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Blanche Chester Teacher Advocate Nominations Are On-Line

Honor A Special Person who Supports Our Members

You can submit a Blanche Chester Teacher Advocate Award Nomination on-line. Simply go to MontebelloTeachers.org and nominate yourself or a colleague by **Tuesday, February 23**. This honor is awarded to individuals who demonstrate strong Bargaining Unit member advocacy at their site and

throughout the Association. Nominees and supporters of nominees will be invited to submit testimonial thoughts on-line in March and April.

A committee of past Blanche Chester winners will determine the winner based on input from members. The announcement will be made at the May 19 Council meeting. **The winner will receive a plaque and \$100 toward instructional supplies.**

Members of the 2015-2016 Executive Committee and past recipients are not eligible.

Blanche Chester Award Recipients

Paul McKernan1992	Betty Kirschner2004
Patricia Knapp.....1993	Sharon Ramirez2005
Robin GrayBallard1994	Marcia Ugalde2006
Karen van der Baan1995	Walt Lowery2007
Linda Moran1996	Horacio Perez2008
Maria Cortes1997	Elizabeth Gasca.....2009
David Lebow1998	Terry SalasOrtiz2010
Frank van der Baan1999	John Slevin2011
Mary Dupuis2000	Rita Galvan2012
Juan Gastelum2001	Margie Granado2013
JoAnn Barro2001	Julian De La Torre2014
Lois Wankovsky2002	Leticia Ornelas.....2015
Pat Tonelli.....2003	

My Life Has Changed—How Can I Change My W4?

Sometimes as circumstances change members want to change the deductions on their checks. An employee can submit a new W4 at any time by visiting the Payroll Office at D.O.

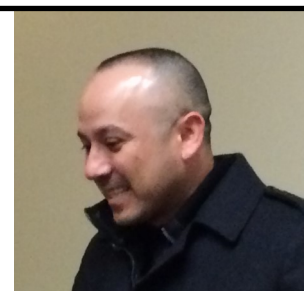
Payroll and Benefits Supervisor Rose Ella Kerns offered the following: The payroll cut-off date changes every month. When the employee drops the W4 off, s/he can specify the effective date.

Example 1 - If an MTA member turns in a W4 this week, Payroll will automatically enter it so it will take effect with their next (March 2) payday. If the member doesn't want it to take effect until after the March 2 payday, s/he needs to let us know when the form is submitted.

Example 2 - If an MTA member turns in a W4 form on February 27, it would be too late for the March 2 payday, it would be effective on April 1 payday.

The deadline for MTA members is usually the 26th, 27th, or 28th of each month. It is recommended to turn in the form prior to the deadline for the best result.

Bell Gardens Intermediate School teacher Jose Mendoza received the Above and Beyond Award from the Board of Education at a meeting Thursday, January 21. Jose also serves as a Councilmember in the City of Bell Gardens.



Over, please...

2015-2016



CALIFORNIA READS

TEACHER RECOMMENDED BOOKS



Pre K/TK/K

I Like Myself! by Karen Beaumont

I Am Mixed by Garcelle Beauvais

The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend by Dan Santat

Tito Puente, Mambo King
by Monica Brown and Rafael Lopez



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My Name Is Yoon by Helen Recorvits



What Do You Do With an Idea?
by Kobi Yamada

Rosita y Conchita by Eric Haeger and
Eric Gonzalez

**The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of
Kandinsky's Abstract Art** by Barb Rosenstock

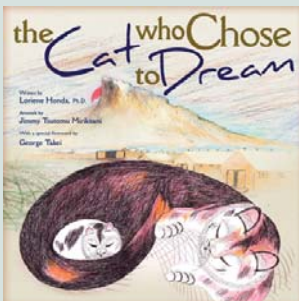
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Brave Girl by Michelle Markel

Love Twelve Miles Long by
Glenda Armand

The Cat Who Chose to Dream
by Loriene Honda

Hank Zipzer Series by Henry Winkler
and Lin Oliver



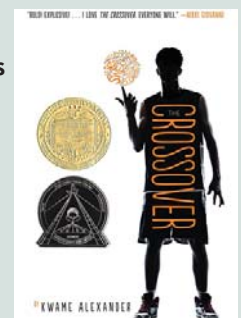
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The Beginning of Everything
by Robyn Schneider

In the Time of the Butterflies
by Julia Alvarez

The Crossover
by Kwame Alexander

This One Summer
by Mariko Tamaki



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Batman Science Series by
Tammy Enz and Agnieszka Biskup

One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher
by Dana Alison Levy

