Technology:

Promise and Pitfalls:
Using the Internet to Communicate with Your Chapter
UFT Website – www.uft.org
UFT Facebook – www.facebook.com/uftny
UFT Twitter - @UFT
UFT Instagram - uftny

UFT on the Web
Other sites to know

- TRS – www.trsnyc.org
- NYSUT – nysut.org
- AFT – aft.org
- NEA – nea.org
- NYSED – nysed.gov
Sharing and storage

- Google Drive – www.drive.google.com
- Dropbox – dropbox.com
- Slideshare – slideshare.net
- Prezi – prezi.com
Chapter Survey - 1

Email and phone contact lists

* Required

First Name *


Last Name *


I am a *

- Teacher
- Paraprofessional
- Secretary
- Guidance Counselor
- Social Worker
- Other: 

Email Address (personal/non-DoE only)


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November 2014

Steve Rogers, Chapter Leader

UFT MAKING STRIDES

OUR STAFF RAISED $3,000! GREAT JOB!

TIME: Apologize to teachers

Time magazine’s latest cover blames teachers for the problems in America’s schools.

This outrageous cover doesn’t even reflect Time’s own reporting. While the cover article looks critically at tenure, it also questions the testing industry’s connections to Silicon Valley and the motives of the wealthy sponsors of anti-tenure lawsuits.

The articles inside the magazine present more balanced view of the issues. But for millions of Americans, all they’ll see is the cover and a misleading attack on teachers. Our educators deserve better treatment.

Why they hate tenure

The people who want to toss teacher tenure in the trash will tell you that they are fighting for the kids.

If teachers weren’t protected by tenure rules, they say, schools would have an easier time getting rid of allegedly underperforming teachers and — poof! — those underperforming teachers would improve. But they’re really fighting for the bad teachers, and the sad truth is that they’re fighting for a better, already bad teacher.
7 Schools in Action honored

Seven school chapters that stood out in this spring’s #AllKidsNeed campaign to protect public education received special awards at this year’s Teacher Union Day ceremony.

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Action Alerts!

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TODAY
in Education & Labor News

- NY Times: Lawsuit Accuses Brooklyn Charter of Failing to Provide Special Ed Services
- NY Daily News: NYC students’ scores improving for most Regents exams, report shows
- DNAinfo: Renewal Schools Program Shows Early Signs of Success in East Harlem

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SPOTLIGHT
on

UFT Member Help Programs
The UFT has designed a number of programs, including counseling, mediation and teaching support, that specifically help members with a variety of life circumstances and challenges.

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WHAT’S NEW
on our site

- 7 Schools in Action honored 12 hours ago
- Vision Education Services Chapter Newsletter - Fall 2015 1 day ago
- Sweep for UFT-backed candidates in special elections 1 day ago
- Mulgrew visits MS 839 and PS 130 Upper School, Brooklyn

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RESOURCES
for:
- Chapter Leaders
- New Teachers
- Parents

CONTRACT search

What does the Teachers contract say about:

GO
Matthew Colacurto's students have all dropped out of traditional high schools for various reasons. Colacurto, a Pathways to Graduation Teacher, has for 15 years helped older students get their high school equivalency diplomas.

What I do: Matthew Colacurto, GED teacher | United Federation of Teachers
www.uft.org

My classroom is located in a storefront, near a laundromat, on West 145th Street in Harlem. It's one big room, and I'm the only teacher my students have all day. It's like "Little House on the Prairie."
The Big Problem With Time's Teacher-Bashing Cover Story
fair.org/blog/2014/10/2

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E-mail = Evidence

Jill Kelley
Unpaid Social Liaison in Florida

Natalie Khawam
"Unstable" Twin Sister

Gen. David Petraeus
Director of the CIA

Gen. John Allen
Top U.S. Commander in Afghanistan

Paula Broadwell
Author of "All In"

Chuck Klosterman
Wrote 2,000 Words About

Anonymous FBI Agent
He's Shirtless

Dave Reichert
Leaked Affair

Eric Cantor
Leaked Affair

Sent Thousands of Emails

Sent Shirtless Photos

Testified in Custody Battle

Potential Under-the-Table Touching

Harassed Over Email

Asked to Investigate Harassment

Uncovered Affair

Had an Affair
The Dangers of Social Media for You and Your Members
Facebook Status May Get Brooklyn Teacher Fired
Teacher suspended for mocking crying four-year-old pupil on Facebook

Judge Rules New Jersey Teacher Should Be Fired for Facebook Comment

Wisconsin Teacher Suspended for Facebook Photo of Her Holding a Firearm
Teacher Fired After Criticizing Colleagues, Parents on Facebook, We Say 'Duh'

Fired Over Facebook: 13 Posts That Got People CANNED

Teacher Suspended Over Facebook Stripper Photo Settles
No selfie respect: Texas teacher gets caught in teen relationship after nude selfie circulates around school

Ashley Zehnder, 24, a biology teacher and cheerleading coach, was charged with having an improper relationship after the 17-year-old she was having sex with shared her nude selfie with classmates, DA alleges.

BY JASON MOLINET / NEW YORK DAILY NEWS / Tuesday, October 21, 2014, 1:39 AM

Ashley Zehnder, 24, is accused of having sex with a student when she was a biology teacher at Pasadena High School. She also assisted the cheer squad, where she met the student. The school did not find out until naked photos of her circulated among students' cell phones.
Studly NYC special-ed teacher fired after using shared class email for Craigslist hookups; posted sexy shirtless photo for email profile pic

Matthew Maleski was fired from Upper East Side’s Public School 183 after a co-teacher the racy emails and photos on an account they shared for school. Maleski also appeared dancing to house music in YouTube videos.

Manhattan HS guidance counselor stripped of job over steamy-photo past

By Susan Edelman

Teachers fired for flirting on Facebook with students

By Perry Chiaromonte

Chadwin Reynolds 97, teacher, Fordham HS for the Arts, Bronx Allegedly “flirted” several female students and wrote, “This is sexy,” and other comments on girl’s photos; asked one student for her number and sent her flowers, candy and a teddy bear, according to schools investigators.

Photo: Robert Stolar
NYC Paraprofessional Fired for Inappropriate Photo
California teacher’s ex-lover sends nude photo to students, faculty after break-up

John Muir High School science teacher Richard Rosa had his email illegally accessed by his ex-boyfriend, David Galvan, and a nude photo circulated to students and staff. Galvan fled to Oregon when he was wanted by police, but was caught and transferred ultimately to L.A. County Jail where he remains in custody.

The estranged partner of John Muir High School science teacher Richard Rosa illegally accessed his email and circulated a nude photo to his students and staff.

A California high school teacher’s estranged partner tried to teach him a lesson after the pair broke up — by sending a nude photo to students and staff.
Half-Naked Photos, Pot-Smoking Tweets Get Teacher Suspended
Break for rant teacher

By Susan Edelson

July 11, 2012 | 4:00am

Christine Rubino

Photo: Hedyne Seldman

A Brooklyn teacher fired for posting "repulsive" Facebook comments suggesting her misbehaving students should drown now faces only a two-year suspension without pay.

Teacher Facebooks she could ‘kill’ students who glued her shoes to the floor, now faces action

The Albuquerque high school teacher was venting on her page after students glued her shoes to the floor, the district said. She is on paid leave as the investigation continues.

Comments (7)

BY JOEL LANDAU / NEW YORK DAILY NEWS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2013, 4:44 PM

SHARE THIS URL:

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After today, I’m thinking the beach sounds like a wonderful idea for my 5th graders. I HATE THEIR GUTS! They are all the devils spawn!

Details

Details
David Spondike
2 hours ago near Akron, Ohio

I don’t mind if you come to my neighborhood from the ghetto to trick-or-treat. But when you [black boxes] your teeny [black boxes] and [black boxes] on the telephone pole in front of my front yard and a bunch of preschoolers and toddlers, you can take your [black boxes] back where it came from. I don’t have anything against anyone of any color, but [black boxes] stay out!
The latest…

- Teachers and their EPIC Facebook fails
- Dozens of NYC Education Department employees revealed in Ashley Madison hack
- Do's and Don't's for Teachers on Social Media
Dos and Don’ts for Teachers on Social Media

**Social Media DOs**

- Post updates and comments.
  - If you're in a public forum, keep it light & positive. If you can't, keep quiet.

- Connect with colleagues with whom you feel safe. Don't connect with colleagues you're unsure about. Being friends with everyone isn't part of the job description.

- Control your privacy settings.
  - And keep up with the changes that Facebook makes to those privacy settings.

- Take care when posting pictures of others.
  - If you tag a colleague, just think how you'd feel if they did the same to you.

- Disconnect from negativity.
  - Unfriend or block those who continually blast you with negativity and trolling.

- Show what you're proud of.
  - Done something great?
  - Let people know.

**Social Media DON'Ts**

- Don't comment on status updates of your students, even if it's positive, because you'll either be criticizing or showing favoritism. You can't win.

- Never drink and tweet or post. Comments made after a bottle has been opened never look so wise or amusing in the morning.

- Don't show the beach shots of anything with a state of undress. Those bikini photographs may look fabulous but will just cause comment.

- Don't post party pictures off social media. If you lost dignity and it was photographed, don't revisit the crime scene.

- Don't post during work hours.
  - It just doesn't look good. Not even if it was scheduled.

- Don't overpost.
  - Don't offer the world continuous updates on your activities.