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# eUpdate

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Dear Fellow EAs and CYWs:

Thinking warmly of all of you and wishing you and your family extra comfort, joy and hope over the holiday season. Thank you for all of the extra work this year and for rising to the challenges that we have all been faced with.

In solidarity,

Colleen Dietrich Sisson
President
Educational Assistants Association

My wish is that each and everyone of you will take time to rest, recover and reflect during the winter break. You have worked so hard to keep the students safe, healthy, engaged and educated. That was no easy task and you rose to the occasion. I hope you know how much you are appreciated and revered. My sincerest admiration and gratitude for everything you have accomplished. May the New Year bring us all hope, healing and happiness.

Lisa Weiler Haskins
Vice President
Educational Assistants Association

Hello all you wonderful members of the EAA. As we come to the end of a year like never before I want to remind you to always consider your blessings: Family, Friends, Pets, Loved Ones near and far. Reach out and hug the ones you can, call the ones you can't hug and try out the old art of letter writing again. You have worked so hard this year to not only hold our kiddos at work together but your selves as well. Take this time (how ever long it may be) and refresh your mind, heart, body and soul.

“What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal and that every path may lead to peace.”
~ Agnes M. Pharo

Be Well,
Tricia Summerfield
Treasurer
Educational Assistants Association

Greetings Members!

I am wishing you peace, love, and joy this holiday season and throughout 2021. May the holiday season fill your home with joy, your heart with love, and your life with laughter... and let's be honest... I hope you can join me in welcoming the end of 2020 and onto a brighter, happier, heathier 2021!




Penny Penticost
Secretary
Educational Assistants Association

As I sit and write this message to all of you, I reflect on what this year has brought to all of us. We welcomed 2020 without ever really knowing what the future year would have in store for us, our families and our students. I acknowledge that this year was unprecedented. We worked to support our students and families in ways we could never

have imagined. We were immersed into a new world filled with language and catchphrases, sharpening our technology skills and extensive training to keep everyone safe.

We have been inundated with Health and Safety Training, Wellness Initiatives and Self-Care Tools. While I recognize these are all important, what has become most clear, is that what we really need, is time. Time to decompress from the demand of the past year, time to be with the people we love and time to heal. Yes, heal. We have been through a lot this year and many people seem to move along as if it has been business as usual. This year is not the usual, in fact it is anything but usual.

I am challenging each one of you to find time to breathe, time to reflect on what it is you need for yourself, and to make sure that you are really taking care of you! I want to thank you for all the support that you have shown me this past year, as your Child and Youth Worker Representative. I feel truly blessed to be working for you and providing support when you have needed it.

From my family to you and your's, we wish you a healthy, safe and restful winter break. Happy Holiday's, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Yule, Happy Bodhi Day and Happy Kwanzaa.

Rochelle Christie
Child and Youth Worker Representative
Educational Assistants Association






Thank you all for everything you have done to help keep our buildings safe for students and staff. I know it has been a stressful and scary few months. I hope that everyone has a wonderful, relaxing, safe holiday break. You certainly deserve it.

Lynn Wilson
Health & Safety Officer

It's that time of year again and even though we know things will look a little different this holiday season , we need to make sure we take time to pause and reflect on the important things that surround us.  Please make sure you are doing  things during this season that will bring enough laughter to last a lifetime to both you and your family and keep everyone safe.  Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for a healthy, safe and prosperous New Year in 2021.

Yours respectfully,

Donna Jeske,
Wellness Officer
Educational Assistants Association

Hello Everyone,

I want to wish all of you and your families the warmest and happiest of holiday

all good health, safety, and many moments of laughter that we get to share with family and friends.

Happy Holidays and have a wonderful New Year.

Sincerely,

Lisa Cornish
EA Representative
Educational Assistants Association

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