



Hello Fellow Members:

Let's stop and take a moment to celebrate our profession! We do important work every day. Working with students with special learning styles feeds our souls and it balances the many challenges we face every day.

Autism Awareness/Acceptance Day

Last week, Vice President of Membership, Aileen Thurber shared ECC's (our district's Early Childhood Center) celebration they hold each year for Autism Awareness/Acceptance. This year's celebration is on Friday, April 2. The WREA EBoard would like to invite every member to show solidarity in support of our students with autism. Please join us in wearing blue this Friday, April 2 and posting your pics to the Wachusett Regional Education Association Facebook page.

Special Olympics

Tomorrow, March 31st, the district will hold the Special Olympics. It will look a lot different this year with the pandemic. Please take a moment to give a shout out to our special education students who participate in these events at your individual

schools and on-line. Thank you to all the educators who design, prepare, and support the athletes.

Town Hall:

Mark your calendars - **Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 4:15 p.m.** is our next town hall meeting with Superintendent McCall. Questions will be focused on the *high school* return to full time in-person learning. All members, though, are welcome to attend. Once again we will divide the questions into sections: Safety, Technology, HR/Leaves/Sick Time, Instruction, and Changes in Logistics (schedule, transportation, etc). The WREA encourages members, especially from the high school, to volunteer to read submitted questions. Please submit your questions via the link below.

Town Hall Question Collection Link:

<https://forms.gle/1QMeJRp9exEJoaLn7>

MTA Annual Meeting Delegates needed:

WREA is entitled to send 12 delegates to the MTA Annual Meeting. We are still looking for volunteers to attend. The meeting is Friday, April 30 from 1 - 5 pm and Saturday, May 1, 2021 from 9 am to adjournment. Please reach out to me at presidentwrea@gmail.com with any questions or to volunteer.

As we transition yet again, please share with me any concerns as they arise. Communication is key to safe and favorable working conditions.

In unity,

Mary Shepherd

President WREA

