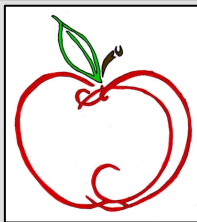


## BI-WEEKLY

# FOCUS



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## *WELCOME BACK!*

*Make sure you start the year off smoothly*

We wish to remind all members to notify the FFT Office, in addition to the District, about any of the following:

- **Change of address**
- **Change of phone number or email**
- **Change in marital status**
- **Birth/Adoption of a child**



Benefit Fund records needs to be kept up to date for fast and accurate processing of claims.



## **SAVE THE DATE:**

### **Sunday, October 16, 2022**

## **The Making Strides Walk at Jones Beach**

**To join the FFT team, visit the link on the FFT website, see a Building Rep, or call Kathleen Gaghan at the FFT Office.**

### **Did You Know?**

All teachers are required to attend **ONE "back-to-school night"** and **TWO evening "parent-teacher conferences."**

The format for the evening conference nights:

- Must begin no earlier than 5:30 pm and no later than 7:00 pm.
- Shall be no longer than 3 hours in length
- The District shall provide security and administrative supervision (for those members attending at school).
- Teachers who are split between buildings may be asked to attend additional meetings in their secondary building, and if so, the teachers will be paid at the hourly home tutoring rate for the additional meetings they are required to attend.



**KNOW YOUR CONTRACT! IT'S YOUR RIGHT!**

## FALL WEIGHTED COURSES

The courses below have been approved for weighted credit by the district.

- 1. Toolbox for the Inclusion Classroom: Practical Strategies for all Students**  
SUNY Empire State College: CUR1 6531  
**Instructor:** Kim Wagner  
**Dates:** 10/3, 10/6, 10/12, 10/17, 10/19, 10/24, 10/26, 10/31, 11/2, 11/7  
**Location:** Northside Elementary School  
**Time:** 4:00-8:30
- 2. Making Thinking Visible**  
SUNY Empire State College: CUR1 6562  
**Instructor:** Kira Martelli  
**Dates:** 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/6, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16  
**Location:** Saltzman East Memorial  
**Time:** 4:00- 8:30

Classes are open to ALL FFT members.  
Complete the prior approval form and register on [MyLearningPlan.com](http://MyLearningPlan.com)

## FFT Member Shout-Out!

WWP Math Specialist Dina Carlucci,  
is the author of a second book,

*As For Me, I'm Just Average*

**Publisher:** Barnes & Noble Press



## CHECK YOUR CHECK!



All members are paid on the **15<sup>th</sup> and last day** of each month. During each school year, members will receive 20 paychecks with deductions (plus the summer "balloon check" if chosen).

**All members are responsible for verifying their paychecks to make sure they are receiving the correct salary.**

All members who move steps in September should have received their increase, including members who now move to the added steps 23, 24 and 25. February steps should be verified mid-year.

**Call the District Business Office with any questions or problems regarding your paychecks.**

## BENEFIT INFO

ALL VISION AND DENTAL claim forms must be mailed to:

Administrative Services Only, Inc.  
303 Merrick Rd. Suite 300 Dept. 32  
Lynbrook, NY 11563

Claim forms can be found on the FFT website:

[www.farmingdaleteachers.org](http://www.farmingdaleteachers.org) OR  
[www.asonet.com](http://www.asonet.com)

## PTA and SEPTA

Please remember that we are an integral part of the PTA. Please show your support by joining the PTA and SEPTA at your school.

*Let's make 2022-2023 the year we reach 100% membership in each building!*

## Back to School Happy Hour Hosted by the FFT

Friday, September 16, 2022  
(2:30-6:00)

Nutty Irishman

Outdoor Bar

323 Main Street/Farmingdale

Free Appetizers

Free Raffles & Drink Specials