



# Unified Association of Conejo Teachers

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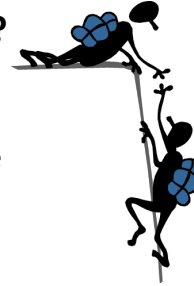
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## WOULD YOU HELP A NEW TEACHER?

### UACT SHERPA PROGRAM

UACT has created a new program to help newer teachers and we need YOUR help! We are looking for experienced teachers to take a new teacher "under their wing." We have heard from many new teachers that they feel like they aren't sure who they should go to for miscellaneous questions. We want YOU to be that person. **There will be an informational meeting about the UACT Sherpa Program for prospective Sherpas on December 16 3:30-4:30 at the UACT Office 100 E Thousand Oaks Blvd #124, Thousand Oaks.** (Dolphin Fountain Building near the corner of Moorpark and Thousand Oaks Blvd). Snacks and giveaways will be provided. Please help lighten the load for a fellow teacher.



### BARGAINING UPDATE

Your UACT bargaining team met with the district on Nov. 20 and December 4. Since these were the initial meetings, nothing was agreed upon. The following topics have been "sunshined," which means we have formally told the school board we want to discuss:

- Salary
- Benefits
- Class Size
- Meetings

Please note, this is the second year of the three-year contract so not all of the articles of the contract are open for negotiations.

The district has also proposed a couple of article to open up:

- Evaluation
- Peer Assistance and Review (PAR)

As we move forward, look for more updates.

**NEA is successful in extending the Educator Tax Deduction for one year.** For more information on this deduction and the work to make it permanent, go to

[http://educationvotes.nea.org/2014/12/08/3-things-you-should-know-about-the-educator-tax-deduction/?utm\\_source=EdVotes&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=EducatorTaxDeduction&utm\\_campaign=121314EdVotesEmail](http://educationvotes.nea.org/2014/12/08/3-things-you-should-know-about-the-educator-tax-deduction/?utm_source=EdVotes&utm_medium=email&utm_content=EducatorTaxDeduction&utm_campaign=121314EdVotesEmail).

**CTA SCHOLARSHIP**  
information and forms are at [cta.org/scholarships](http://cta.org/scholarships)  
Find scholarships for members, dependent children and student CTA members.  
**Due February 6, 2015.**

**UACT SCHOLARSHIP**  
information is available on the UACT website.  
Forms are due 4 PM,  
**March 13, 2015.**

### FREE LESSONS ON-LINE WITH BETTERLESSONS

Here are the links to the NEA Better Lesson website with over 3,000 classroom ready lessons:

- Incredible math lessons at [http://betterlesson.com/common\\_core\\_math](http://betterlesson.com/common_core_math)
- Valuable ELA lessons at [http://betterlesson.com/common\\_core\\_ela](http://betterlesson.com/common_core_ela)
- NGSS-based Science lessons at [http://betterlesson.com/next\\_gen\\_science](http://betterlesson.com/next_gen_science)

### JOB SHARE?

If you are seeking a job share partner for the 2015-16 school year, contact the UACT office. We will maintain a list of those interested. Send us your name, school, current grade level, preferred grade level, what percent you want to job share, and home phone and email. The deadline is in March.



