

From the Editor's Desk...

It's hard to believe, but winter is already here. There is snow on the ground, and everyone is getting prepared for the holidays. It's a time of joy and peace. As we move into this joyous season, let's try to remember to be kind to one another and to be thankful for all we have accomplished.

We still have a long road to hoe, though. Looking ahead at the article on page 6 of this newsletter, what's happening in the legislature is quite frightening. The sad truth is that the U.S. government is also slashing funding for education, making our state budget even tighter. We as individuals need to make our voices heard. We can do that through the SEA. Become a Building Rep. or share your opinion with your current Building Reps. Participate in the bargaining process by offering your ideas and opinions. Complaining does not accomplish anything, action does. So, speak now and help get the ball rolling.

I for one am looking forward to a snowy and beautiful winter. Keep your chin up District 81 teachers and education support professionals. It's the holidays! Please email me at manningrhea@gmail.com if you would like to contribute, have a question, comment, or concern. My door is always open.

- *Mandy Manning*, Editor