

**LOBBY DAY JANUARY 24, 2011!**

**We traveled by bus or car to visit with our delegates and senators.**



**Gerry Collins, Anya Gan, Melanie Leavitt and Jon Banks talk to Del. Ebbin**



**John Golden, Del. David Englin's aide, speaks to AEA delegates.**



**Wanda Perkins, Jasmine Dawson, Gerry Collins, & Anya Gan**



**Sen. Brink speaks to AEA delegates Margaret Frick and Gerry Collins**

**Photos by Kate Lawrence**

**The AEA delegation discussed the VEA Legislative Agenda with Delegates Adam Ebbin, David Englin, Patrick Hope and Bob Brink, and Senators Patricia Ticer and Mary Margaret Whipple. Delegates Ebbin and Englin are sponsoring a bullying in schools bill and Delegate Brink is a co-sponsor. We asked the bill also include parents that are bullying teachers as well. We asked for no changes to Virginia Retirement System. These were among topics that we focused on as we discussed the state budget.**



**I'm in your building have you fed me? Can't find me? Get one from the AEA office!**

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

As we begin another year I would like to thank all of you that took part in the 2011-17 Strategic Plan workshop at the December Delegate Assembly! It was really great to see everyone working together to express their ideas and suggestions for the future of the children.

## **CALLING ALL ARTISTS**

At the VEA convention April 7 to 9 in Roanoke the VEA board will host an art auction and dinner. We are looking for art donations for the event. Arlington needs two or three pieces to contribute to the auction. The criteria is as follows:

The entry may be in any medium, but colorful entries are preferred. Examples include: oil and acrylic paints, water colors, drawing, etchings, prints. Framed photographs are also acceptable. Mixed media, jewelry, ceramics, sculpture, hand-made baskets/quilts, etc.

Entries must be the sole work of a VEA member or a team of VEA members, but they do not need to be a delegate to the convention.

Email [page@aeava.org](mailto:page@aeava.org) if you have something to donate and we will be glad to pick the piece up.

## **Social Security Information!**

At the end of December the US Congress agreed to a 2% reduction in the amount of social security you pay through withholding in 2011. When you received your check in January you should have noticed you had more spending money. Just a reminder that this is only a one(1) year reduction and on January 1, 2012 the withholding rate for employees goes back up, so plan accordingly.

## **REMINDER**

**When Arlington schools are closed, have opening delays or close early the AEA office is also closed.**



**CONCERNS/ ISSUES, ETC. EMAIL:**

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**FROM Alysha, Kelly and Wanda**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**RSVP Mandatory Don't Delay**

**VEA CONVENTION APRIL 7-9, 2011**

**ROANOKE VIRGINIA**

**Deadline to register is January 31, 2011**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING**

**Email: page @ aeava.org**

**ESP Conference**

**Washington, DC Hilton**

**March 11 –13, 2011**

**Interested in attending ?**

**Email page @aeava.org!**

**NEA CONVENTION**

**CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

**JUNE 30– JULY 6, 2011**

**INTERESTED IN ATTENDING?**

**Email page@aeava.org**



**SCHOOL VISITS**

Kelly and Wanda are busy visiting schools. Have we been to your location? We are available either morning before school or afternoons right after school. We would love to add you to the list for donuts and coffee or other goodies. Please let us know when! Call 703-379-1650 to invite us!

You are invited to attend the Delegate Assembly

Kenmore Middle School Library

Monday, February 14, 2011

Dr. Hobbs will update us on

2011-2012 School Calendar

4:15 to 6:00pm

Light Refreshments!



**RETIREMENT SEMINAR**

**KENMORE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**TUESDAY, March 29, 2011**

**4:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

**All are welcome!**

**More information on its way!**

**SCHOOL BOARD**

**Join us February 24, 2011 as  
the budget is presented!**

**JOIN AEA ON FACEBOOK FOR AN ELEC-  
TRONIC VERSION OF THE ACTION RE-  
PORT!**

**AEA OFFICERS 2010-2011**

- President & VEA Board..... Wanda Perkins
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- Elementary Rep ..... Linda Forehand
- Middle School Rep ..... Charlotte Kelso
- High School Rep..... Melanie Leavitt
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