

PFT COVID-19 Update 4-08-20: Free Resources - NEV on Radio - Fraud Alert - Carmalt Vid - links

CORONAVIRUS Updates

AFT Offers Free Online Resources for Educators, Parents & Students.

With spring break approaching, there may be a moment or two extra for all of us to catch our breath a little, and help prepare for the distance learning challenges that will be waiting for us on the other side of the break.

Please remember the wealth of online and educational resources offered by the AFT through Share My Lesson.



From the resource page ...

... we are continuing to build our collection of resources on the coronavirus for parents and educators finding a new normal. This new resource list features free online tools for both educators and parents.

We broke down our recommendations by age group and topic to make it easy to find something for everyone. As you explore each resource, you will receive instructions on how to directly access the free resources now, or find thousands of free lessons already added to Share My Lesson by our partners.

[Click here to visit the anchor page for Share My Lesson resources.](#)

PFT President Nina Esposito-Visgitis on KDKA's The Marty Griffin Show.

We wanted to let you know that at every opportunity we're out there singing the praises of our teachers and paras and technical-clerical staff and doing our level best to answer the hard questions about the issues facing our district.



Below please find links to two brief podcast interviews we held with Marty Griffin at KDKA Radio. Give them a listen and let us know what you think!

[March 30th Podcast on The Marty Griffin Show](#)

[April 8th Podcast on The Marty Griffin Show](#)

Be Aware: A Fraud Reminder from AFTPA.

We definitely wanted to pass along a message we received in an AFTPA update—for retirees in particular, but also as a general reminder that not all actors are going to be good ones during this crisis.

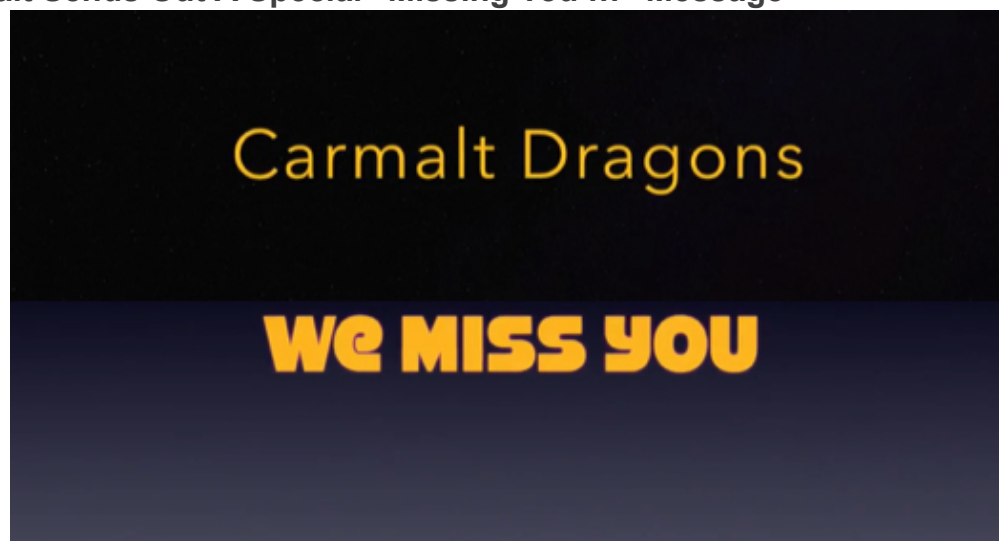
**** Fraud Alert: PSERS Members Receive Unsolicited Cold Calls About Retirement Benefits ****

Some PSERS members have reported receiving emails and phone calls from persons to discuss their retirement benefits. Some appear to be phishing scams. Others are unsolicited sales pitches. Some have gone so far as to falsely claim to be working on behalf of PSERS.

Please be advised that none of these unsolicited emails and calls you may receive are sanctioned by or associated with PSERS. In its responsibility of providing your retirement benefits PSERS will communicate directly with you, **but when doing so PSERS will not ask you for your personal information.**

If you receive a communication and are unsure if it is something legitimate from PSERS, you should contact PSERS using their [online contact form](#).

Carmalt Sends Out A Special “Missing You ...” Message



Carmalt (**Erin Holsinger and Janette Kwasniewski, Building Reps**) joins our parade of awesome school videos -- thank you all so much! -- look for future shares from **Brookline, Sunnyside, Colfax, PEA, Phillips K-5, Morrow, Schiller, South Hills Middle ...**

Continue to share inspiring school messages with us, and we'll do our level best to share with PFT members! **Send youtube links to dan_evans@pft400.org.**

** Missed an update or message? [View our archive of COVID-19 Updates here](#).

Information Links That Bear Repeating:

Below please find additional links providing helpful information you can bookmark and count on as the COVID-19 situation changes and evolves. *It will do so daily.*

[AFT/AFTPA Coronavirus Resources & Updates for Members](#)

[AFT/PFT Employee Assistance Program \(EAP\)](#) A Negotiated, Free Benefit to Members

[Click for EAP Information Flyer](#)

[Click for Life Skills Solutions Website](#) (*login upper right*)

[National Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) Coronavirus Resources](#)

[PPS Coronavirus Resources and Links](#)

[PA Department of Health Coronavirus Resources](#)

[PA-Specific Resources from Senator Casey](#)

[Student Debt Relief Resources](#)



Coronavirus Self-Checker

A guide to help you make decisions and seek appropriate medical care

[Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\) Rumor Control](#)

[Allegheny County Health Department Rumor Control](#)

Please keep in touch—keep sharing your ideas, your questions and your concerns.

In solidarity—

Nina Esposito-Visgitis

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