

The Morgan Hill Teacher

Morgan Hill Federation of Teachers

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Contract Ratified by Membership; Approved by Board

MHFT members voted 259 - 15 to ratify the Tentative Agreements. The MHUSD Board of Trustees subsequently voted unanimously to approve the new contract. Teachers can expect to see their pay increases in their April 30 paycheck, with retroactive pay and a one-time stipend to be paid in a special check in mid-May.

MHFT Officer Elections

Nominations for MHFT officer positions (2017–2019) were opened at the April 12 General Meeting. The following people were nominated:

President

Gemma Abels

Vice President, Elementary

Teresa Colbert (Barrett)

Vice President, Secondary

Andrea Kusanovich (Sobrato)

Vice President, At-Large

Darcy Foster (Live Oak)
Chris Mink (P.A. Walsh)

Secretary

Zann Yates (Sobrato)

Treasurer

Lori Shoemaker (Walsh)

Voting will take place at school sites this Thursday and Friday, April 27 - 28.

MHUSD Retirement Celebration Thursday, May 4

Congratulations to our 2017 retirees, who will be recognized on May 4 at the Community & Cultural Center (Monterey at Dunne):

Dan Scudero, PE – Martin Murphy
Diane (Lynn) Briones, Kinder – P.A. Walsh
Jim Hemeon, Biology – Live Oak
Marilyn Chong, SPED – Martin Murphy
Lisa Clark, Kinder – Nordstrom
Angela Hayes, Kinder – JAMM
Lourdes Robledo, 2nd Grade – San Martin-Gwinn
Debbie Tawney, 4th Grade – El Toro
Tom Sumpter, PE/ASB – Live Oak
Bill Robinson, Chemistry – Live Oak
Heather Wallace, SPED – Martin Murphy
Lucia Bonnaud, SPED – San Martin
Tracy Murphy, Social Studies – Sobrato

All employees are welcome to attend this celebration.

May Day March & Rally International Day of the Worker Monday, May 1

Unions and community organizations across the country are organizing for May Day. Protecting public education will be a major theme at this year's May Day celebrations. MHFT is helping to organize volunteers and teach-ins at public schools throughout the Bay Area.

We will be asking May Day participants throughout Santa Clara County to sign the pledge to support public education on May Day. Please sign the pledge before May 1:

<https://actionnetwork.org/forms/take-the-pledge-a-call-to-action-for-the-public-education-all-californias-students-deserve>



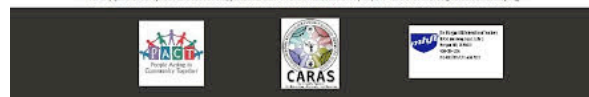
MAYDAY MARCH

Join us on May 1, 2017- 3:30 pm at Galvan/Friendly Inn Park. Located at 17666 Crest Avenue. The March will proceed at 4:00 pm down to the ICE office in Morgan Hill.

RALLY

The mission of the Mayday March is to empower, unite, and bring to light the dedicated efforts of the working people of South Santa Clara County.

For any questions or special services needed, please contact Amanda Frisco at (408) 947-4078 or at afrisco@newamericascountry.org



Join community, faith, labor, and justice:

May 1, 2017

**Build Bridges
Not Walls!**

Program Starts @ 1PM
School of Arts & Culture
Mexican Heritage Plaza
1700 Alum Rock Ave, San Jose

Followed by a march (3PM) to
Arena Greens (N. Autum and
Santa Clara)

#MayDaySV17

CFT Convention Report
Theme – Organize! Resist!

Representing MHFT at the CFT convention this year were Gemma Abels, Lori Shoemaker, Francisco Gil, Andrea Kusanovich, Nancy Altman, and Joanne Markowska.

At the convention, MHFT President Gemma Abels was elected one of 24 CFT Vice Presidents.

Legislative Update

One highlight of the CFT Convention is always the legislative update. This year, we learned about several bills dealing with K-12 Education that CFT is sponsoring/co-sponsoring:

AB 406 (MCarty) - prohibits for-profit CMOs from operating charter schools in CA

AB 410 (Cervantes) - prohibits fees for induction programs

AB 568 (Gonzalez-Fletcher) - requires six weeks of paid leave for female employees during pregnancy & recovery from childbirth

AB1029 (Weber)- adds Community Schools Coordinator, Restorative Justice Practitioner, and/or Mental Health Professional to school safety planning committees

AB45 (Thurmond) - California School Housing Assistance Program, provides affordable rental housing for school employees.

2nd Annual MHFT Friends & Family Festival

A huge thank you to event organizers Lori Shoemaker, Francisco Gil, Joanne Markowska, and Heather Anderson. A great time was had by the close to 350 people who participated this year.

Activity booths hosted by our teachers:

Bubbles and Bean Bags
Whiffle Ball Tic-Tac-Toe
Native American Art / Game Project
Mini Cheer Camp
Earth Day Activities
Crown-making

2017 Teachers of the Year

Congratulations to **Jen Klem-Myers** (Barrett), who was selected by MHFT Executive Council as Morgan Hill Teacher of the Year!

Congratulations also to the following site Teachers of the Year:

Britton: Kristina Peterson Carr
Central: Eddie Yoon
El Toro: Kathy Corcoran
Jackson Academy of Math & Music: Ellyn Perez
Live Oak: Martha Stawarz
Los Paseos: Kate Parsons
Martin Murphy: Dan Scudero
Nordstrom: Lisa Clark
Paradise Valley: Johanna Miller
PA Walsh: Terri Muscutel
San Martin-Gwinn: Jose Anaya
Sobrato: Heather Rottenborn

All of our Teachers of the Year were nominated by their teaching colleagues, and were honored at the Friends & Family Festival. They will also be honored at the **May 16** school board meeting. As our district Teacher of the Year, Jen will also be honored at a countywide celebration in the fall.





**9Round Kickboxing Fitness
Teacher Appreciation Week
May 8 -12**
Take them up on their offer to
work out for the week. They
are also opening a package
membership for teachers.