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Subject: National New Friends Day - Your weekly updates inside

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National New Friends Day is celebrated three times a year, January 19, July 19 and October 19. Celebrate the day by getting to know an acquaintance better.

<https://www.checkiday.com/68a382e2cddd3fba37df2937ad565620/new-friends-day>

**Mandatory Open Enrollment** - Open enrollment will begin on Monday, October 22, 2018 and end on Friday, November 9, 2018. All benefit-eligible employees **MUST complete open enrollment by November 9, 2018**, without exception, please visit the CPS website to review current benefit plan offerings at: <https://sites.google.com/a/cpsboe.k12.oh.us/benefits/home>.

Many of you have probably received the email notices, however what the emails do not specify is the documentation you will need to submit when enrolling in your health plan. If you are enrolling in an employee plus one or a family plan, you will need to submit copies of:

- marriage certificates
- birth certificates
- adoption papers
- guardianship papers

If you need a copy of a marriage certificate, and you were married in Hamilton County after 1973, you can search and download a copy here <https://www.probatect.org/court-records/court-record-search>. Birth Certificates cost \$27 each and have to be ordered [here](#).

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**Trunk or Treat** - October is a big social month for CFT/CFOP Members. All are invited to our Annual Trunk or Treat. Bring your kids to Mayerson Academy Cafeteria on Saturday, October 27 from 12 - 2:00 for fun, safe trick or treating! If you don't have kids to bring, ***please consider volunteering***. We need people to pass out candy, operate table games and help with pumpkin painting. If interested in volunteering, contact the CFT/CFOP Office at 513-961-2272 or email: [cft@cft-aft.org](mailto:cft@cft-aft.org). For more info regarding Trunk or Treat, [click here](#).

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**District Professional Development Day** - is Monday, October 22. Teachers report to various schools, **CFOP Elementary Senior Support Specialists** and **Auxiliary Clerks** report to Mayerson Academy Banquet room at 8:00 am.

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**Credentialing Evaluation Help Sessions** - Teachers who are currently participating in the evaluation process to obtain their lead teacher credentials and/or a continuing contract are invited to attend one of these workshops. Suggestions for navigating through the process will be shared and the opportunity to ask clarifying questions will be provided. RSVP to Kendra Phelps at [kphelps@cft-aft.org](mailto:kphelps@cft-aft.org) or 513-475-6042. [Click here](#) for dates and times.

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**First Quarter Overload** - HR will submit overload claims for Board approval on October 22. Go to MyCPS>Departments, scroll down to Treasurer and click on Superintendent Recommendations to see if your name is listed for overload payment. Payment should be made on Friday, November 16.

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**Superintendents Recommendations** - are generally posted faster on the [Treasurer's Office page](#) of MyCPS than on the Board of Education page.

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**CFT/CFOP Student Debt Clinic** – will be held Saturday, November 17, 10:00 am – 11:30 am at Gamble Montessori High School Auditorium. 2700 Felicity Drive, Cincinnati, 45211. RSVP at 513-961-2272 or [cft@cft-aft.org](mailto:cft@cft-aft.org). These clinics are open to CFT & CFOP members.

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**Free College for CFT/CFOP Members** - and their spouses and children. Yes, it's true - free college. Eastern Gateway Community College in Ohio is a fully accredited, nonprofit public institution that is part of the University System of Ohio. CFT/CFOP members can enroll in the online distance-learning program with no costs for tuition, fees or e-texts. For more information [click here](#).

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**Early Voting** - began October 10, 2018 at the Hamilton County Board of Elections, 4700 Smith Rd., Cinti, OH 45212. Call 513-632-7000 for a schedule.

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**2018 Membership Endorsed Candidates** - are listed on our website at [www.cft-aft.org](http://www.cft-aft.org). For a printable version contact the CFT/CFOP Office at 513-961-2272

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Check out <https://www.aft.org/member-benefits> to see what additional benefits you receive with your CFT/CFOP Union Membership.

As always, as stated earlier, please refer your colleagues to us if they are not receiving our emails and LIKE us on [Facebook](#) and Twitter @cincyteachers.

Now go to a local event you've never been to, volunteer somewhere, or go to a meet-up that involves a hobby you enjoy. These are all great ways to meet people that may become new friends.

