

## **2009-2010 Look Here Now Member Benefit Sites**

May 2010-

This month's "Look Here Now" is an article a fellow Executive Board member found in the LA Times about easing student loan debt. [Click on this link to read all about it.](#)

April 2010-

This Month's Look Here Now is on the CTA website. With more and more things happening in education, this website is becoming a vital tool for CTA members. It lets us know what is going on with all of the other school districts and members. The site has just added a new section, the Member Center. This new addition to the website includes advise for teachers in different areas such as, technology, parent involvement, and best practices. Click on the following link <http://www.cta.org/Member-Services/New-Member-Center/index.aspx>

March 2010-

I am concentrating on all of the RIFed teachers at the moment and putting information they need up on their tab (RIF Info), but here is the new pdf format of the [AVUSD new email system](#) and how to use it. Hopefully this helps. It is set to go online March 19, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. Happy Learning!

February 2010-I know most of us are on STAR Testing Countdown, so I figured I would share this really cool website with you. One of my Sandia teachers's found it and I have used it on my over head projector with my students quite often. It has sample test questions for grade 2-11 broken down by subject, proficiency, and standard.

<http://www.starsamplequestions.org/>

January 2010- how to add a group to your AVUSD email account.

Creating a group helps because you can address the same group of people more easily when passing on important information through e-mails. I overheard a lot of people saying they did not know how to do this, so I figured this would be a great way to learn. The directions are below. Please e-mail me if you have any issues.

1. Click on the address book icon on the left hand side of your email area.
2. Click on address book options
3. Create a group name
4. Click close
5. Look up or find the first name on your teacher list
6. Check the box of that teacher
7. Click copy
8. Choose the group name you want it under
9. Click ok.
10. Continue until you have added each name.

When you have completed the process above, you can then follow the steps below each time you want to send the group an email, You will need to go to the address book icon, then click on address books and find your group.

1. You will have to select each teachers name for the first time
2. After you have selected each teachers name
3. click the to button
4. It will show the list of all of the teacher's names on the right side that you are sending the email to

5. but before you press ok
  6. click save group
  7. name that group another name, like: All Teachers at Your School
  8. next, place it in your address book folder that you named previously
  9. from now on you will just click your address book
  10. find the folder you have the names in
  11. click on that group you named in the folder
  12. and then simply send your email
- Good Luck!

December 2009-This month's "Look Here Now" website is close to my heart. I am so excited to announce that I heard about this program that forgives up to \$17,500 in student loans for teachers. I know teachers need all the help we can get since most of money goes back into our classrooms. It is really easy to apply and all of the rules and regulations are spelled out clearly. Look at the website below to see if you qualify. I just sent my application in and expect a \$5000.00 forgiveness of my loans. Good Luck!  
<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/cancelstaff.jsp?tab=repaying>

November 2009- As a CTA member, you have certain rights. What happens when your life suddenly changes? Are you pregnant, disabled, getting ready for retirements, or having some other life altering situation? This site will tell you the step you need to take to keep you going life going like normal. Please click on the site below for more information.  
<https://www.cta.org/mycta/services/benefits/life/>

October 2009- I know everyone knows we get a discount at Barnes and Nobles when we buy books. However, if we order online, we do not get that discount unless we are in their special

club, which costs us. However, NEA offers a 5% discount on all items, plus other coupons each month. This month spend \$25.00 and pay no shipping and handling, sounds like a good deal with the 5% discount on top of that. Happy Shopping!

[http://www.neamb.com/xchg/neamb/xsl/hs.xsl/-/home/1207\\_927.htm](http://www.neamb.com/xchg/neamb/xsl/hs.xsl/-/home/1207_927.htm)

September 2009: Members, are you going somewhere special over break? Maybe to one our many Southern California Themeparks or attractions. If so, check out the website below, which offers discounted movie tickets, theme park admission tickets and much more.

<http://www.tsaspecialservices.com/entertainment.htm#movie>

August 2009- This Web Page will be updated once a month and will give you something on the web that I have found that is neat or gives discounts that are unique to our members. I am hoping to show that there are lots of benefits to being an AVUTA member beside the obvious. My first look here page is off of the NEA website. You must know your CTA member number (the little card given to you by your rep every year) and register at first in order to get the discounts, but it is well worth it and very easy to use. This website is updated all the time, but gives us lots of discounts for your everyday life. It is called "Click and Save".

[http://www.neamb.com/home/1199\\_2678.htm](http://www.neamb.com/home/1199_2678.htm)