

# Education

## New NEA Training Materials Geared To Enhance Parent-Teacher Relationships

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The National Education Association is now offering America's schools the first thoroughly researched program ever developed to help teachers help today's parents become involved in their children's education.

Recent opinion polls dramatize the urgent need for this new NEA program, "Schools and Parents United: A Practical Approach to Student Success." parents and teachers, the polls show, share an eagerness to join together to help children succeed in their studies. But working parents often have little time to visit their children's schools, and, all too often, parents and teachers find it difficult to effectively communicate with each other.

"School and Parents United" offers practical, proven methods for breaking down barriers to parental involvement. Through a series of 12 skill-sharpening workshops, teachers develop techniques to effectively encourage parents to better motivate their children and to support their schools.

The program is already in use in hundreds of schools around the nation.

"We must seek to strengthen the bond between home and school," says NEA President Mary Hatwood Futrell. "Together, parents and teachers can form a vital partnership in helping children reach their fullest potential.

"The educational process begins in the home," adds

Futrell. "Parents are their children's first teachers. That teaching role need not end at the schoolhouse door when their children begin their formal education."

Seventy-five percent of parents and teachers polled by the metropolitan Life Survey of the American Teacher 1987 supported additional parental involvement in the public schools.

"We need to build on that good will," notes Futrell, "for the good of our children as well as our national future."

The developer of the new NEA training package, Dorothy Rich, who developed the training materials, emphasizes that "school districts should empower teachers with the knowledge, strategies, and skills to reach out and work with parents."

Rich is the founder and president of the Home and School Institute, a nonprofit educational organization, and innovator in home and school relations since 1964.

For information on ordering these new materials, write to the NEA Professional Library, P.O. Box 509, West Haven, CT 06516.

## Career Day 1988 at CCCC on April 20

Clark County Community College has scheduled "Career Day 1988" for April 20, from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. This year's theme is "Plan Your Career Now For The Year 2000." Employers representing a wide variety of

## V.I.C.A. SKILLS OLYMPICS SCHEDULED APRIL 6-8

The annual Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (V.I.C.A.) will hold their annual Nevada Skill Olympics April 6-8 at Cashman Field.

The club encourages students to develop and enhance leadership skills that are necessary when entering the workforce. The programs prepare students for the labor market as well as emphasize high standards in trade ethics, quality workmanship, scholarship opportunities and job safety.

The skills competition will be held following opening ceremonies April 6 at 9:30 a.m. at Cashman Field. During the day, students will compete in the prepared speech and extemporaneous speech categories.

Students who are not involved in the speech competition may attend workshops on leadership and communications, as well as attend other extracurricular activities.

The V.I.C.A. Skills Testing event, from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m., will highlight Thursday's activities. Students will showcase their skills in various trade areas, including: Automotive Service, Auto Body, Diesel Mechanics, Carpentry, Aircraft Powerplant, Cosmetology, Electronic Technician, Air Con-

ditioning & Refrigeration, Small Engines, Cabinetry, Welding, Sheet Metal, Graphic Communications, Residential Wiring, Brick Laying, Mechanical Drafting, Architectural Drafting, Nurse Assistant, Medical Assistant, Health Occupations, Computer Assisted Drafting, Commercial Photography, Advertising Design and Hotel Operations.

The competition will conclude with an awards ceremony Friday, April 8 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Cashman Field. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the top three winners in all categories. These winners will represent Nevada at the national V.I.C.A. competition in Wichita, Kansas in June.

The public is invited to attend.

## BONANZA PRESENTS SHAKESPEAREAN FESTIVAL

The Third Annual Shakespearean Festival will be presented at Bonanza High School on Saturday, April 23.

Highlights of the presentation will include a Green Show in the tradition of Elizabethan theatre on the front lawn starting at 6:30 p.m. Selected scenes from Shakespeare's plays will be presented by Bonanza students in the "Globe Annex" at 7 p.m.

Bonanza High School is one of seven high schools in the nation to have received an award from the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. for outstanding fine arts education.

Display, Alumni-Business Representatives Speaking in Classes; 5 p.m.-7:30 p.m.—Alumni-Business Representatives Speaking in Classes

## LAS VEGAS PTA COUNCIL DONATES \$2,500 TO SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAM

The governing body of Clark County PTA's, the Las Vegas Area Council PTA, announced a donation of \$2,500 to support passage of the school building program which will go before county voters May 24. Area Council PTA President Jan Churchill simultaneously announced the organization's endorsement of the building plan.

"The need for new schools is evident. For our children's sake, we've got to address that need now," Churchill stated.

The Las Vegas Area Council PTA represents units from over 60 Clark County schools. More than half of the state's 30,000 PTA members are affiliated with the Las Vegas

Area Council PTA.

By law public funds cannot be used to finance school building referendums. A citizens committee was recently formed to solicit funds for a public campaign to urge voter approval of the building program.

The \$600 million school bond issue proposes construction of 77 new schools and the remodeling and renovation of many existing schools to meet the district's facility needs over the next 10 years. Voter approval of the building program will not result in a tax increase, but will hold the rate for school facilities at present levels. Experts say once the measure is approved taxes could even show a decline in later years of the program.

## STUDENTS CELEBRATE CAREER DAY ON WHEELS

More than 700 students at Pat Diskin Elementary School 4220 S. Ravenwood, will culminate a schoolwide study unit on careers Tuesday, April 12.

From 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., approximately 20 different businesses will have representatives at the school with the vehicle they use every day to perform their job. Vehicles will be parked outside by the school, while students visit each one by classroom. Drivers will talk 2-3 minutes to each class about their job and how the vehicle they drive is an integral part of their work.

After completing the Career Day on Wheels tour,

each class will write an article about the vehicle/career they liked best, and all articles will be printed in the school's newspaper.

The Career Day on Wheels event was conceived and coordinated by first grade teacher Russell Johnson and Assistant Principal Teddie Brewer.

Some businesses which will be represented include: Prime Cable, Truly Nolan Pest Control, Southwest Gas Co., Sparklets Water, PIC Dog Grooming, Yellow Cab Company, Mercy Ambulance, National Guard, Villa Roma Limousine Co., Metropolitan Crime Bureau and Silver State Disposal.

## EOB Schedules Registration For Head Start Preschool

The Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County Head Start Preschool will register children 3 and 4 years old for the 1988-89 school year. Head Start serves children from low-income eligible families. The scheduled registration dates are April 5-22 and May 2-13.

Call 647-2906/2907 for guideline information, Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.


## WRITE-ON!

Paul Culley Elementary School Principal Francie Johnson and her teaching staff will conduct a class for parents and students on Saturday, April 16, 9 a.m. to noon. Called "Write-On," the project will guide parents and their children through the writing process.

Finished creative stories will be published in book form for all involved.

The Paul Culley PTA is helping to sponsor the event.

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