

EDUCATION NEWS

Teachers Describe Steps Used to Improve Safety in Schools

Fighting school violence means taking on guns. That's how teachers and other school employees see it, and they're working hard to keep guns out of children's hands and violence out of their lives.

The March issue of *NEA Today* describes the steps teachers and other school staff

in three communities are taking to improve the safety of their schools.

In affluent Fayette County, Kentucky, Association members have made advocating for tougher gun laws a priority. Other efforts include forging better links between schools and social service

providers and setting up conflict mediation programs in all schools.

A teacher in East Baton Rouge, Louisiana, summed up the situation in her community "When children ages four, five, and six know the difference between various bullets," says Susie Rivet, a kindergarten teacher, "you

know you have to do something."

That something began with a survey last year of 2,000 area teachers and education professionals. Results in hand, the Association offered the school board a list of recommendations.

Since then, teachers are most excited about a new

alternative school for disruptive students, which Rivet says, "not only puts them in a place where they receive treatment, but it continues their classroom learning."

In Ohio, the Columbus Education Association is taking the lead on school safety issues. Together with the Ohio State University, CEA developed a ten-week course for teachers entitled "Strategies for Daily Survival."

Junior Duck Stamp Conservation, Design Program Underway

The Junior Duck Stamp Conservation Program is a conservation education curriculum for students in grades K through 12.

Public and private school

teachers throughout participating states use the curriculum to conduct classroom activities relating to conservation, wildlife art, and philatelic topics.

One of the suggested

classroom activities is developing "Junior Duck Stamp" designs, some of which are entered into a statewide art competition.

Entries for the Junior

Duck Stamp Design contests must be received at the following contest location by **March 15, 1994**. Contests will be held at the following locations:

- March 30, 1994
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, 100 Brown Farm Road, Olympia, WA 98516, Linda Lauricella, (206) 753-9467.
- Design entries are judged by a group of three to five people active in the wildlife art or conservation community.
- Three national winners, their art teachers, and a parent are awarded a three-day trip to Washington, D.C.
- Selected winning designs also are exhibited throughout the United States at national wildlife refuges, wildlife festivals, museums, galleries, and state fairs, as well as at the Department of the Interior.

Burke Museum Offers Educational Resources

The Burke Museum at the University of Washington holds collections of birds and

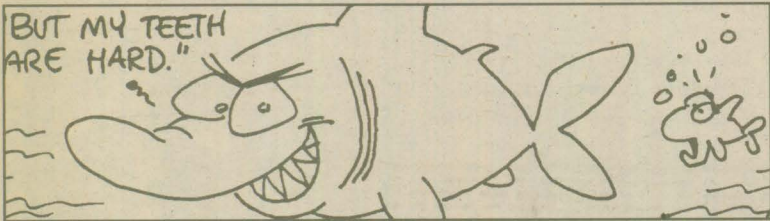
baskets, crabs and canoes, dinosaurs and diamonds.

The Burke is the state's

museum of natural history and anthropology and its exhibits and programs focus on the natural and cultural heritage of the Pacific Rim.

The traveling student collections are portable boxes of scientific specimens and cultural artifacts which supplement the study of various topics in the sciences.

For more information, contact the Burke Museum at (206) 543-5591 or SCAN 323-5591.



Sharks have no bones. Their skeleton is made of a tough, elastic substance called cartilage.

The following classes are being offered by Central Kitsap Community Schools, a program of the Central Kitsap School District—"Part of a life-long learning community." To register or for a complete description of classes, call 692-3171.

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sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
March is National Women's History Month		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 • Home Based Business 7pm	11	12
13	14 • Computer class 4pm • Effective Coach 6pm • Fragrance in the Garden 6:30pm	15 • Computer Class 4pm • Muffins 6pm • Yardening 7pm	16	17	18	19 • Pacific Science Center Earthquakes 9am • Liberty Bay Kayaking 2pm
20	21 • Word Perfect 6pm • Sewing Techniques 6:30pm	22 • Gardening with Fewer Pesticides 6pm • Microsoft Excel 6:30pm	23 • Coed Adult Volleyball 6pm • Spring Garnish 7pm	24 • Spring Floral Swag 6:30pm • Winter Birding 6:30pm	25	26 • Parent Ed Classes 9am • Childbirth Prep 9am • Snowball Quilting 9am • Pacific Science Center Going Batty 9am
27	28	29 • Intro DOS & Hard Disk Management 6pm • Finish that Quilt 6pm • Hazardous Material 7pm	30 • Money Management 6:30 pm	31		