Dear Carissa,

Happy Monday to you!

**CVTA Executive Board Elections:** Electronic voting begins today and ends Friday at 4:00 pm. Please check your personal email account this morning for the email containing a direct link to the ballot. It is typically sent at 6:00 am and will show as coming from Coachella Valley Teachers Association. If you don't see it, please search for that name in your other folders. If you still cannot find it, please email Sarah Chavez at cvtaelections@gmail.com.

**CVTA Office Hours:** Tuesday 3/14/23 from 4:30-5:30 pm we will hold our March Zoom Office Hours. Stop in if you have questions or comments. Hope to see you there!

**Topic:** CVTA Office Hours - March
**Time:** Mar 14, 2023 04:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89736843564

Meeting ID: 897 3684 3564
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**This week I will attend:** meeting with the Superintendent, Riverside County Coalition of Presidents meeting, Ed Services Meeting, school site visits with Sped Dept., CVTA Office Hours, Budget Advisory Committee, interviews, Programs Committee, and Negotiations.

Here are a few more important items to share this week:

- **CVUSD School Board Meeting:** The turnout at last week's school board meeting was great! Thank you to those who attended. Many of you stayed through board reports, and it makes a difference. The next board meeting is on 3/23/23 at CDA.
- **Negotiations:** The next scheduled date for negotiations is this Friday, March 17th. Our team needs your support! Please wear your CVTA shirts and send photos from your sites. Look for a Bargaining Update that afternoon.
- **New Scholarships:** Applications were sent out last week. You'll have until April 14th to submit applications. There was a small typo...we need to know where your child will attend school for the 23/24 school year.
- **Work-to-Rule:** Work-to-Rule will continue until we reach agreement in negotiations. What the bargaining team is able to get in a settlement is directly related to the effort our membership gives in support. If you aren't participating, or you're ready to quit participating...is the 8% what you want? **The more united we are, the shorter this action will need to be.** If a settlement isn't reached before the end of the school year, **work-to-rule will also mean not teaching summer school or attending any summer trainings.** (*It is unlawful for an employer/supervisor to retaliate against someone participating in the Work-to-Rule. This includes intimidation and threats. Please notify us immediately if this is happening.*Please watch the WTR video if you need a refresher. Thank you for doing what's right for our students!  [Work-to-Rule video](#))

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**CVTA Member Spotlight:**  You may nominate someone here.

This week we are proud to recognize **Diane Fallis** at **Desert Mirage**!

Diane Fallis was nominated by her college at DM, Cyrine Kebhaj, and here is what Cyrine had to share with us:
This teacher does her best to help reach students who are struggling in her classes. She works with students one-on-one. She takes on large IEP loads and always has a smile on while helping, guiding and caring for these students' needs.

Congratulations to Diane Fallis for being this week's CVTA member in the spotlight!

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**Coaches Corner**  [TK12support@cvusd.us](mailto:TK12support@cvusd.us)

**Gradebook Reminders:**

To input grades for Elementary ELD, select the ELD section from the center dropdown on the Standards Based Grades page on Aeries if grades are not being imported from gradebook.

Our TK12 Instructional Coaches will have open office hours this week to help with anything from the [Coaches Corner Menu](mailto:TK12support@cvusd.us) or other needs. **Pop on into our Zoom:**

- **Monday at 1:30 to 3:00**
- **Thursday at 7:30 to 10:30**

[https://cvusd-us.zoom.us/j/81603174702pwd=WHJOVWVsYmRjSsnl2YmFBMnE0M212QT09](https://cvusd-us.zoom.us/j/81603174702pwd=WHJOVWVsYmRjSsnl2YmFBMnE0M212QT09)

Meeting ID: 816 0317 4702
Passcode: 667008

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**Reporting COVID Illnesses or seeking COVID Information**

Please continue to report any positive tests to [contact_tracing@cvusd.us](mailto:contact_tracing@cvusd.us). If you need information about which leaves are available, please use the [HRleaves@cvusd.us](mailto:HRleaves@cvusd.us) email.

Have a great week!

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**WHEN WORKERS UNITE**

*Okay, NOW let's negotiate...*

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**Important Dates**

- **March 13th** - Eboard Elections begin online
- **March 14th** - CVTA Office Hours on Zoom, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm
- **March 15th and 16th** - Elementary conferences
- **March 17th** - Eboard elections end
- **March 17th** - Negotiations
- **March 20th** - PD Day (no students)
- **March 22nd** - CVTA Eboard Meeting, 4:30 pm on Zoom
- **March 23rd** - CVUSD School Board Meeting (CDA), Closed Session begins 5:30 pm. Closed Session usually begins at 7:00 pm. *(Live Stream Link here)* *(Submit public comments here)*
- **March 28th** - High School conferences
- **March 30th** - Middle School conferences

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**Carissa Carrera**

CVTA President

"You can't do it unless you organize."

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