

# The Green Apple

A Newsletter for the Student Virginia Education Association



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## Calendar of Events

### **February 28<sup>th</sup> (Tues) / 11:00 am – General Meeting**

Blocker – Room 16. All members and non-members are encouraged to come to this meeting to help plan and participate in upcoming events.

### **March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Read Across America**

All week long the SVEA will be collecting children's books to be donated to a local elementary school. Look for the collection box located in the Blocker sitting area.

### **March 14<sup>th</sup> – (Tues) – Bake Sale**

Looking for volunteers to bake goodies and to help sell. The fall bake sale was a huge success and we are counting on all you future teachers to whip up something yummy again and share it with your fellow students.

### **March 17-26<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break**

Enjoy a much needed break!!

### **March 17<sup>th</sup> – St. Patrick's Day**

Wear Green or risk being pinched.



### **April 1<sup>st</sup> – Communicating with Parents**

"I Can Do It – Communicating with Parents"

**More Information Will Be Posted As It Becomes Available.**

### **April 6-20<sup>th</sup> – Early Registration Dates**

April 6 - Honors & Scholars ~ Apr 7-10 Srs & Jrs

April 11-13 Soph. ~ April 18-20 Freshmen



You Must Have Been  
A Beautiful Baby

Can you guess who these babies are? They could be fellow classmates or maybe even a professor. Come to the next general meeting on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 am to find out who they are. There will be a prize drawing for anybody who wants to take a chance and guess.



All Babies Become Students  
and  
All Students Need a Great Teacher

Let SVEA help you become a "Great Teacher"

## JOB FAIR TIPS

- Arrive early. Fairs attract large crowds, so scope out your preferred districts and visit them first.
- Take more resumes than you think you'll need. Surprise opportunities pop up at job fairs.
- Make and maintain good eye contact with the recruiters.
- Get a business card from each district representative you meet and send a thank you note for each interview.
- Stay flexible. Even if a district doesn't currently have an opening in your subject or preferred grade, ask about future opportunities.



# Helpful Web Site Links

Whether you're looking for strategies to keep your students on task or just get yourself organized. NEA's Works4Me program has the answer. The online library includes more than 400 tips, submitted by fellow educators, offering practical solutions to just about any classroom issue.

[www.nea.org/tips/index.html](http://www.nea.org/tips/index.html)

Teachers Network is a nationwide, nonprofit education organization that identifies and connects innovative teachers exemplifying professionalism and creativity within the public schools. This website includes lesson plans, online professional development courses, and information about grants and videos available to teachers.

[www.teachersnetwork.org/](http://www.teachersnetwork.org/)

Survival guide for new teachers – The U.S. Department of Education brings together the reflections of award-winning first-year teachers in this handy online guide for beginning educators.

[www.ed.gov/teachers/become/about/survivalguide/title.html](http://www.ed.gov/teachers/become/about/survivalguide/title.html)

First Years – This website, started and maintained by two veteran educators, offers classroom activities, sample letters to parents, tips for classroom management, subject-specific lesson plans, and even free classroom posters and school clip art.

[www.theteacherspot.com/firstyears/index.htm](http://www.theteacherspot.com/firstyears/index.htm)

Yes I Teach - This site, maintained by the Florida Education Association, offers lesson plans, articles on students with special needs, classroom management tips, message boards, and even a little bit of humor for teachers of all levels.

[www.yesiteach.org/](http://www.yesiteach.org/)

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## Interested in Learning More About or Joining the SVEA?



Stop by the Education office (Blocker Hall) and leave a note or take a look at the bulletin board located next to Blocker 16 in the hall. Ask a fellow education student – chances are he/she is a SVEA member! Or simply email one of the officers: Trish Ahmadi (President) [paahmadi@vwc.edu](mailto:paahmadi@vwc.edu), Kristi LaBouve (Vice President) [labouve@cox.net](mailto:labouve@cox.net), and Kathryn Harris (Treasurer) [rkh1599@cox.net](mailto:rkh1599@cox.net). We would love to speak to you about all the benefits of SVEA and get you signed up! Only \$40/year.

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## Congratulations to a Former SVEA President



Former SVEA president and member Beth Scott, who graduated in December of 2005, started her new position on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005 as a 5th grade Language Arts teacher at Kingston Elementary in Virginia Beach. Congratulations to her and all the other SVEA members who have graduated and have started teaching!

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## Quote of the Month

A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops. ~Henry Adams~

<http://www.rit.edu/~andpph/text-quotations.html>

## Suggestions Welcome

The information in this newsletter has been taken from various sources including teaching related books, professors, conferences, and websites. If you would like to contribute anything to future newsletters, please do not hesitate to contact me at [labouve@cox.net](mailto:labouve@cox.net). All suggestions are welcomed and appreciated.