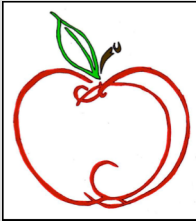


BI-WEEKLY FOCUS



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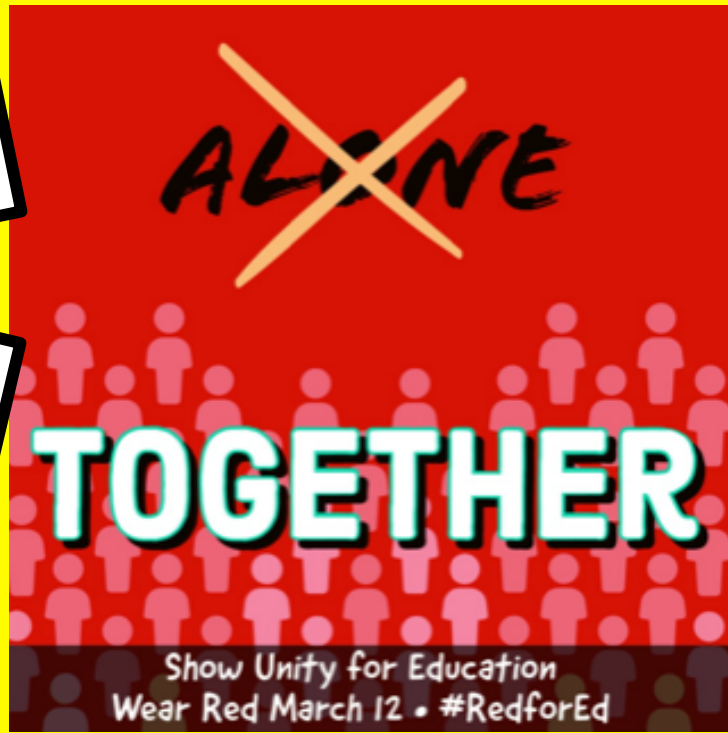
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WEAR RED FOR ED!

FRIDAY MARCH 12



Show Unity for Education Wear Red March 12 • #RedforEd

DID YOU KNOW?

Upon request by the teacher, a teacher shall be permitted to examine her/his Farmingdale Official Professional File maintained in the principal's office. Such file shall contain only ratings, observations, evaluations, and written remarks concerning the teacher's service in the Farmingdale U.F.S.D.

No material pertaining to a teacher's conduct, service, character or personality shall be placed in the file unless the teacher has had the opportunity to read the material. The teacher shall acknowledge that s/he has read the material with a signature on the actual copy to be filed. It is understood that a teacher signature merely signifies that the material has been read and does not necessarily indicate agreement with its content. The teacher has the right to answer any material filed and that answer shall be attached to the file copy.



KNOW YOUR CONTRACT! IT'S YOUR RIGHT!

## TIME IS MONEY

Many members of the FFT have worked in other jobs that are part of the NYS Retirement System.

- Were you a grad assistant or work on campus at a SUNY school?
- Did you ever lifeguard at a town or State beach or pool?
- Did you ever work in a public library?

These are just some of the jobs that can earn you time credited towards your retirement. And did you know that you can use your 403B to buy back your time?

**Find out if you are entitled to prior service credit.**

Check the [nystrs.org](http://nystrs.org) website for a prior service claim form.

## LAST CHANCE! WEIGHTED NYSUT COURSES for THIS SCHOOL YEAR!

The following can still be taken for the remainder of *this school year* for weighted credit:

- **Active Learning in the Contemporary Classroom**
- **Introduction to the History of Special Education Law**
- **8 Cultural Forces to Transform Our Schools**

Sign up on Frontline/Mylearningplan.

**Make sure all courses END  
by July 31, 2021**

New weighted courses for the 2021-22 school year will be announced soon!

## CLASSROOM POINTERS

***We need your stories!***

Our newsletter reaches every resident who lives in the Farmingdale community.

***Please submit a short blurb and any photos of YOU and your students to share what you are doing in your school.***

*Let them know the excellence that is the FFT!*

Please give to your building rep or email to Emily Geiger at the FFT Office. **Deadline is March 15!**

## ***Scholarships Available for FFT Members!***

If you are a member in good standing with a child who is a graduating high school senior, don't miss out!

***SPECIAL NOTE- DEADLINE FOR APPLYING:***

Applications for the L.I. Teachers Benevolent Fund Scholarship can be obtained online.

All paperwork must be returned to the FFT Office by

**MARCH 6, 2021.**

Visit the FFT Website or call the FFT Office with any questions.

## FFT BUY LINES

**FOR SALE:** 1.5 Molly Credits.  
Contact Maureen Sullivan:  
631-697-5897 or  
[mgsull@optonline.net](mailto:mgsull@optonline.net)

**FOR SALE:** 8 Adelphi Credits.  
Contact Holly Lapiana:  
631-383-7128 or  
[sheraqt12@optonline.net](mailto:sheraqt12@optonline.net)

**FOR SALE:** 1.5 Molly Credits.  
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