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1. NEA President Becky Pringle Makes the Repeal of GPO/WEP a Priority.

While the 158 NEA Board members attend Super Week this weekend, President Pringle is once again pushing Congress to repeal the decades-old laws that unfairly penalize our retirees. While there are over 300 co-sponsors of HR 82, the companion bill (S 597) in the Senate is short of 60 co-sponsors to avoid a filibuster. So, on May 2, the Board members will descend on the Congress to make the repeal a reality. May 2 would be a good time for all members to lobby Congress to repeal these laws through the NEA Legislative Action Center. In less than 5 minutes, let your voice join the Board in getting these bills passed. [Fully Repeal Unfair Social Security Penalties | NEA](#)

2. Are your Covid Home Tests Still Good? While we all may have stocked up on COVID tests last fall, we may now be wondering, “Are they still good?” The tests may show an expired date on the box, but the FDA has extended those dates. To see the full list of FDA-Authorized COVID-19 test extended expiration dates go to: www.fda.gov/covidtestdates

3. Seems like only yesterday that the cost of US Postage Stamps went up.

The United States Postal Service (USPS) has announced that as of July 14, 2024, the price of stamps will be going up again. The price was raised in January of this year but will increase from 68 cents to 73 cents this summer. By purchasing “forever stamps” now, you can avoid the rate increase while your supplies hold out.

4. FEA-Retired had a great visit to Fort Knox and Fort Campbell. Two after-school meetings were held at Fort Knox and Fort Campbell to help educators navigate retirement. Also, Michael Priser and Michael Gavin shared the benefits of being a member of FEA-R. Our thanks to the FEA leaders who

assisted in the preparations! Thank you, Ms. Lee, Wanda Merritt, Letetia Kidd and Jerri Huber.

5. Walmart's Class Action Settlement. A \$45 million settlement has been reached to resolve a proposed class action lawsuit that alleged Walmart overcharged consumers for certain weighted groceries—including meat, poultry, pork, seafood products and certain bagged citrus fruits sold in bulk. This affects consumers who bought these products between October 19, 2018, and January 19, 2024, in the US or Puerto Rico. One must file a claim by June 5, 2024. For more detailed information visit: [Walmart Weighted Groceries Settlement | 2024 | ClassAction.org](#)

6. The DoDDS Reunion in Lexington, KY, this summer. Once again, hundreds of your retired colleagues will convene in Lexington, Kentucky, to get caught up on old times and share the joys of life after DoDDS. This year the event will run Monday through Friday (July 15-19, 2024). It will be held at the Hilton Lexington Downtown. Registration, through June 30, will be \$125. For all the details, and to see who's going, visit: [DoDDS Reunion XXXVI - Home \(mydoddsreunion.com\)](#)

7. Relocation Income Tax Allowance (RITA) for Retiring Educators. There are a few things recent retirees should keep in mind regarding Relocation Income Tax Allowance (RITA) for their retirement move. Firstly, the provider for the move/shipment needs to submit the documents to the government for payment -- sometimes those are delayed. The retiree must also submit a travel voucher for that completed final travel from the PDS to the retirement location. If there are questions about the RITA or W2 forms, please contact Karen Johnson (Karen.johnson@dodea.edu) -- She can also assist with the final voucher inquiries.
