

BACK TO SCHOOL

USA NEWSLETTER



September 2026



Opening Day Recap

and other important info



WELCOME BACK!

Welcome to a brand-new school year! We are excited to work with you to make this an incredible year! Please watch for these monthly newsletters to keep you informed of upcoming events and meetings! Also, feel free to reach out to us if you ever have questions/suggestions!



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!



GCN Training

GCN Trainings need to be completed by October 16th by all 10-month and 12-month employees.



FLEX

FLEX enrollment has been taking place in our centers. Please be sure to have your FLEX form or declination of insurance in by 9/18/26.

Upcoming Union Board Meetings

September 22nd @ 4pm

October 14th @ 4pm

Carrier Center

LoGuidice

BACK TO SCHOOL HUMOR



"Teaching is a walk in the park... Jurassic Park."



LittleYellowStarTeaches.com



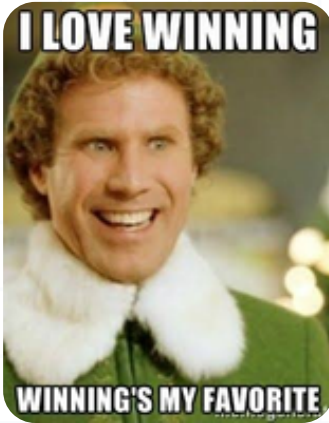
MEET YOUR USA UNION BOARD SECRETARY!



Work location: Maple Academy in Cassadaga
Job title: Typist II - AKA Chaos Coordinator
Favorite foods: Dark chocolate and Reese's
Hobbies: Cross-stitching; playing video games
Favorite thing to do: Hang out with my grandson!!



OPENING DAY WINNERS



On opening day, we gave away 2 baskets and several gift cards. The following folks took home the prizes!



Gift Basket Winners: (valued at \$150)

Jenna James
Raena Smith

\$100 Gift Card Winners: (groceries)

Ashley Jantzi	Michelle Abbey
Kameron Milton	Fran Michalak
Brad Schamann	Deb Pagano

Nicole O.
Hannah Hermann
Kaylie Himes
Emilee Franklin

\$50 Gas Card Winners:

Ken Ferry	Ted Kulig
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CONGRATULATIONS!



NOTE FROM THE BOARD:

Our 2026-27 budget passed! Thank you so much for all who attended the Opening Day business meeting! You can access the budget and more on our website: usaunion.org. While you're there, take a few minutes to explore the site. You can:

- See who your Executive Board members are, and how to reach us
- Check the updated 2026-27 meeting schedule so you know when and where we meet
- Discover your member-exclusive savings and benefits — discounts, insurance, and more



HEY AFLAC SUBSCRIBERS!

USA members who have Aflac policies **MUST** reach out to Barbara Reinagel if you are planning on retiring, resigning or taking unpaid leave. Arrangements need to be made so billing can come directly from Aflac. Thank you!



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Unbiased Advice: Ensure your financial and legal affairs are in order. Receive expert guidance on personal legal matters with unlimited advice from attorneys through our legal service plan. Obtain unbiased, objective phone consultations with a certified financial planner or registered investment advisor with our financial counseling program.

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