Please make sure to keep your teaching certificate up to date. If you are unsure of the expiration date on your certificate, you can get online and check using EED's website:

<https://education.alaska.gov/TeacherCertification/CertificationsSearch.cfm>

You can also find more information about certification renewal requirements here:

<https://education.alaska.gov/teachercertification>

Things to Consider

Leave Slips

An email was sent out earlier this year regarding leave slips. Just a reminder, when submitting leave slips for sick or personal leave, you only need to write the following in the explanation section:

“Per Negotiated Agreement”

If you are required to submit something like a doctor's note or e-mail from someone, you can state:

“See Attached”

A general rule on leave slips is to write as little information as possible.

Mandatory Trainings

I wanted to share how Mandatory Trainings are being treated this year.

For teachers that were here and completed the required trainings last year, you should only have about four trainings to complete this year. Our understanding is that this should take 2-4 hours. These could be done during the one extra hour per week that teachers can be required to work.

For teachers that are new to the district or renewing their certification, these required trainings are a part of their “professional responsibility” and are required by the State of Alaska in order to receive certification.

I hope that helps to answer any questions.

2018-2019 NAEA Site Representatives:

Ambler	Shirley Dukes	Kivalina	Cassie Lawrence	JNES	Tammy Hoke
Deering	Valerie Dawn	Kobuk	Madeline Hewston	Noorvik	Joe Saugstaad
Shungnak	Kelly Denny	Noatak	Lori Moore	Kiana	John Young
Buckland	Donna Malain alt: Adam Nevinski	Selawik	Jarrod Calabrese alt: Craig Buehler	KMHS	Nathan Dutton alt: Clay Miller